



State Water Resources Control Board



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DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

CALIFORNIA WATER SUPPLY STRATEGY - DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

Water Rights Modernization (*Action 4.3*)

Updating Water Rights Data for California (UPWARD)

Over 1000 people trained on CalWATRS: Division staff continue to host in-person and virtual trainings. To date, more than 3,600 people have registered for the system. In December, the Division also released guidance materials and videos to help users access and use CalWATRS. Additional events are planned for January 2026. Details are available at waterboards.ca.gov/upward/calwatr

Telemetry Pilot Project

Twenty-nine volunteer stations have enrolled in the Russian River Telemetry Study: Further outreach is in process. First equipment may be installed as early as January 2026, pending permitting and weather.

Supply & Demand Assessment

The Division of Water Rights continues to develop water supply models, water demand datasets, and water allocation tools for selected watersheds across California. These tools, once completed, will provide accurate predictions of surface water supplies and demands, aiding State and local water management decisions during future shortages. Staff are actively engaging with agencies, partners, water users, and other interested parties to share information on the Supply and Demand Assessment Program and the models and tools that are under development. Once these models are completed, they will be shared with the public and can be used for future water shortage planning, local cooperative water sharing programs, or other actions that can better manage state water supplies. In the past month, staff met with the Napa County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (December 2, 2025) regarding the Napa River watershed and the Russian River Water Sharing Program (December 15, 2025) regarding the Russian River watershed. More information is available on the Supply and Demand Assessment Program webpage (www.waterboards.ca.gov/sda).

Groundwater Recharge (*Action 2.1*)

Division issued three recharge permits in December, before significant rain events:

- On December 8th, the Division issued a 5-year temporary permit to the Corning Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for diversion of up to 2,065 acre-feet per season from Stony Creek. The permit includes diversion

criteria limiting diversions to high-flow conditions consistent with the Board's streamlined recharge approach (Method 1 – 90/20 method).

- On December 16th, the Division issued a 5-year temporary permit to Scott Valley Irrigation District to divert between December 15 and March 31, through March 31, 2030, up to 5,400 acre-feet per season from the Scott River in Siskiyou County. Diverted water will be used to enhance fisheries within the Scott River targeting spring and summer months, as water stored underground naturally makes its way back into the river when river water levels are lower.
- On December 19th the Division issued a 5-year temporary permit to Modoc and Lassen County GSAs for diversion of up to 650 acre-feet per season from Ash Creek. The permit includes diversion criteria limiting diversions to high-flow conditions consistent with the Board's streamlined recharge approach (Method 1 – 90/20 method).

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

Permitting and Enforcement Branch

See table below for more details of the permit issued.

Primary Owner	Application ID	Permit ID	Date Issued	Brief Description
HUSCH VINEYARDS, INC.	A033408	21477	11/19/2025	<i>Permit authorizing diversion and use of up to 12 acre-feet per year from the Navarro River in Mendocino County. Water will be diverted from December 15 each year to March 14 of the succeeding year at one point of diversion to storage in an offstream reservoir. Uses include irrigation, frost protection and heat control. The project also includes an instream flow dedication for the party's License 10324.</i>
CORNING SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY	T033513	21479	12/8/2025	<i>5-year temporary permit authorizing diversion and use of up to 2,065 acre-feet per year from Stony Creek, tributary to the Sacramento River, in Glenn county. Water will be diverted annually from December 1 to March 31, beginning no earlier than December 10, 2025, at three points of diversion. Diverted water will be stored underground within the Corning Subbasin for later irrigation</i>

				<i>use on up to 35,407 acres within the Agency's boundaries.</i>
SCOTT VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT	T033514	21482	12/16/2025	<i>5-year temporary permit authorizing diversion and use of up to 5,400 acre-feet per year from Scott River, tributary to the Klamath River, in Siskiyou county. Water will be diverted annually from December 15 to March 31, beginning no earlier than December 16, 2025, at one point of diversion. Diverted water will be stored underground within the Scott Valley Subbasin for later fish and wildlife preservation and enhancement use within the Scott River.</i>
MODOC AND LASSEN COUNTY GSAS	T033518	21480	12/19/2025	<i>5-year temporary permit authorizing diversion and use of up to 650 acre-feet per year from Ash Creek, tributary to the Pit River, in Modoc and Lassen counties. Water will be diverted annually from December 1 to March 31, beginning no earlier than January 1, 2026, at three points of diversion. Diverted water will be stored underground within the Big Valley Subbasin for later irrigation, municipal, and domestic use within the GSAs' boundaries.</i>

Bay Delta, Hearings, and Special Projects Branch

Sacramento/Delta Update to the Bay-Delta Plan: On December 12, 2025, State Water Board staff released for public review and comment a [revised draft of updates](#) to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed (Bay-Delta Plan). The updates are focused on the portions of the plan relevant to the Sacramento River watershed, Delta eastside tributaries (including the Calaveras, Cosumnes, and Mokelumne Rivers), and Delta (Sacramento/Delta) for the reasonable protection of fish and wildlife beneficial uses. In addition, the State Water Board provided notice that it is conducting a limited recirculation of the [draft Staff Report/Substitute Environmental Document \(Staff Report\)](#) in support of Sacramento/Delta updates to the Bay-Delta Plan by releasing a new chapter (Chapter 13) for public review and comment. Chapter 13 provides an updated project description with supporting environmental and economic analyses.

The State Water Board will receive public comments on the December 2025 revised draft updates to the Bay-Delta Plan and Chapter 13 of the draft Staff Report both in writing and orally at a public hearing. The public hearing is scheduled for January 28-30, 2026, beginning at 9:00 am each day. Written comments are due on February 2, 2026.

See the [notice](#) for information on how to participate in the public hearing and provide written comments. The notice also includes two attachments that summarize the revised draft Bay-Delta Plan updates and Chapter 13 of the draft Staff Report. Additional information is available on the [project webpage](#).

Water Quality Certification, Cannabis, Data Modernization, Water Supply & Demand, Instream Flows, Administrative, and Reporting Branch

Balch Hydroelectric Project: On November 19, 2025, State Water Board staff released for public review and comment draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declarations for relicensing of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Balch Hydroelectric Project (Project). The Project is located on the North Fork Kings River in Fresno County and primarily operates as a peaking facility to generate power from water that is released from upstream storage to meet power demand and irrigation. Public comments are due December 19, 2025. Additional information is available on the State Water Board's [Balch Hydroelectric Project](#) website:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/balch.html

Helm Pump Storage Hydroelectric Project: On November 19, 2025, State Water Board staff released for public review and comment draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declarations for relicensing of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Helm Pump Storage Hydroelectric Project (Project). The Project is located on Helms Creek and the North Fork Kings River in Fresno and Madera counties. The Project transfers water to and from Courtright Lake and Lake Wishon for power generation and water storage. Public comments are due December 19, 2025. Additional information is available on the State Water Board's [Helm Pump Storage Hydroelectric Project](#) website:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/helms-pumped-storage.html

Bucks Creek Hydroelectric Project: On December 11, 2025, the Executive Director issued an amendment to Pacific Gas & Electric Company's Bucks Creek Hydroelectric Project (Project) water quality certification. The amendment to the Project's certification revises Condition 1: *Minimum Instream Flows* to allow for temporary minimum instream flow changes for planned maintenance and repair actions and adjust the annual reporting timing to better align with United States Forest Service 4(e) Condition No. 31: Instream Flows reporting requirement. The Project's water quality certification amendment is available on the [Project's webpage](#) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/buckscreek/).

Bishop Intake No. 2 Service Spillway Project: On December 12, 2025, the Executive Director issued a Notice of Applicability (NOA) for Southern California Edison Company's Bishop Intake No. 2 Service Spillway Project (Project). The Project is located on Middle Fork Bishop Creek in Inyo County and involves spillway concrete resurfacing and repairs and vegetation removal. The Project's NOA is available on the [Division of Water Rights' water quality certifications webpage](#) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/401_certifications.html).

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) Program Update

GAMA program staff have updated the [Aquifer Risk Map](#) for the upcoming January 1, 2026 deadline to satisfy requirements of SB 200 ([California Health and Safety Code, § 116772](#)). The Aquifer Risk Map is intended to prioritize areas where domestic wells and state small water systems may be accessing groundwater that does not meet safe drinking water standards. The assessment is not intended to represent groundwater quality conditions at any domestic supply well or state small water system location. The map is the first of three risk indicators (water quality, socioeconomic, and water shortage) published in the [Combined Risk Dashboard](#) for domestic and state small water systems which is typically published in the second quarter of each year as part of the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience yearly Needs Assessment Report.

Assessment of California's Surface Water Quality Through the 2026 Integrated Report

The Proposed Final 2026 California Integrated Report, Staff Report, and Summary of Comments and Responses are now [available online](#) in preparation for the State Water Board's consideration of adoption of the 2026 Clean Water Action Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters, which is scheduled for February 3, 2026.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act requires each state to identify waterbody segments that do not meet or are not expected to meet water quality standards and to prioritize those waterbody segments for development of a total maximum daily load, unless other corrective action is appropriate. Section 305(b) of the Clean Water Act requires each state to report on the overall condition of its surface waterbodies (commonly referred to as the “305(b) report”). California combines its 303(d) list and 305(b) report into one “Integrated Report.”

The 2026 California Integrated Report includes assessments of readily available data from waterbody segments within the boundaries of the North Coast, Lahontan, and Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Boards. Data from waterbody segments within the San Joaquin River sub-area of the Central Valley Region and a limited number of waterbody segments in the Central Coast and San Diego regions are also included. Approximately 419 new waterbody-pollutant combinations are recommended to be added as impaired waters to the 2026 303(d) List, and 156 waterbody-pollutant combinations are recommended to be removed from the 303(d) List.

Division of Water Quality hosted two meetings in December 2025 with interested parties who commented on the assessment of benthic community or bioassessment data as described in the January 2025 draft version of the 2026 Integrated Report. At the meetings, staff shared the changes that have been made to benthic community assessments in response to comments.

Proposed Amendment to the Statewide Aquatic Animal Invasive Species Control Permit

The State Water Board has opened a 30-day public comment period on a proposed amendment to the Statewide Aquatic Animal Invasive Species Control Permit, Order 2016-0041-DWQ. The proposal grants Casitas Municipal Water District an exception pursuant to the State Water Board Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California (SIP) to allow for temporary exceedances of dissolved copper receiving water limits. This flexibility is needed by Casitas Municipal Water District to combat the invasive Golden Mussel, which poses significant risk to water supply infrastructure and reservoir operations.

As outlined in the Permit, after the public comment period, the State Water Board Executive Director will consider approval of the amendment. See the [Aquatic Animal Invasive Species Control page](#) for more information.

Nationwide Permit Waste Discharge Requirement Certification

On December 16, 2025, the State Water Resources Control Board authorized a GENERAL ORDER FOR WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ACTION, conditionally certifying 19 of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Nationwide Permits. This General Order is issued in response to a certification request submitted by the Corps on May 22, 2025, for proposed discharges to waters of the state, to ensure that the water quality standards for all waters of the state impacted by the Project are met. This General Order will be effective upon the Corps' issuance of the 2026 Nationwide Permits, expected in March of 2026. See our program webpage for more information:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/nationwide-permits.html

Wastewater Needs Assessment (WWNA) Project Update

The State Water Board contracted with the University of California, Los Angeles – Luskin Center for Innovation (UCLA, primary investigator contracted), Sacramento State – Office of Water Programs, University of California – Agriculture and Natural Resources, and University of Massachusetts – Amherst (WWNA project team) to provide information on and strategies to address California's water-related sanitation system needs. The WWNA contract lasts for four years (2023 to 2027) and is conducted in sequential 2-year phases.

Phase 1 of the WWNA established a statewide qualitative baseline of sanitation conditions by compiling available data and creating a framework to assess inadequacy, risk, potential solutions, and estimated costs. The Phase 1 Report was posted on the WWNA website on November 4, 2025.

The Advisory Group (AG), composed of diverse organizations from across California, held its kickoff hybrid meeting on July 26, 2024. Since then, the WWNA project team

has facilitated five AG meetings and provided support for Office Hours. The January 30, 2026 AG meeting will include discussions on Mapping Data Gaps (Phase 2B) and the review process for the Inadequate and At-Risk Facilities Lists (Phase 2C), along with other elements.

The WWNA project team has started Phase 2, which focuses on identifying inadequate and at-risk wastewater systems; developing recommended technical solutions and cost estimates; and identifying potential funding sources.

More information is on the WWNA Webpage: [Wastewater Needs Assessment | California State Water Resources Control Board](#)

Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Update: The Irrigated Lands Regulatory reports are included in Appendix A of this report.

Statewide Policies and Significant General Permits: The Statewide Policies and Significant General Permits report can be accessed at the [Statewide and Regional Policies / Significant General Permits website.](#)

DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Office of Sustainable Water Solutions (OSWS)

Planning/Construction Project Summary

The tables below summarize the planning and construction agreements and amendments executed in the month of November 2025.

Drinking Water

No new drinking water agreements were executed in November 2025.

Drinking Water Funding Agreements Amended (November 2025)

PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Amendment Type	Amendment Purpose	SAFER Status
CA1210012	City of Rio Dell	1210012-008C	Rio Dell, City of	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Funding increase of \$2,345,806 and Completion of Construction date of 2/28/2025 to 9/30/2026	Not-at-Risk
CA1900785	Mitchell S Avenue E Mobile Home Park	1900785-001C	Mitchell S Avenue E Mobile Home Park	Time Extension	Completion of Construction date of 2/1/2026 to 9/1/2028	Failing
CA2410002	City of Dos Palos	2410002-003C	Dos Palos, City of	Time Extension	Construction Completion Date of 9/1/2025 to 9/1/2026	Failing
CA3400138 CA3400106	Locke Water Works Co - Sws Msa: East Walnut Grove Water System (W10)	3400138-001C	Locke Water Works Company	Time Extension	Construction Completion Date of 2/28/2026 to 1/31/2027	Failing Potentially at Risk
CA4510016	Clear Creek CSD-Anderson	4510016-003C	Clear Creek Community Services District	Time Extension	Completion of Construction date of 2/28/2026 to 3/1/2027	Not-at-Risk

**Drinking Water Funding Agreements Amended
(November 2025)**

CA5304502	Salyer Heights Water Supply, Inc.	5304502-001P	Salyer Heights Water Supply, Inc.	Time Extension	Work Completion Date of 2/1/2026 to 2/1/2027	Failing
CA5410025	Woodville Public Utility District	D2317010	Woodville Public Utility District	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Funding increase of \$104,390 and Completion of Construction date of 6/30/2025 to 3/31/2026	Failing
CA1210023	Loleta Community Services District	EDWG-1210023-003C	Loleta Community Services District	Final Budget Approval (FBA)	Project Completion Date of 3/1/2026 to 12/30/2028	Potentially-at-Risk
CA1500401	Mettler County Water District	EDWG-1500401-001C	Mettler County Water District	Final Budget Approval (FBA)	Project Completion date of 2/1/2026 to 8/1/2027	Failing
CA2010004 CA2010002	Madera CMD No 19 Parkwood Madera City	EDWG-2010004-002C	Madera, County of (MD19 - Parkwood)	Time Extension	Project Completion Date of 12/31/2025 to 12/31/2028	At Risk Potentially-at-Risk
CA4510005 CA4500012	City of Redding Cascade Raquet Club Mutual Water	EDWG-4510005-001C	Redding, City of	Final Budget Approval (FBA)	Project Completion Date of 2/28/2027 to 2/28/2028	Not Assessed Not at Risk

Wastewater

No new wastewater agreements were executed in November 2025.

**Wastewater Funding Agreements Amended
(November 2025)**

Project Number	Project Recipient	Amendment Type	Amendment Purpose
8292-110	City of Alturas	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Funding increase of \$130,000 and Planning completion date of 12/31/2024 to 12/31/2026

Administrator Summary

No administrator projects were executed in November 2025.

Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Summary

No O&M projects were executed in November 2025.

Technical Assistance (TA) Summary

TA Master Agreements & Amendments

No new TA master agreements or amendments were executed in November 2025.

TA Work Plans

DFA is providing Technical Assistance to 274 Drinking Water Systems (158 Failing and 38 At-Risk systems) and to 45 Wastewater Systems. 38.5% of all Failing systems are receiving TA. The table below summarizes the TA work plans executed in the month of November 2025.

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA Provider*	TA Type**	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation***
New Work Plan	7332-A	Laguna Vista School / Oceanview	CA5602403	Complete remaining work for the DWSRF construction funding application, Division of State Architect (DSA) Coordination, and develop the initial treatment system testing protocol and standard operating procedures for the treatment system	GHD	DW	\$161,762 (New Work Plan)	At-Risk	Disinfection Byproducts, Manganese, Iron

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA Provider*	TA Type**	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation***
Work Plan Amendment	5700-K	Bonny Doon School	CA4400751	Full planning project to replace failing storage tanks and system evaluation	UEI	DW	\$653,686 (\$45,992 Increase)	Failing	Coliform
Work Plan Amendment	6123-H	Coarsegold Elementary Water System	CA2000611	Construction funding application and develop a CAP per the Compliance order.	UEI	DW	\$554,254 (\$20,000 Increase)	Potentially At-Risk	Nitrate
Work Plan Amendment	6070-E	Cobles Corner (MHP)	CA5000033	DWSRF construction funding agreement assistance & water loss study	SHE	DW	\$274,338 (\$37,662 Decrease)	Failing	1,2,3-Tricholoropropane; Arsenic
		Country Villa Apts	CA5000218					Failing	Arsenic
		City of Hughson	CA5010008					Failing	1,2,3-Tricholoropropane; Arsenic

* TA Providers:

Coleman	SB Coleman, Inc., dba Sanbell Sacramento
CRWA	California Rural Water Association
CWC	Community Water Center
CUWA	California Urban Water Agencies
CWH	Council for Watershed Health
GHD	GHD, Inc.
LCJA	Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability
NV5	NV5
P&P	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group
RCAC	Rural Community Assistance Corporation
SHE	Self-Help Enterprises

UCD University of California, Davis
UEI University Enterprise, Inc (CSU Sacramento)

** DW = drinking water; WW = wastewater

*** Failing system with no primary MCL violation. Failing status due to water source reliability/capacity or water outage violations.

Other Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program Project Summary (includes Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund, Proposition 84 Emergency, General Fund, and CAA Urgent Drinking Water Needs funding sources)

No new SAFER agreements or amendments were executed in November 2025.

Emergency Repair Funding Programs

PWSID	SAFER Status	Water System Requesting Assistance	TA Provider	Emergency Type	Project Scope	Total Amount Approved
CA2000506	Failing	ADDENDUM-Sierra Linda Mutual Water Company	SHE	Loss of water supply	Repair Well #4 pump and deepening the well, emergency hauled water (HW), equipping Well #5 to put into service, and Title 22 costs	\$1,428.76

Cleanup and Abatement Account Projects

There were no new CAA requests from Regional Boards approved in November 2025.

Schools Grant Programs

Drinking Water for Schools Round 2 Grant Program

District Name	School Name	Water System Name	PWSID	SAFER Status	Type of Approval	Duration	Number of Students/ Staff	Award
Panoche ESD	Panoche ES	State Small WS	N/A	N/A	Access impaired	4 months	7	\$7,425
Mountain Empire USD	Campo ES	Campo ES	CA3700018	failing	WQ-Pilot protocol and test	4 months	430	\$25,345
Madera USD	ADDENDUM: MLK Jr MS	City of Madera	CA2010002	Potentially at risk	Access Impaired	4 months	1000	\$20,300

Bottled Water for Schools Grant Program

The following renewals were approved in November 2025.

District Name	School Name	Water System Name	PWSID	SAFER Status	Type of Approval	Duration	Number of Students/ Staff
North County Joint Union Elementary School District	Spring Grove Elementary	Rancho San Joaquin MWC	CA3500581	Failing	Renewal Approval Date: 11/19/25	2 years: 10/06/2025 - 10/06/2027	845
Stanislaus Union Elementary School District	Stanislaus Elementary School	Stanislaus Union School	CA5000249	Failing	Renewal Approval Date: 11/06/25	2 years: 8/21/2025 - 8/21/2027	361
Tulare County of Education	Sycamore Valley Academy	Packwood school	CA5400850	Failing	Renewal Approval Date: 11/19/25	2 years: 9/08/2025 - 9/08/2027	482
Graves Elementary School District	Graves Elementary School	Graves School Water System	Ca2702180	At-Risk	Renewal Approval Date: 11/04/2025	~2 years: 9/08/2025 - 9/01/2027	40

University Enterprises Incorporated – PFAS Sampling Program

This program provides technical assistance to water systems for collecting and analyzing drinking water well samples for Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) at all wells serving disadvantaged communities and severely disadvantaged communities, as required by State Water Board Order DW 2024-0002-DDW. Sampling and analysis services are provided by University Enterprises Incorporated, Office of Water Programs and their partners at no cost to the water systems. All drinking water wells will be sampled at least once. A second round of sampling will be decided by the State Water Board after the first round of sampling is complete. 100% of eligible water systems (1,132 of 1,132) are registered to be sampled and 3,158 wells out of the 3,509 scheduled have been sampled. As of December 5, 2025, 100% of eligible water systems (1,132 of 1,132) are registered to be sampled and 3,158 wells out of the 3,509 scheduled have been sampled.

Loans and Grants Branch (L&G)

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

DWSRF Recent Significant Events

DFA staff meet monthly to discuss progress of reviews and estimated project funding agreement execution. The State Water & Wastewater Infrastructure Forecasting Tool (SWWIFT) is updated monthly based on input from staff and used to track staff's overall progress towards funding projects on the Fundable List.

Technical Assistance – Lead Service Line Inventory

Through the U.S. EPA in-kind services, CDM Smith continues to provide technical assistance to community water systems (CWS) completing the initial lead service line inventory as required by the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. Priority is being given to community water systems with 500 service connections or less, serving disadvantaged communities (DAC). Applications for Lead Service Line (LSL) [technical assistance](#) are being accepted on a continuous basis. Currently, 266 eligible systems have received or are currently receiving assistance from CDM Smith for conducting, reviewing, and submitting their LSL inventories to DDW.

DWSRF Future Significant Events

Staff are now preparing to conduct the 8th Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment (DWINSAs). The DWINSAs estimates the 20-year infrastructure needs of California public water systems eligible for DWSRF assistance. The results are reported to Congress and are used to allocate DWSRF funding for four fiscal years.

Annual Report

Staff are actively preparing the SFY 2024/25 Annual Report.

Drinking Water

Drinking Water Funding Agreements Executed (November 2025)

PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount	SAFER Status
CA3410021	San Juan Water District	3410021-002C	San Juan Water District	Kokila Reservoir is a earthen reservoir which is Hypalon lined and covered. The District intends to replace the Hypalon cover and liner with either a pre-stressed fixed-wall or steel plate wall type tank depending on the outcome of the design feasibility analysis.	\$12,110,000	Not-at-Risk

**Drinking Water Funding Agreements Amended
(November 2025)**

PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Amendment Type	Amendment Purpose	SAFER Status
Groundwater						
		D2312551	United Water Conservation District	Time Extension	Work Completion Date of 2/1/2026 to 2/1/2029	
Lead Service Line						
CA3710020	City of San Diego	3710020-001P	City of San Diego	Funding Adjustment	Convert a portion of LSL loan to PF consistent with proportion of DAC service area	Not Assessed

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

CWSRF Recent Significant Events

DFA staff meet monthly to discuss progress of reviews and estimated project funding agreement execution. The State Water & Wastewater Infrastructure Forecasting Tool (SWWIFT) is updated monthly based on input from staff and used to track staff's overall progress towards funding projects on the Fundable List.

CWSRF Future Significant Events

Annual Report

Staff are preparing for the start of the SFY 2024/25 Annual Report.

Water Recycling Funding Program (WRFP)

The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (Proposition 4 or the Climate Bond), approved by voters in November 2024, authorizes approximately \$386 million for water reuse and recycling projects. In Senate Bill 105 (Reg. Sess. 2025-26), the Legislature appropriated \$150 million of that sum to the State Water Board, as part of the Budget Act of 2025. Section 90135(e) of the Public Resources Code permits the rules and guidelines which govern Proposition 4 funds to be adopted as emergency regulations, as a way of complying with the Administrative Procedures Act. The State Water Board will consider adopting emergency regulations to administer Budget Act of 2025 water recycling funds at the January 21, 2026 Board Meeting.

Water Supply Strategy (WSS) (Action 1.1 – Reuse at least 800,000 acre-feet of water per year by 2030 and 1.8 million acre-feet by 2040) Update

The SFY 2025-26 CWSRF Intended Use Plan was adopted on August 5, 2025, and includes grant maximums for the Water Recycling Funding Program.

Clean Water

Clean Water Funding Agreements Executed (November 2025)			
Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount
Water Recycling			
3031-000	The Water Research Foundation	The purpose of this grant agreement is for The Water Research Foundation to administer a competitive research program to enhance the scientific understanding of recycled water innovations in California. The research will review the state of science of potable and non-potable reuse in California, identify research needs to accelerate implementation of reuse, develop a research agenda to prioritize research projects, and utilize the research agenda to identify and award projects which demonstrate innovative solutions or technologies in recycled water.	\$1,500,000

Clean Water Funding Agreements Amended (November 2025)			
Project Number	Project Recipient	Amendment Type	Amendment Purpose
8419-110	City of San Diego	Time Extension	Construction Completion Date of 10/31/2025 to 9/29/2028
8419-120	City of San Diego	Time Extension	Construction Completion Date of 10/31/2025 to 9/29/2028
8419-310	City of San Diego	Time Extension	Construction Completion Date of 10/31/2025 to 9/29/2028
Water Recycling			
8112-110	City of Escondido	Time Extension	Construction Completion Date of 7/3/2025 to 2/3/2026

DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

Permits

Permits are issued when a public water system undertakes action that may impact public health (e.g., a new source of supply, modifying treatment or adding a large distribution reservoir), when the original permit has numerous amendments, or following new regulations or conditions that DDW deems necessary for the protection of public health.

The following 16 permits were uploaded between November 11, 2025, and December 10, 2025

Water System	Permit Type	Permit Purpose
KEELER YARD LADWP	FULL PERMIT	WATER SUPPLY PERMIT
SIERRA OUTDOOR SCHOOL	FULL PERMIT	WELL 1 FROM STANDBY TO ACTIVE
CATHEDRAL WOOD MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	TEMPORARY APPROVAL OF IRON AND MANGANESE TREATMENT UPGRADE
COACHELLA VWD: COVE COMMUNITY	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	WS 6806 & WS 7802 ION EXCHANGE TREATMENT PLANTS - HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM REMOVAL
WOODLANDS DEVELOPMENT	FULL PERMIT	PERMIT AMENDMENT
EL SINORE VALLEY MWD	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	NEW 84 MG HORSETHIEF 2B RESERVOIR
CITY OF ORANGE	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	PERMIT AMENDMENT WELL 28 TP PFAS
CAL AM - SUBURBAN ROSEMONT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	INACTIVATE GOULD, POINT REYES, AND ROCKINGHAM WELLS
HEAVENLY OAKS	FULL PERMIT	UPDATED PERMIT; PWS TO DDW FROM COUNTY
SACRAMENTO SUBURBAN WATER DISTRICT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP
CERES, CITY OF	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADD GAC TO WELL 22
SOUTH TAHOE PUD - MAIN	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	DECOMMISSION KELLER TANK 1 AND KELLER TANK 2, ADD NEW DISTRIBUTION RESERVOIR CALLED

		KELLER TANK TO TAKE THEIR PLACE
RACK & RIDDLE CUSTOM WINE SERVICES	FULL PERMIT	ISSUE REVISED FULL PERMIT
LEAPIN' LIZARD RV RANCH	FULL PERMIT	UPDATED PERMIT; PWS TO DDW FROM COUNTY
SEBASTIANI VINEYARDS	FULL PERMIT	SYSTEM TYPE RECLASSIFICATION
CEDARPINES PARK MWC	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	PERMIT AMENDMENT TO ADD WELL - UPPER BURNT MILL 8

Violations & Enforcement Actions

Violations for a water system include whether the system has failed to follow established monitoring and reporting schedules, failed to comply with mandated treatment techniques, violated any Maximum Contaminant Levels, or failed to communicate required information to their customers. Enforcement Actions are used to obtain water system compliance with drinking water requirements to provide a safe and reliable supply of water. The Division of Drinking Water's formal enforcement actions involve the use of statutory authority and includes issuance of citations and compliance orders.

The following enforcement actions were documented from December 1 and December 31, 2025.

Public Water System	Violation	Contaminant or Rule
ALLUVIAL FUEL INC.	Monitoring	RTCR
ALMOND GROVE MOBILE PARK	Reporting	CCR
BALLICO CSD	MCL	E. COLI
BAR "H" MWC	Monitoring	LCR
BIG BEAR ADMINISTRATION	Monitoring	LCR
BIG PINE TRACT	Monitoring	LCR
CAMP WAWONA	Monitoring	RTCR
COTTONWOOD WATER DISTRICT	Monitoring	LCR
CREEKBRIDGE MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	LCR

CUTLER PUD	Other	VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION
DARR WATER CO	Monitoring	HAA5
DARR WATER CO	Monitoring	LCR
DARR WATER CO	Monitoring	TTHM
EASTIN	MCL	NITRATE
ELKINS RANCH	Treatment Technique	SWTR
ENZA ZADEN RESEARCH	Other	VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION
FIRECLAY TILE	Monitoring	RTCR
FLORIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	Monitoring	LCR
FLORISTON WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	HAA5
FOOTHILL APARTMENTS	MCL	NITRATE
FOOTHILL APARTMENTS	Variance/Exemption	NITRATE
GEMPERLE EGG RANCH	MCL	E. COLI
GORDON ACRES WATER CO	Monitoring	LCR
GRIZZLY LAKE CSD-CROCKER/WELCH	Monitoring	LCR
HI DESERT MWC	Monitoring	LCR
HUGHSON NUT INC. - LIVINGSTON	Monitoring	RTCR
INYO COUNTY PWD - LAWS TOWN	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
LOCH LEVEN CHRISTIAN CAMP & CONFERENCE C	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
LYTLE CREEK ADMINISTRATION SITE	Monitoring	LCR
MARQUEZ RENTAL	MCL	ARSENIC
MOJAVE WATER AGENCY	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION

NPS - DEATH VALLEY, MESQUITE SPRINGS	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
NPS - DEATH VALLEY, STOVEPIPE WELLS	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
OAK GLEN RETREAT	Monitoring	LCR
OMYA CALIFORNIA, A DIVISION OF OMYA INC	Monitoring	LCR
PRIMM VALLEY GOLF CLUB	Monitoring	LCR
RASOR ROAD SERVICE	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
RIVER VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	Reporting	LEAD AND COPPER RULE REVISIONS
SATICOY COUNTRY CLUB- CITY OF VENTURA	MCL	SELENIUM
SIERRA CASCADE NURSERY	Monitoring	LCR
SKP PARK OF THE SIERRAS INC	MCL	IRON
SKP PARK OF THE SIERRAS INC	MCL	MANGANESE
SNELLING CHEVRON	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL	Reporting	CCR
STATELINE SERVICES INC	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
TRACT 1199 WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	RTCR
TULELAKE, CITY OF	Other	GROUNDWATER RULE
WASHINGTON WATER DISTRICT	Monitoring	HAA5
WASHINGTON WATER DISTRICT	Monitoring	TTHM
WEOTT C.S.D.	Treatment Technique	TURBIDITY

YOSEMITE NPS-HODGDON MEADOW	Reporting	CCR
YOSEMITE'S SCENIC WONDERS	Monitoring	RTCR
Total Violations	52	

Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP)

ELAP ACCREDITATIONS ISSUED - 2025		
	November 1 – November 30	Year-to-Date
New Accreditations	1	15
Renewed Accreditations	22	193
Reciprocity Accreditations	1	49
Amended Accreditations	8	154
Total	32	411

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

ELAP held the meeting for the Environmental Laboratory Technical Advisory Committee (ELTAC) on December 4, 2025. The meeting was held both in-person and virtually. During the meeting, ELTAC voted to create a workgroup to present the committee with general guidance on US EPA's methylene chloride ban to be effective in 2028 which will impact environmental laboratories. ELTAC also voted to create a subcommittee to define Artificial Intelligence used in laboratories, and derive a test of when it could be, or should not be used. Both topics will return to ELTAC at the next meeting to be set in May 2026. A recording of the meeting is available on ELAP's website.

DDW-SAFER

The SAFER Clearinghouse Summary Results for December 2025 (on 12/05/2025)

Failing Systems	413	Removed Failing Systems	2
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Water Systems Removed from the Failing List in December 2025

PWS ID	System Name	Last Status Change	County	Population
5400769	FOOTHILL APARTMENTS	11/14/2025	TULARE	41
4400850	THE WILLOWS RESORT	11/20/2025	SANTA CRUZ	57

Water Systems Added to the Failing List in December 2025

PWS ID	System Name	Last Status Change	County	Population
5602140	SATICOY COUNTRY CLUB-CITY OF VENTURA	11/18/2025	VENTURA	196
2000832	SKP PARK OF THE SIERRAS INC	11/25/2025	MADERA	450
2702325	FERNWOOD WS	12/01/2025	MONTEREY	184
2000800	MARQUEZ RENTAL	12/04/2025	MADERA	50

SAFER Engagement Units

The SAFER Southern Engagement Unit hosted the second public meeting for Cutler PUD and Orosi PUD on Wednesday, November 12, 2025. The meeting focused on the failing status of Cutler PUD, the status of the voluntary consolidation between the two parties, the mandatory consolidation process, and provided time for public comment and questions. DDW SAFER staff fielded questions related to project timelines, project costs, domestic wells in the surrounding area, bottled water and fill stations for the customers served by Cutler PUD. The meeting was well attended.

Completed Consolidations

There are no consolidations to report for this period.

Regulations for Onsite Treatment and Reuse of Nonpotable Water

Water Code sections 13558 and 13558.1 require the development of standards for on-site treatment and re-use for non-potable end uses. Rulemaking started upon publication of the notice of proposed rulemaking on March 21, 2025. The State Water Board adopted the proposed regulations at the November 18, 2025, board hearing. State Board staff continues working on finalizing the rulemaking package for a target submittal to Office of Administrative Law by March 2026.

Drinking Water General Order for PFAS testing

On Dec. 12, the State Water Board's Division of Drinking Water issued a general order to all community and some non-community (e.g. businesses) public water systems for monitoring and reporting for per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The final issued order considered comments received on the tentative draft order released for comment in November. The order does the following: (1) requires monitoring and reporting consistent with the PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for initial monitoring, and (2) establishes monitoring and reporting requirements for additional PFAS contaminants in preparation for future California-specific regulations. As an aid to affected water systems, the proposed order will include an exhibit listing all active sources, the extent to which previously reported monitoring results may satisfy federal requirements and the outstanding monitoring still required.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Update on Water Quality, Water Rights, Drinking Water and Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) Fees Stakeholder Process

Staff held a meeting with stakeholders on December 8 to discuss possible changes to the FY 2026-27 Water Quality Certification (WQC) fees. This was the second WQC fees stakeholder meeting.

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement Related Press Releases

Proposed Stormwater Penalties: The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board [proposed](#) a nearly \$600,000 penalty against The Boeing Company for 39 stormwater discharge violations at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory in Ventura County.

Other Enforcement Related Updates

N/A

Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaints Issued

No ACL complaints were issued in November 2025.

ACL Orders Issued

Region	Discharger/ City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
1	Arcata City/ Arcata	Mandatory Minimum Penalties (MMPs) for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 84 exceedances of the maximum daily effluent limit (MDEL) for cyanide• 43 exceedances of the average monthly effluent limit (AMEL) for cyanide• Exceedance of the AMEL for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)• 2 exceedances of the percent removal effluent limit for BOD• 2 exceedances of the average weekly effluent limit (AWEL) for BOD• Exceedance of the MDEL for total residual chlorine• Exceedance of the AMEL for copper	\$447,000 (MMP - \$150,810 to Cleanup and Abatement Fund (CAA), \$231,000 to Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP), \$65,190 to Compliance Project (CP))	11/12/2025

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceedance of the MDEL for settleable solids • 7 exceedances of the MDEL for 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD) equivalents • 7 exceedances of the AMEL for TCDD equivalents 		
2	Glovatorium, Inc./ Oakland	Failure to submit a conduit study and a public participation plan to defend their cessation of treatment and to justify site closure.	\$17,500 (all to CAA)	11/17/2025
2	C&H Sugar/ Crockett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discretionary penalties for pH, BOD, total suspended solids (TSS), and total coliform effluent violations occurring in May and October 2022. • Five effluent limit exceedances from December 2020 through April 2023 and two late self-monitoring reports for November and December 2022 subject to \$24,000 in MMPs • Odor nuisance between September 8, 2022, through October 14, 2022 • Failure to comply with the 13383 Order occurred from at least January 7, 2023, to August 3, 2023 	\$734,000 (\$360,000 to CAA and \$374,000 to SEP)	11/24/2025
4	Long Beach Generation	MMPs for:	\$45,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	11/6/2025

	LLC/ Long Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceedance of AMEL for copper • Exceedance of MDEL for copper • 2 exceedances of AMEL for mercury • 2 exceedances of MDEL for mercury • 2 exceedances of the AMEL for TCDD equivalents • 2 exceedances of the MDEL for TCDD equivalents • Exceedance of the AMEL for nickel • Exceedance of the MDEL for ammonia • Exceedance of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for pH • Exceedance of the MDEL for zinc • Exceedance of the AMEL for zinc 		
4	730 Vermont Venture, LLC/ Los Angeles	<p>MMPs for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late 2nd Quarter 2024 self-monitoring report (SMR) due on 8/14/2024 was submitted 34 days late on 9/17/2024 • Late 3rd Quarter 2024 SMR, due on 11/14/2024 was submitted 229 days late on 7/01/2025 • Late 4th Quarter 2024 SMR due on 2/14/2025 was submitted 137 days late on 7/01/2025 • Late 1st Quarter 2025 SMR due on 	\$39,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	11/6/2025

		5/15/2025 was submitted 47 days late on 7/01/2025		
4	31438 Broad Beach Road LLC/ Malibu	MMPs for an exceedance of both the MDEL and the AMEL for BOD.	\$6,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	11/6/2025
4	100 N. Crescent LLC c/o Kennedy Wilson Properties Ltd/ Beverly Hills	MMPs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 exceedances of the MDEL for zinc • 2 exceedances of the AMEL for zinc • 3 exceedances of the MDEL for copper • 5 exceedances of the AMEL for copper 	\$36,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	11/6/2025
4	Las Virgenes MWD/ Calabasas	MMPs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 exceedances of the 7-day median effluent limit for total coliform • Exceedance of the 30-day maximum effluent limit for total coliform • 9 exceedances of the AMEL for total dissolved solids (TDS) • 5 exceedances of the AMEL for sulfate • Exceedance of the AMEL for bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate • 5 exceedances of the AMEL for BOD • Exceedance of the AMEL for phosphorus • Exceedance of the MDEL for turbidity • Exceedance of the instantaneous maximum for turbidity • Exceedance of the 20-hour average effluent limit for turbidity 	\$138,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	11/6/2025
4	Avalon City/ Avalon	MMPs for:	\$57,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	11/6/2025

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 exceedances of the AMEL for TCDD equivalents • 11 exceedances of the AWEL for TSS • 6 exceedances of the AMEL for TSS 		
4	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority/ Los Angeles	MMP for exceedance of the AMEL for settleable solids	\$3,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	11/13/2025
4	Hudson 11601 Wilshire, LLC/ Los Angeles	MMPs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 exceedances of the MDEL for copper • 7 exceedances of the AMEL for copper • Exceedance of the AMEL for zinc • Exceedance of the MDEL for zinc 	\$48,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	11/13/2025
9	2KUC Poway Development LLC/ Poway	MMPs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late July 2024 monthly SMR due on 8/30/2024 was submitted 61 days late on 10/30/2024 	\$6,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	11/20/2025
9	North C.V Waterfront L.P./ Chula Vista	MMPs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late January 2025 monthly SMR due on 3/1/2025 was submitted 61 days late on 5/1/2025 • Late April 2025 monthly SMR due on 5/30/2025 was submitted 34 days late on 7/3/2025 	\$9,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	11/21/2025

Investigative Orders

Region	Discharger/ City	Description	Date Issued
8	Humboldt Sawmill Company/ Scotia	13383 Order No. R1-2025-0057 requires the Discharger to implement a new monitoring program to address at least 1,219 exceedances of numeric action levels (NALs) in the Industrial General Permit between November 2023 through June 2024.	11/26/2025
4	Burbank- Glendale- Pasadena Airport Authority/ Burbank	13267 Order No. R4-2025-015 requires the complete delineation of the presence of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in soil and groundwater at Bob Hope Airport.	11/7/2025

Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10(c)

Region	Discharger/ City	Description	Date Issued
4	Gail C. Sullivan, et al./ Artesia	Requires current property owners to grant site access to the responsible parties to perform groundwater well installation and sampling activities at 11815 Artesia Boulevard in Artesia.	11/26/2025

Cleanup and Abatement Orders

Region	Discharger/ City	Description	Date Issued
1	LMC Associates and Phil Hirsch/ Santa Rosa	Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) No. R1-2025-0056 for the cleanup and remediation of tetrachloroethene (PCE) using an in-situ injection process for the former drycleaner located at 230 South A Street in Santa Rosa.	11/13/2025

Other Enforcement Actions Taken

Region	No. of Actions	Region	No. of Actions
1	9	5S	23
2	4	6T	4
3	8	6V	0
4	27	7	3
5F	18	8	21
5R	4	9	4

OFFICE OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS and the CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program

Tribally-centered Freshwater Harmful Algal Bloom (FHAB) Monitoring Training Series

The [SWAMP Freshwater and Estuarine Harmful Algal Bloom \(FHAB\) Program](#), in partnership with California Tribal FHAB Monitoring experts, are developing a [tribally-centered FHAB Monitoring Training Series](#). The purpose of this training series is to support California Tribes in developing programs in the areas of harmful algal bloom monitoring and response, data analysis, and data use processes. Courses in this series will provide Tribes and other Tribal monitoring groups with guidance and resources to incorporate into their environmental monitoring programs and to more easily partner with the SWAMP FHAB Program and [California Cyanobacteria and Harmful Algal Bloom \(CCHAB\) Network](#). We hope to replicate and improve upon the framework that was used to develop and offer the tribally-centered [SWAMP Bioaccumulation Monitoring Program Training Series](#) in 2024.

The FHAB Training Series leads and the Series Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) met monthly between July and December 2025 to review and co-create training materials to ensure they are relevant to Tribal Environmental Departments or equivalent Tribal monitoring programs. Courses in the series will be offered in 2026 (see below)

Training Logistics

- **This training series is only open to representatives from California Tribal Environmental Departments (or equivalent Tribal programs).**
- All courses will be held virtually over Zoom, and instruction will be recorded for posting online, as appropriate.
- All courses are free to attend.
- Each course will be less than 3 hours in length.
- Course announcements and updates will be shared via the California Water Board's [Tribal Matters](#) and [CCHAB Network](#) email lists.

Upcoming Trainings

Training Date & Time	Course Title	Supporting Documents
Thu. Jan. 29, 2026 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm PT	Intro to the SWAMP Freshwater and Estuarine Harmful Algal Bloom (FHAB) Program & CA Tribal FHAB Monitoring Networks	Registration Link
Wed. Feb. 25, 2026 9 am – 12 pm PT	SWAMP FHAB Program & Partner Response Process	Registration Link
Thu. Mar. 26, 2026 9 am – 12 pm PT	SWAMP FHAB Public Health Coordination & Communications	Registration Link

Additional courses will be offered in 2026. Dates and registration for those courses will be shared approximately 1 month before they are offered. Courses include:

- Apr: FHAB Monitoring Design & Intro to Data Quality and Management
- May: FHAB Sample Collection Protocols & Lab Analysis Preparation
- Oct/Nov: FHAB Data Analysis & Interpretation
- Nov/Dec: FHAB Mitigation, Research & Case Studies

For more information, please see the [Training Series Webpage & Flyer](#).

For questions, please reach out to the FHAB Training Series Lead, Anna Holder, at: Anna.Holder@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 341-5096.

Tribally-centered Fish Consumption Application In Development

The [SWAMP Bioaccumulation Monitoring Program](#) is in the early phases of developing an interactive and user-friendly application that includes and contextualizes bioaccumulation monitoring data, consumption thresholds, advisories, and guidance associated with fish consumption and human health. The [Fish Consumption Application](#) will be tailored to the needs of California Tribal users who consume fish for subsistence and/or cultural purposes.

Between October and December 2025, a Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) was assembled and consists of 14 individuals representing 13 Tribal Governments or organizations. Additionally, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), the agency responsible for developing [California's Fish Consumption Advisories](#), became an official project partner and will support the development of the Application from a toxicological and public health communication perspective.

The first TAC meeting to kick off the project and to get foundational feedback was held on December 8, 2025. Feedback from the TAC will determine when quarterly meetings in 2026 will be held.

If representatives of California Tribal Governments or Tribal Organizations are interested in joining the TAC, would like to request a presentation about the project, or have any other questions please reach out to the Project Lead, Anna Holder, at:

Anna.Holder@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 341-5096.

For more information, please see the [TAC Fact Sheet](#) & [Application Work Plan](#).

OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND PERFORMANCE

Water Conservation

The response rate for the **October 2025** Urban Water Conservation Report is 92% as of the writing of this report (373 reports submitted). The estimated total production (accounting for missing reports) is 153.8 billion gallons (472 thousand acre-feet), and the statewide residential use is 86 gallons per capita per day.

The [Save Water](#) site received 139 water waste reports in November.

On December 16, 2025, the State Water Board concluded review of submitted variances and temporary provisions requests for the Making Conservation a California Way of Life regulation. The following variances have been approved, uploaded to the California [OpenData portal](#), and will be included in the suppliers' January 1, 2026 Urban Water Use Objective report:

- Bella Vista Water District – Residential agricultural landscapes variance
- Carlsbad Municipal Water District - Seasonal population variance
- Mission Springs Water District - Evaporative cooler variance
- West Kern Water District - Evaporative cooler variance

Approved variances may be added to suppliers' urban water use objectives for up to 5 years at a time.

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

Water Quality Petitions Currently Under Consideration for Review by the State Water Board (as of December 1, 2025)

The State Water Board is considering whether to grant review of the following current active petitions for review of regional water quality control board actions or failures to act in accordance with Water Code section 13320. These petitions for review will be dismissed by operation of law if (1) the State Water Board does not issue a letter granting review or (2) the State Water Board does not receive a written request from the petitioner that the petition be held in abeyance, prior to 5:00 p.m. on the corresponding deadline. Any exhibits identified in the petitions are available upon request by emailing waterqualitypetitions@waterboards.ca.gov.

PETITION NUMBER AND LINK TO PETITION	PETITION INFORMATION	DATE PETITION RECEIVED	DEADLINE FOR STATE WATER BOARD TO GRANT REVIEW
A-2924(a)	Petition of California Department of General Services for Review of Water Code section 13267 Order Dated September 16, 2025, for The California Health Care Facility, The N.A. Chaderjian Youth Correctional Facility, and The O.H. Close Youth Correctional Facility, San Joaquin County; Issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board	10/16/2025	01/14/2026
A-2924(b)	Petition of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for Review of Water Code section 13267 Order Dated September 16, 2025, for The California Health Care Facility, The N.A. Chaderjian Youth Correctional Facility, and The O.H. Close Youth Correctional Facility, San Joaquin County; Issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board	10/16/2025	01/14/2026

<u>A-2926</u>	Petition of Jesse Knabb for Review of Failure to Investigate Alleged Contamination at the Huntington Beach Navigation Center, 17642 Beach Boulevard, Huntington Beach, Orange County; Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board	11/17/25	02/16/2026
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OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

(Submits Quarterly)

OFFICE OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, EQUITY and TRIBAL AFFAIRS

(Submits Quarterly)

IRRIGATED REGULATORY LAND PROGRAM

December 2025

This month's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) update provides a summary of significant activities of State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff for the month of November 2025; and the North Coast, San Francisco Bay, Central Coast, Los Angeles, Lahontan, Colorado River Basin, Santa Ana, and San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) from October 1, 2025, to November 30, 2025. Next month's report will cover the Central Valley Regional Water Board's recent ILRP program activities and up-to-date data on compliance and outreach efforts.

State Water Board staff continued work to implement the Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel (Panel), as discussed in [Order WQ 2023-0081, In the Matter of Review of General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands Order No. R3-2021-0040](#). Staff held two Panel Working Group Meetings on November 14 and November 19, 2025 to facilitate Panel deliberations on issues relevant to the [Panel charge questions](#). Additional Working Group Meetings are scheduled for December 5 and 12, 2025, and a Listening Session is scheduled for December 17, 2025. Public notices, meeting materials, and other panel documents can be found on the [Expert Panel webpage](#). Staff encourages the public to sign up for the email list located on the main [Agriculture webpage](#), which will be used to distribute panel updates and information on future public meetings.

Staff finished coordination with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and their contractors (Crowe LLP) on the [Regulatory Alignment Study](#). Staff collaborated with CDFA and Crowe LLP on the study over three years. Crowe LLP developed recommendations focusing on CDFA's Produce Safety Program and the Water Board's ILRP, Confined Animal Facilities Program, and the Winery Order. Draft recommendation areas focused on streamlining and highlighted opportunities for improved data management. The final report is expected to be released in early 2026.

North Coast Regional Water Board held an Information Item for the Draft Lily Bulb Order in Crescent City on October 8, 2025, to review findings from a recent [Monitoring Study](#) to characterize agricultural discharges from lily bulb operations. Staff also provided the Board with an update on community engagement activities and development of the Draft Lily Bulb Order. The Draft Lily Bulb Order is scheduled to be released to the public in early 2026, with a public workshop scheduled for February 2026. A public hearing to consider adoption of the Draft Lily Bulb Order is scheduled for August 2026.

The North Coast Regional Water Board also held an Information Item in Yreka on October 10, 2025, to provide an update on development of the Draft Scott and Shasta Order. As part of Draft Scott and Shasta Order development, staff have planned a multi-pronged public engagement approach for early 2026, which includes Technical Advisory Group meetings, farm tours, tribal engagement, and individual meetings with interested parties. The Draft Scott and Shasta Order is scheduled to be released to the public in

October 2026, with a public workshop also scheduled for October 2026 and adoption planned for 2027.

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board staff are coordinating with Farm Bureaus and Approved Third-Party Groups to compile the most up-to-date enrollment information. Staff have conducted direct outreach to growers with a breakdown of the upcoming invoicing cycle, a reminder to keep enrollment updated, and a reminder to complete Annual Reports. This outreach will help streamline the upcoming invoicing cycle, which is set to begin in late November or Early December.

Staff also coordinated with the Resource Conservation District and the Farm Bureaus to ensure that sufficient funds are raised for the ongoing [Streambed Group Monitoring Plan](#). The Farm Bureau's Approved Third-Party Group fee collection will likely generate enough funds to complete the next round of monitoring.

Central Coast Regional Water Board sent over four-thousand semi-annual ranch reports on November 20, 2025, to each ranch enrolled in the Irrigated Lands Program. The purpose of the semi-annual ranch report is to inform each enrollee about their ranch(es) status with respect to [Central Coast Agricultural Order](#) (Order No. R3-2021-0040) requirements and to remind them of upcoming requirements. The Irrigated Lands Program has curated resources to assist growers with Agricultural Order compliance. Enrollees were also provided the following information:

- Visit the [Irrigated Lands Program](#) website.
- Log onto [GeoTracker](#) to edit your eNOI and submit ACF, TNA and/or INMP reports. If you don't know your password, click [here](#) to reset it.
- View our [Requirements Checklist](#) and [Compliance Calendar](#) to view ranch-specific requirements.
- View our [Tutorials & Instructions](#) webpage to learn more about GeoTracker as well as TNA and INMP recordkeeping and reporting.

Los Angeles Regional Water Board staff met with growers and Technical Service Providers on October 8, 2025, to discuss the Management Practice Plan (MPP) certification process to comply with the discharge limitations of the [Los Angeles Agricultural Order](#) (Order No. R4-2023-0353).

On October 9, 2025, staff visited the Ventura River Estuary to review implementation of the Ventura River Estuary Trash Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), which is included in the Los Angeles Agricultural Order. Staff also conducted another site visit on October 9, 2025, to inspect the completion of an MPP.

The Los Angeles Regional Board held an informational item on October 23, 2025, to provide an update on implementation actions for the Los Angeles Agricultural Order.

On November 14, 2025, staff met with the Los Angeles Irrigated Lands Group (LAILG) and Ventura County Agricultural Irrigated Lands Group (VCAILG) to discuss revisions to the

Irrigation and Nutrient Management Report templates to address the nontraditional growers whose operation specifics do not match the requirements of the [Eastern San Joaquin \(ESJ\) Water Quality Order](#) (Order No. WQ 2018-0002) and do not fit within the exemptions of the ESJ Water Quality Order.

Lahontan Regional Water Board staff met with Eastern Sierra Land Trust (ESLT) at a ranch on November 12, 2025, to learn more about a planning project ESLT is leading, funded through a Sierra Meadows Partnership Planning Block Grant. The grant supports pre-project monitoring and the development of 65% conceptual design plans for a restoration project on Swauger Creek. The proposed restoration aims to remediate stream incision and address a moderate headcut on Swauger Creek, which flows through a property enrolled under the [Bridgeport Grazing Waiver](#) (Order No. R6T-2017-0033).

Staff sent out reminders to all Bridgeport Grazing Waiver enrollees on November 18, 2025, to submit their Annual Best Management Practice (BMP) reports, which are due by January 15, 2026. The Annual BMP Report provides a standardized and concise way for dischargers to document each ranch's structural and/or operational rangeland BMPs aimed at improving water quality. It also includes ESJ Water Quality Order reporting requirements, such as pesticide, nitrogen, and fertilizer application, as well as whether the discharger attended a rangeland water quality or BMP educational event.

Colorado River Basin Regional Water Board staff, at the request of the Imperial Valley Irrigated Lands Coalition (IVILC), provided a second chloride and bacteria TMDL workshop in the Imperial Valley. The workshop was held on November 4, 2025, during the Colorado River Basin Regional Board meeting at the City of Imperial Council Chamber to allow community access.

The **Santa Ana and San Diego Regional Water Boards** had no significant program updates from October 1, 2025, to November 30, 2025.