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SIGNIFICANT GENERAL PERMITS

Statewide Policies and Significant General Permits: The Policies and Permits Table stores and displays information about on-going planning, policy development, and permitting efforts by the State and Regional Water Boards. The table includes timelines, milestones, and other important information. The Statewide Policies and Significant General Permits report can be accessed at Policies / Significant General Permits | California State Water Resources Control Board

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

Permitting and Enforcement Branch

Water Right Petitions and Licensing: Between July 1, 2026 and September 30, 2026, the Division of Water Rights completed 39 petitions. See table below for more details of the completed petitions.

Primary Owner	Application ID	Petition Type	Date Completed	Brief Description
EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT	A001692	Temporary Transfer	7/3/2026	Approved the temporary change in place of use and the temporary transfer of 620 acre-feet of water to various Central Valley Project and State Water Project Contractor Agencies by reservoir release.
FAHRI DINER AND GRAPEVINE HOLDINGS L-1 LLC	A030259	Change, and Minor Change	7/7/2026	Approved changes to reduce season, reduce amount, reduce capacity of diversion, remove a point of diversion, and correct places of use for several corresponding purposes of use.
CA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES	A017512	Temporary Transfer	7/16/2026	Approved the transfer of up to 10,166 acre-feet of Dudley Ridge Water District's State Water Project supply to Westlands Water District and San Luis Water District.
CA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES and USBR	A014443, A000023, A000234, A001465, A005626, A005628,	Temporary Transfer	7/22/2026	Approved a petition for temporary change in the place of use of license and permits of the California Department of Water Resources and the United States Bureau of Reclamation. The

	A005638, A009363, A009364, A009368, A013370, A013371, A015374, A015375, A015764, A016767, A017374, A017376			maximum total exchange quantity approved was up to 392,300 acre-feet (af) of water.
PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY	A018085	Temporary transfer	8/10/2026	Approved temporary transfer of 21,053 acre-feet from Placer County Water Agency to Westlands Water District via reservoir release.
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT	A005644A	Temporary transfer	8/25/2026	Approved temporary transfer of 3,250 acre-feet from Georgetown Divide Public Utility District to Westlands Water District via reservoir release.
FORESTHILL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT	A021945	Temporary transfer	8/26/2026	Approved temporary transfer of 2,105 acre-feet from Foresthill Public Utility District to Westlands Water District via reservoir release.
THE OWENS FAMILY 1996 REVOCABLE TRUST	A018999	Split	8/27/2026	Approved split of water right license to three water right holders.
CITY OF YREKA	A022551	Time Extension	9/4/2026	Approved the petition for extension of time to complete application of water by December 31, 2036.
NELSON & SONS, A CORPORATION	A029763	Change	9/9/2026 (canceled)	Canceled by Division of Water Rights staff because pending application has been amended.
GBRK LLC	A011555	Minor Change	9/17/2026	Approved change in point of diversion.
TEJON RANCHCORP, A CALIF CORP	A031044, A030327, A030329, A030328, A031048, A031046, A031045,	Time Extension	9/21/2026 (withdrawn)	The petitioner submitted petitions in late 2025 and mid-2026 requesting an extension of time until December 31, 2036, to fully apply water authorized under the ten permits. Following discussions with the Division, the

	A030325, A031043, A030326			petitioner has elected to withdraw all 2025 and 2026 petitions and consolidate the extension request. The petitions filed on December 24, 2014 have been amended to reflect a 22-year extension, rather than the 10-year extension originally requested.
SOUTH SUTTER WATER DISTRICT	A014804	Temporary transfer	10/12/2026	Approved temporary transfer of up to 2,000 acre-feet from storage to the Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency.

Groundwater Recharge

Outreach to Prepare for Coming Wet Season. The Division of Water Rights is conducting outreach to parties interested in diversion of surface water for groundwater recharge this winter. The Division hosted two virtual public workshops on October 19 and 26, 2026, to share information and answer questions about temporary water-right permits for groundwater recharge and the rules regarding flood recharge diversions. Links to webinar recordings will be posted to Preparing for a Wet Winter website. This website also contains a new technical guidance, released in October 2026, to assist Groundwater Sustainability Agency water right applicants in using its existing materials to develop a water right application.

The Division of Water Rights continues to process two pending recharge temporary permit applications from the Town of Windsor and Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. Noticing of the two temporary permits closed in October 2026, and Division staff continue efforts to process the filings. More information can be found at: Pending Temporary Permits

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

Lee Vining Hydroelectric Project: On October 13, 2026, staff hosted two virtual public meetings to present information on Southern California Edison's Lee Vining Hydroelectric Project (Project) and accept public comments. The meeting were held during the public comment period (September 16, 2026 through October 19, 2026) for the Notice of Preparation issued by the State Water Board to begin the Project's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. The Project is located approximately five miles northeast of the city of Lee Vining along the eastern base of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in Mono County. Project-related waterbodies include Glacier Creek and Lee Vining Creek. The NOP is available on the Board's Project webpage.

Bishop Creek Hydroelectric Project: On October 15, 2026, staff hosted two virtual public meetings to present information on Southern California Edison's Bishop Creek

Hydroelectric Project (Project) and accept public comments. The meeting were held during the public comment period (September 23, 2026 through October 30, 2026) for the Notice of Preparation issued by the State Water Board to begin the Project's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. The Project is located approximately fifteen miles northeast of the city of Bishop along the eastern base of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in Inyo County. Project-related waterbodies include Bishop Creek, Green Creek, McGee Creek, and Birch Creek. The NOP is available on the Board's Project webpage.

Regional General Permit Water Quality Certification Denial: On October 7, 2026, the State Water Board Executive Director denied without prejudice Sacramento Municipal Utility District's water quality certification application to renew and expand its Regional General Permit covering maintenance and new construction for the Upper American River and Chili Bar Hydroelectric Projects. The denial was issued in response to the United States Army Corp of Engineers, who found that a new Clean Water Act section 404 permit was not appropriate due to SMUD's ability to be covered under existing nationwide and regional general permits, which SMUD has not yet applied for. The Board will be able to consider a new application by SMUD once they have obtained appropriate coverage under an applicable nationwide and/or regional general permit and resubmit a new certification application to the Board.

Supply & Demand Assessment

The Division of Water Rights continues to develop water supply models, water demand datasets, and water allocation tools for select watersheds across California. These tools, once completed, will provide predictions of surface water supplies and demands to aid state and local water management decisions during periods of water shortage. Recent updates include:

- **Navarro River**. Staff held public meetings on September 30th in Ukiah and October 6th on Zoom to share information about the Navarro River watershed modeling effort, including an overview of the completed water supply model and report, how they work, and how they can be used. A recording of the October 6th virtual meeting is being posted to the Supply & Demand Assessment Program's Navarro River webpage.
- **Engagement**. During the past month, the staff met with the Russian River Water Sharing Program regarding the Russian River watershed, with Marin Municipal Water District regarding the Tomales-Drakes Bay watershed and with Solano County Water Agency with partner agencies and organizations regarding the Putah Creek watershed.

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

Groundwater Regulatory Branch

Groundwater Monitoring and Assessment (Gama) Program:
The GAMA Program's Priority Basin Project, in coordination with the U.S. Geological Survey, comprehensively monitors groundwater quality statewide. A trends component resamples 25% of these wells every five years. The report titled, Decadal Trends in the Quality of Groundwater Used for Public Supply was presented in a webinar on October 28, 2026 showing trends in uranium (Central Valley and Southern California), and fluoride & perchlorate (Southern California). A recording of the presentation is available on the GAMA program webpage.

Policy for the Development of Copper and Zinc Water Quality Objectives:
The Division of Water Quality anticipates release of the draft State Policy for Water Quality Control for Development of Copper and Zinc Water Quality Objectives in Inland Surface Waters in December 2026 for public comment. The draft policy establishes a statewide, performance-based assessment approach for developing site-specific and permit-specific water quality objectives for copper and zinc using the biotic ligand model. This framework is intended to ensure consistency across regulatory programs and streamline future efforts to establish site- and permit-specific water quality objectives where appropriate. The draft policy also establishes a process for Regional Water Board approval of site-specific objectives without requiring a regulatory amendment to the applicable Basin Plan. Staff will hold a public workshop and Board Hearing during the comment period to present the draft policy, answer questions, and gather feedback.

Internal Workshop – Advancing Equity in Underground Storage Tank (UST) Cleanup: The Division of Water Quality is hosting an internal workshop on November 4th with the nine Regional Water Boards, Division of Financial Assistance, and four Local Oversight Program agencies to take an in-depth look at challenges faced by the UST Cleanup program when cleaning up sites in historically environmentally burdened and vulnerable communities and to brainstorm ways that we may be able to advance cleanup in these communities. DWQ identified there is a disproportional number of active UST cleanup cases in the state when compared to areas with high CalEnviroScreen Scores.

Surface Water Regulatory Branch

Constituent of Emerging Concern (CEC) Strategy Listening Session: Rescheduling Upcoming Engagement Opportunity

The State Water Board's Constituents of Emerging Concern (CEC) unit is rescheduling the upcoming CEC Strategy Public Listening Session, originally planned for late October. An updated save-the-date will be distributed once the new session date is confirmed. This session will provide interested parties and partners with an opportunity to share perspectives that will help shape documents currently in development and inform the strategic direction of the State Water Board's CEC efforts. Feedback gathered will support ongoing program development, cross-agency collaboration, and future CEC

considerations as we strengthen our statewide CEC strategy and develop foundational documents that will serve as a resource hub for the Water Boards.

Information and materials will be posted on the Water Boards' CEC webpage as they become available:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cec/index.html

Stormwater NPDES Industrial and Construction General Permits Enforcement: The Division of Water Quality issued several reminder notices to regulated dischargers enrolled in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Industrial and Construction General Permits regarding key regulatory deadlines. These reminders were initially sent via email, followed by hard copy Notices of Violation (NOVs) for noncompliance, specifically for failure to submit Annual Reports and failure to recertify the conditions of no exposure.

For the NPDES Stormwater Industrial General Permit, approximately 1,000 NOVs were mailed to dischargers who did not submit the Annual Reports by the July 15, 2026 deadline. Similarly, for the NPDES Stormwater Construction General Permit, approximately 1,900 NOVs were issued following the September 1, 2026 Annual Report due date.

October 1, 2026 was the deadline for dischargers operating under a No Exposure Certification (NEC) for the NPDES Stormwater Industrial General Permit to verify their facilities continue to meet the conditions of no exposure. The Division of Water Quality issued approximately 3,900 NOVs to dischargers who failed to complete the NEC annual recertification.

All NOVs were entered into the Stormwater Multiple Application and Report Tracking System (smarts.waterboards.ca.gov).

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

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 September 2026.

Drinking Water

Drinking Water Funding Agreements Executed (September 2026)						
PWSID	**PWS Benefiting**	**Project Number**	**Project Recipient**	**Project Description**	**Funding Amount**	**SAFER Status**
CA3110005	Placer CWA-Auburn/Bowman	3110005-011C	Placer County Water Agency	The project would establish a new transmission pipeline through Duncan Hill that would provide treated water service.	$12,000,000	Not At-Risk

Drinking Water Funding Agreements Amended (September 2026)						
PWSID	**PWS Benefiting**	**Project Number**	**Project Recipient**	**Amendment Type**	**Amendment Purpose**	**SAFER Status**
CA4210009	Cuyama Community Services District	4210009-001P	Cuyama Community Services District	Time Extension	Work Completion Date extended from 2/1/2025 to 12/31/2028.	At-Risk
CA4510003	Burney Water District	4510003-003C	Burney Water District	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Funding increase from $13,981,000 to $15,523,627, Completion of Construction Date extension from 10/1/2027 to 3/29/2030.	Not At-Risk

Drinking Water Funding Agreements Amended (September 2026)						
PWSID	**PWS Benefiting**	**Project Number**	**Project Recipient**	**Amendment Type**	**Amendment Purpose**	**SAFER Status**
CA5410006	Lindsay, City of	5410006-001C	Lindsay, City of	Funding Increase	Funding increase from $5,943,000 to $10,167,600.	Failing
CA5410017	London Community Services District	5410017-003C	London Community Services District	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Funding increase from $4,974,655 to $10,514,221, Construction Completion Date extension from 6/30/2026 to 11/30/2027.	Failing
CA1100616	Elk Creek Community S.D.	EDWG-1100616-001C	Elk Creek Community Services District	Time Extension	Time extension for Estimated Completion of Construction Date from 1/30/2026 to 4/1/2029 and Project Completion Date from 7/31/2026 to 10/1/2029.	At-Risk

Wastewater

Wastewater Funding Agreements Executed (September 2026)			
Project Number	**Project Recipient**	**Project Description**	**Funding Amount**
8292-210	Alturas, City of	The project consists of decommissioning the existing WWTP and moving treatment to a new offsite location.	$34,248,000

Wastewater Funding Agreements Amended (September 2026)			
Project Number	**Project Recipient**	**Amendment Type**	**Amendment Purpose**
8532-110	Springville Public Utility District	Time Extension	Time extension for Work Completion Date from 4/28/2028 to 7/31/2029.

Administrator Summary

No amended or new Administrator Agreements were executed during the month of September 2026.

Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Summary
No amended or new O&M Agreements were executed during the month of September 2026.

Technical Assistance (TA) Summary

No amended or new Master Agreements were executed during the month of September 2026.

TA Work Plans

DFA is providing Technical Assistance to 345 Drinking Water Systems (204 Failing and 47 At-Risk systems) and to 55 Wastewater Systems. 46% of all Failing systems are receiving TA. The table below summarizes the TA work plans executed in the month of September 2026.

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	6886-C	Sunset Vista MHP	CA1600002	Full planning consolidation project that includes outreach and rate study.	SHE	DW	$586,735 ($126,426 Decrease)	Not At-Risk	N/A
Work Plan Amendment	6887-C	Sunset Vista MHP	No PWSID (Wastewater)	Full Planning to consolidate Sunset Vista Estates MHP with the City of Lemoore's Wastewater System	SHE	WW	$494,075 ($88,114 Decrease)	Failing	1,2,3-Trichloropropane
Work Plan Amendment	6923-C	Daggett CSD	CA3600086	Assistance with bottled water grant administration	RCAC	DW	$41,949 (No Change)	Failing	Perchlorate
Work Plan Amendment	7049-C	Malaga County Water District/Shady Lakes MHP	No PWSID (Wastewater)	Full planning to address system improvements to Malaga County Water Work Districts	SHE	WW	$463,693 ($226,593 Decrease)	At-Risk	N/A

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA Provider*	TA Type**	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation***
				Wastewater treatment system and to consolidate Malaga County Water Work District with Shady Lakes MHP					
Work Plan Amendment	7087-D	Vierra Meadows MWC	CA2702003	Feasibility study for short and long term to address a CO	P&P	DW	$618,431 ($244,884 Increase)	Failing	Manganese
Work Plan Amendment	7275-B	City of Blythe	CA3310003	Full Planning	RCAC	DW	$332,595 ($39,050 Increase)	Failing	Nitrate
Work Plan Amendment	7309-B	Union Pacific Railroad Co. - Keene Water	CA1500371	Full Planning	P&P	DW	$289,818 ($715,148 Decrease)	Failing	Nitrate

* 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)

PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Description	Funding Amount or Increase	Category	SAFER Status
CA3500527	Valenzuela Water System	CAA 478 (D2211478)	Extend the work completion date to December 31, 2026, and increase funding by $45,096 to complete installation and startup of the nitrate treatment system	+$45,096	CAA	Failing
CA5000095	Sunrise Village Mobile Home Park	D2517010	Stanislaus County is proposing to be the funding recipient to consolidate Sunrise Village Mobile Home Park into the City of Modesto's water system (CA5010010). Sunrise Village	$448,890	SADW	Failing

PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Description	Funding Amount or Increase	Category	SAFER Status
			MHP is regulated by Stanislaus County LPA.			
CA1900100	Mettler Valley MWC	D1918124	Continued bottled water assistance to the community.	+$50,000	SADW	Failing
CA0600008	Colusa County Waterworks District No. 1	D2017016	Continued bottled water assistance to the community.	+$100,000	SADW	Failing
CA2300705	Little Lake MHP	D2317011	Continued hauled water assistance to the community.	+$306,434	SADW	Failing

Emergency Repair Funding Programs
There were no emergencies approved in September 2026.

Schools Grant Programs

Bottled Water for Schools Grant Program

District Name	School Name	Water System Name	PWSID	SAFER Status	Type of Approval	Duration	Number of Students/ Staff
Selma Unified School District	Indianola Elementary	Indianola School	1000187	Failing	Renewal	9/10/2026 - 12/31/2026	456
Meadows Union School District	Meadows Elementary School	Meadows Union Elementary School	1300554	Failing	Renewal	9/10/2026 - 12/31/2026	480
Central Unified School District	Houghton-Kearney Elementary school	Houghton-Kearney School	1000206	Failing	Renewal	9/10/2026 - 12/31/2026	256

District Name	School Name	Water System Name	PWSID	SAFER Status	Type of Approval	Duration	Number of Students/ Staff
Alvina Elementary School District	Alvina Elementary School	Alvina School	1000181	At-Risk	Renewal	9/10/2026 - 12/31/2026	216
Southern Kern Unified School District	Rare Earth High School and Abraham Lincoln Alternative School	Rosamond School Water System	1502231	Failing	Renewal	9/10/2026 - 12/31/2026	147
Southern Kern Unified School District	Rosamond High Early College Campus	Rosamond School Water System	1502231	Failing	Renewal	9/10/2026 - 12/31/2026	900

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. As of October 8, 2026, 100% of eligible water systems (1,106 of 1,106) are registered to be sampled and 3,361 wells out of the 3,375 scheduled have been sampled.

Loans and Grants Branch (L&G)

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

Drinking Water

Drinking Water Funding Agreements Executed (September 2026)						
PWSID	**PWS Benefiting**	**Project Number**	**Project Recipient**	**Project Description**	**Funding Amount**	**SAFER Status**
CA1910067	Los Angeles City, Dept. of Water & Power	1910067-064C	Los Angeles, City of Acting by and through the Department of Water & Power	The Recipient will install pipeline and distribution pipeline along Western Avenue utilizing a combination of welded steel pipe and earthquake resistant ductile iron pipe to mitigate seismic risk.	$77,241,000	Not Assessed
CA3010041	City of Seal Beach	3010041-001C	Seal Beach, City of	Rehabilitate the watermain that extends through intersection of First Street and Pacific Coast Highway.	$3,175,000	Not At-Risk
Emerging Contaminants						
CA1910240	Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency	1910240-002C	Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency	The Project will provide centralized PFAS treatment and disinfection for three existing and critical water supply alluvial wells.	$13,000,000	Not Assessed

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

Clean Water

Clean Water Funding Agreements Amended (September 2026)			
Project Number	**Project Recipient**	**Amendment Type**	**Amendment Purpose**
8602-110	Santa Barbara, City of	Time Extension	Time Extension for Final Reimbursement Request Date from 6/30/2026 to 6/30/2027.
Stormwater			
D2112168	Long Beach, City of	Time Extension	Time extension for Work Completion Date from 3/31/2026 to 3/31/2029.

Administration/Operator Certification Branch

California Financing Coordinating Committee

At the 2026 League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo, held September 23-24, 2026, at the Anaheim Convention Center, the Program Support Unit marketing coordinator and Supervisor II represented the Division of Financial Assistance in-person. Staff engaged with over 2,800 attendees, including mayors, council members, city managers, and influential decision makers from finance, parks and recreation, public works, planning, fire, and police departments—to present information about the Division's financial assistance programs and funding opportunities. The League of California Cities serves as a vital association for California city officials, fostering collaboration, knowledge exchange, and resource sharing to influence policy decisions impacting cities statewide.

The conference provided a unique platform for cities, counties, districts, consultants, and engineers interested in funding opportunities to connect directly with DFA staff. Through booth interactions and distribution of program materials, the Division reinforced its commitment to supporting local agencies in accessing resources for infrastructure and community development. Participation in this event strengthened DFA's visibility among municipal leaders and enhanced partnerships that drive effective policy and funding solutions for California's cities.

DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

Permits

Permits are issued when a public water system undertakes action that may impact public health (i.e. 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 42 permits were uploaded between September 14, 2026, and October 11, 2026.

Water System	Permit Type	Permit Purpose
NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORP.	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADD WELLS 3 AND 4 AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES
CITY OF MODESTO - CENTRAL TURLOCK	FULL PERMIT	PERMIT OVER 10 YEARS OLD
MICHEL-SCHLUMBERGER FINE WINE ESTATE	FULL PERMIT	CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP
POTTER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT	FULL PERMIT	PREVIOUS PERMIT NO LONGER REPRESENTATIVE OF SYSTEM
EDNA BEAMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	FULL PERMIT	PERMIT OVER 10 YEARS OLD
CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	INACTIVE WELL 3A TO ACTIVE ADD CL2 AND FL FACILITIES
CITY OF SANTA ANA	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ACTIVE WELL 33 TO STANDBY
CAL AM WATER COMPANY - MONTEREY	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ALLOW 3-MINUTE UV REACTOR WARMUP TIME FOR TROJAN UV SWIFT UNIT
DRY CREEK STORE	FULL PERMIT	PERMIT OVER 10 YEARS OLD
ESCONDIDO, CITY OF	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	CHANGE FLOURIDATION LEVELS
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DIST	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	CONSOLIDATE FELTON INTO MAIN SLVWD
JOSHUA TREE LAKE RV/CAMP	FULL PERMIT	CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

SOUTH FORK CAMPGROUND	FULL PERMIT	AGE OF PREVIOUS PERMIT
PINE VALLEY TRAILER PARK	FULL PERMIT	NEW PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM
SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONS. DIST. ID#1	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	WELL 7 ACTIVE TO STANDBY
PINE VALLEY TRAILER PARK	FULL PERMIT	NEW PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM
RUNNING SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	WELL 101 ACTIVE TO STANDBY
CAMP HEART BAR EQUESTRIAN GROUP	FULL PERMIT	NEW PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM
GREAT OAKS WC INC	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADD NEW WELL 24D
SANTA LUCIA PRESERVE WS	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADD WELLS T8, V1 & V2 AND NEW FE AND MN WTP
BLOOMIN BREW	FULL PERMIT	NEW PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM
YUCAIPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	UPDATE SHIFT OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS
CDFW ELKHORN SLOUGH ECOLOGICAL RESERVE	FULL PERMIT	ADD CONTINUOUS CHLORINATION TREATMENT
WOODCRAFT RANGERS	FULL PERMIT	CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP
SACRAMENTO SUBURBAN WATER DISTRICT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ACTIVATION OF WELLS 81, 82, 83, AND 84. INACTIVATION OF WELLS 46, 69, N7, MC-C1, AND MC-C3.
USFS/RANCHERIA CAMPGROUND	FULL PERMIT	PERMIT OVER 10 YEARS OLD
USFS/DORABELLE CAMPGROUND	FULL PERMIT	PERMIT OVER 10 YEARS OLD
SCOUT ISLAND	FULL PERMIT	CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP
HELM SCHOOL	FULL PERMIT	PERMIT OVER 10 YEARS OLD
SCHOOL HOUSE RESTAURANT AND TAVERN	FULL PERMIT	ADD NEW WELL 02 AND WELL 01 TO INACTIVE
TIOGA GAS MART	FULL PERMIT	ADD NEW SOURCE
CITY OF ORANGE	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	WELL 25 TO INACVTIVE

USFS/DINKEY CREEK CAMPGROUND	FULL PERMIT	PERMIT OVER 10 YEARS OLD
I-5 AND HWY 198	FULL PERMIT	ADD AERATION TREATMENT FOR DBPS MITIGATION
USFS/PINEHURST WORK CENTER	FULL PERMIT	PERMIT OVER 10 YEARS OLD
GRANT MARKET WATER SYSTEM	FULL PERMIT	ADD CONTINUOUS CHLORINATION TREATMENT
CABOT PACKING, LLC	FULL PERMIT	ADD CONTINUOUS CHLORINATION TREATMENT
MONTE VISTA WD	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ACTIVATE WELL 19 AND ADD GAC TRT
RIVERBEND MOBILE HOME & RV PARK	FULL PERMIT	ADD DISINFECTION TREATMENT THROUGH CHLORINATION
CASA DEL RIO	FULL PERMIT	CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP
SUN EMPIRE SCHOOL	FULL PERMIT	PERMIT OVER 10 YEARS OLD
GRIMMWAY FARMS - DAVID ROAD	FULL PERMIT	WELL 02 TO ACTIVATE AND WELL 01 TO INACTIVE STATUS

Violations & Enforcement Actions

Violations for a water system include whether the system 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 September 15, 2026, and October 14, 2026.

Public Water System	Violation	Contaminant or Rule
ALEXANDER VALLEY ACRES WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	COLIFORM
ARMENIAN CHURCH CAMP	Monitoring	RTCR
B & W RESORT MARINA	Reporting	CCR
BRANSCOMB MOBILE HOME PARK	Monitoring	COLIFORM

CAMP ROBERTS - CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
CORRECTIONAL TRAINING FACILITY - SOLEDAD	MCL	NITRATE
DEERFIELD RANCH WINERY LLC	Monitoring	RTCR
DINKEY CREEK INN	Monitoring	FAILURE - CONDUCT REPEAT MONITORING
EDGEWATER MOBILE HOME PARK	Reporting	CCR
ELEVEN OAKS MOBILE HOME COMMUNITY	Reporting	CCR
FAMILY TREE FARMS	Other	1,2,3 TCP
FAMILY TREE FARMS	Other	1,2-DIBROMO-3-CHLOROPROPANE
FAMILY TREE FARMS	Other	NITRATE
FORT HUNTER LIGGETT	Monitoring	RTCR
FRENCH CAMP GOLF COURSE	MCL	NITRATE
HALFWAY HOUSE CAFE	Monitoring	RTCR
HAPPY HARBOR (SWS)	Reporting	CCR
HONCUT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Reporting	CCR
KERMAN, CITY OF	MCL	COMBINED URANIUM
KINGS CANYON RV RESORT	Monitoring	RTCR
LAGUNA DEL SOL INC	Reporting	CCR
LAGUNA VILLAGE RV PARK	Reporting	CCR
MADISON SERVICE DIST	MCL	IRON
MADISON SERVICE DIST	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
MAGNOLIA MUTUAL WATER	Reporting	CCR
MARISCOS LA LANGOSTA WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	RTCR
MD 40 SUNSET RIDGE ESTATES	MCL	IRON
MD 40 SUNSET RIDGE ESTATES	MCL	MANGANESE
MD 40 SUNSET RIDGE ESTATES	Other	VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION

MD 40 SUNSET RIDGE ESTATES	Other	VIOLATION OF A WATERWORKS STANDARD
MD 58 SIERRA HIGHLANDS	MCL	IRON
MD 58 SIERRA HIGHLANDS	MCL	MANGANESE
MD 58 SIERRA HIGHLANDS	Other	VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION
MD 58 SIERRA HIGHLANDS	Other	VIOLATION OF A WATERWORKS STANDARD
MD 73 QUARTZ MOUNTAIN	MCL	IRON
MD 73 QUARTZ MOUNTAIN	MCL	MANGANESE
MD 73 QUARTZ MOUNTAIN	Other	VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION
MD 73 QUARTZ MOUNTAIN	Other	VIOLATION OF A WATERWORKS STANDARD
MEADOW LAKE APARTMENTS	Other	OPERATOR CERTIFICATION LEVEL
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	ALKALINITY, BICARBONATE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	ALKALINITY, CARBONATE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	ALUMINUM
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	CALCIUM
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	CHLORIDE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	COLOR
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	CONDUCTIVITY @ 25 C UMHOS/CM
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	COPPER, FREE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	FOAMING AGENTS (SURFACTANTS)
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	HARDNESS, TOTAL (AS CACO3)
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	HYDROXIDE AS CALCIUM CARBONATE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	IRON
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	MAGNESIUM
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	MANGANESE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	METHYL TERT-BUTYL ETHER
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	ODOR
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	PH
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	SILVER
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	SODIUM
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	SULFATE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	TDS

MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	THIOBENCARB (BOLERO)
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	TURBIDITY
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	MCL	ZINC
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	1,1,1-TRICHLOROETHANE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	1,1,2,2-TETRACHLOROETHANE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	1,1,2-TRICHLOROETHANE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	1,1-DICHLOROETHANE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	1,1-DICHLOROETHYLENE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	1,2,4-TRICHLOROBENZENE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	1,2-DIBROMO-3-CHLOROPROPANE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	1,2-DICHLOROETHANE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	1,2-DICHLOROPROPANE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	1,3-DICHLOROPROPENE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	2,3,7,8-TCDD
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	2,4,5-TP
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	2,4-D
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	ALUMINUM
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	ANTIMONY, TOTAL
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	ARSENIC
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	ATRAZINE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	BARIUM
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	BENTAZON
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	BENZENE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	BENZO(A)PYRENE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	BERYLLIUM, TOTAL
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	BHC-GAMMA
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	CADMIUM
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	CARBOFURAN
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	CARBON TETRACHLORIDE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	CHLORDANE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	CHLOROBENZENE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	CHROMIUM
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	CIS-1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	DALAPON
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL) ADIPATE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL) PHTHALATE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	DICHLOROMETHANE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	DINOSEB

MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	DIQUAT
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	ENDOTHALL
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	ENDRIN
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	ETHYLBENZENE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	ETHYLENE DIBROMIDE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	FLUORIDE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	GLYPHOSATE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	HEPTACHLOR
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	HEPTACHLOR EPOXIDE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	HEXACHLOROBENZENE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	HEXACHLOROCYCLOPENTADIENE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	LASSO
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	LCR
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	MERCURY
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	METHOXYCHLOR
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	METHYL TERT-BUTYL ETHER
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	MOLINATE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	NICKEL
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	NITRATE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	NITRITE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	O-DICHLOROBENZENE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	OXAMYL
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	P-DICHLOROBENZENE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	PENTACHLOROPHENOL
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	PERCHLORATE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	PICLORAM
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	SELENIUM
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	SIMAZINE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	STYRENE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	TETRACHLOROETHYLENE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	THALLIUM, TOTAL
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	THIOBENCARB (BOLERO)
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	TOLUENE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	TOTAL POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCB)
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	TOXAPHENE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	TRANS-1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	TRICHLOROETHYLENE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	TRICHLOROFLUOROMETHANE

MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	TRICHLOROTRIFLUOROETHANE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	VINYL CHLORIDE
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Monitoring	XYLENES, TOTAL
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Other	CCR §64554 – SRC CAPACITY
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Other	OPERATING WITHOUT A VALID PWS PERMIT
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Treatment Technique	DBP STAGE 1
MESCAL CREEK WATER, INC	Treatment Technique	SWTR
MILLER'S LANDING RESORT	Monitoring	RTCR
MILLPOND RECREATION AREA	Monitoring	FAILURE TO SAMPLE IF PRESSURE LESS 5 PSI
PALO VERDE COUNTY WATER DIST.	MCL	TTHM
PLANTATION MOBILE HOME PARK	Reporting	CCR
RANCHO SAN JOAQUIN MWC	Other	VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION
RESTHAVEN MOBILE HOME PARK	MCL	SELENIUM
RIVERSIDE CSD	Other	CCR §64554 – SRC CAPACITY
ROLLIN WAGON TRAILER CLUB	Monitoring	RTCR
SAN JUSTO MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
SAN LUCAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
SEQUOIA WATER ASSOC	Reporting	CCR
SUG'S MOUNTAIN HOUSE	Monitoring	RTCR
THE VILLAGE	MCL	IRON
THE VILLAGE	Other	VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION
THE VILLAGE	Other	VIOLATION OF A WATERWORKS STANDARD
TOKAY PARK WATER CO	Reporting	CCR
TOWN & COUNTRY INN	Monitoring	RTCR
TUNNEL TRAILER PARK	Reporting	CCR
USFS YOLLA BOLLA CORP YARD	Monitoring	RTCR

USMC - HOUSING COLEVILLE	Monitoring	CHROMIUM, HEX
USMC/MTN WARFARE TRNG CTR - BRIDGEPORT	Monitoring	CHROMIUM, HEX
YOSEMITE NPS-EL PORTAL	Other	VIOLATION OF A WATERWORKS STANDARD
Total Violations	**165**	

Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP)

ELAP ACCREDITATIONS ISSUED		
	September 6 – October 3	**Year-To-Date**
New Accreditations	3	12
Renewed Accreditations	17	139
Reciprocity Accreditations	7	47
Amended Accreditations	13	120
Total	40	318

Return to the National Accreditation Program

In early October, ELAP formally applied to become a state accrediting body recognized by The NELAC Institute (TNI), marking California's return to the national environmental laboratory accreditation program after a 12-year absence. The application culminates reforms launched in 2014 in response to expert review panel recommendations. A final decision by peer-state accrediting bodies and TNI is expected in early 2027. The move underscores California's commitment to laboratories that produce defensible, trustworthy results.

Progress and Performance Unit

ELAP evaluates laboratory performance through proficiency testing to help ensure the reliability of analytical data and compliance with applicable standards. The following proficiency test results were reviewed during the dates identified.

	September 6 – October 3	**Year-to-Date**	**August PT Denials**
Review of Blind Proficiency Tests	3,205	41,368	162

Program Development, Research and Enforcement Unit

ELAP Enforcement received six (6) new referrals between September 6, 2026, through October 3, 2026. Two citations and six (6) corrective actions were issued for laboratories to return to compliance.

DDW-SAFER

The SAFER Clearinghouse Summary Results for October 2026 (on 10/6/2026)

Summary Results			
Failing Systems	421	**Removed Failing Systems**	16

Water Systems Removed from the HR2W List in October 2026

PWS ID	System Name	Last Status Change	County	Population
5400537	LINDY'S LANDING	09/09/2026	TULARE	30
5401026	DEER MEADOW MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	09/09/2026	TULARE	70
1000277	ELM COURT	09/14/2026	FRESNO	64
3601179	EL MIRAGE SCHOOL	09/15/2026	SAN BERNARDINO	50
5400544	ALLENSWORTH CSD	09/16/2026	TULARE	531
4400634	APTOS HILLS MUTUAL WATER CO	09/17/2026	SANTA CRUZ	32
3700291	OCOTILLO OASIS, LLC	09/18/2026	SAN DIEGO	96

3701793	TWIN LAKES RESORT	09/18/2026	SAN DIEGO	400
3700909	JULIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	09/21/2026	SAN DIEGO	617
1503669	NORTH KRANENBURG WS	09/22/2026	KERN	27
3900606	A1 WINSTONS MOBILE HOME PARK	09/23/2026	SAN JOAQUIN	75
4900699	OLIVET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	09/24/2026	SONOMA	400
1510025	STALLION SPRINGS CSD	10/01/2026	KERN	4910
1510038	BEAR VALLEY CSD	10/01/2026	KERN	5,592
3702104	MHC TT INC. (DBA PIO PICO)	10/02/2026	SAN DIEGO	23
5700700	CACHEVILLE SERVICE DIST	10/05/2026	YOLO	239

Water Systems Added to the HR2W List in October 2026

PWS ID	System Name	Last Status Change	County	Population
2710850	CORRECTIONAL TRAINING FACILITY - SOLEDAD	09/29/2026	MONTEREY	4,357
5700571	MADISON SERVICE DIST	09/29/2026	YOLO	876
3600133	OAK GLEN RETREAT	10/01/2026	SAN BERNARDINO	65
1300616	PALO VERDE COUNTY WATER DIST.	10/05/2026	IMPERIAL	410

Completed Consolidations

The following water system consolidations were completed during October 2026

Name	Type	Pop.	Conn.	Notes
FRESH POINT (PIRANHA PRODUCE)	NTNC	26	2	Due to administrative burden the water system consolidated to KEYES COMMUNITY SERVICES DIST
PINE GROVE COMM SERV DIST	C	1,141	412	Due to administrative burden the water system consolidated to AMADOR WATER AGENCY
CORBY AVENUE APARTMENTS	C	38	12	Due to administrative burden the water system consolidated to CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CALIFORNIA STEEL INDUSTRIES	NTNC	500	12	Due to administrative burden the water system consolidated to SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WC - FONTANA

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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

FY 2026-27 fee regulation changes for Drinking Water, ELAP, Water Quality and Water Rights, as adopted by the Board on September 15, 2026, have been approved by the Office of Administrative Law and filed with the Secretary of State and are now in effect.

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement Related Updates

Statewide Water Quality Enforcement Training

On October 19 and 20, 2026, the Office of Enforcement hosted staff from multiple State Water Board BDOs and all nine Regional Boards for two full days of virtual enforcement-related training. Experts from OE's technical and legal staff gave presentations on fundamental topics, such as writing defensible inspection reports, the importance of inspection data and inspection best practices, as well as, more advanced and emerging topics, such as compressed ACLs and the implications of the recent Sackett legal decision. The training event also featured speakers from USEPA, Division of Drinking Water, Division of Water Quality, North Coast Regional Board and the Central Valley Regional Board. Attendance peaked at over 620 on the first day and just below 600 staff on the second day.

Environmental Justice: Office of Enforcement staff continue to play a pivotal role in advancing environmental justice (EJ) for our disproportionally impacted communities in California. Key activities this quarter include:

1. Continuing coordination with the West Oakland Metal Shredder Collaborative Group (West Oakland Collective), serving as a co-agency lead for a subgroup focused on Environmental Health Risk and Racial Equity considerations in enforcement at Radius Recycling (Schnitzer Steel). OE is also participating in the Codifying Best Management Practices subgroup for the West Oakland Collective.
2. Leading efforts to respond to water-related environmental concerns raised by communities in central California and Los Angeles (for example, those arising from the Identifying Violations Affecting Neighborhoods (IVAN) Environmental Monitoring System), that continue to face disproportionate environmental impacts. OE staff may investigate themselves or identify the appropriate agency, such as a local municipality, to investigate and remedy the issue.
3. Participating in multi-agency enforcement coordination on the JCI Jones Chemical facility in a disadvantaged community in Torrence, CA. Federal, State and local agencies are identifying timelines for immediate and long-term steps needed for the facility to address remaining Fire Code and Health and Safety violations.
4. Identifying Environmental Taskforce needs for the next phase of implementation of the Environmental Taskforce Action Plan.

Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaints Issued

No ACL complaints were issued in September 2026

ACL Orders Issued

Region	Discharger/ City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
3	Lompoc City/ Lompoc	Mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs) for two exceedances of the average weekly effluent limit (AWEL) for ammonia	$6,000 (MMP – all to Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA))	9/2/2026
4	Camarillo Sanitary District/ Camarillo	MMPs for: • Exceedance of the "not to exceed more than once within 30 days" effluent limit for total coliform • Exceedance of the average monthly effluent limit (AMEL) for cyanide	$6,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	9/18/2026
4	CF Alpha & Golf PropCo LLC/ Long Beach	MMP for exceedance of the AMEL for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)	$3,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	9/18/2026
4	Jamison 3875 Wilshire, LLC/ Los Angeles	MMP for exceedance of the AMEL for cyanide	$3,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	9/18/2026
4	Los Angeles Cnty Dept of Beaches & Harbors/ Los Angeles	MMPs for: • 5 exceedances of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for pH • 2 exceedances of the minimum percent removal effluent limit for BOD • 4 exceedances of the AWEL (mass) for BOD	$33,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	9/18/2026
4	MPI, Ltd./ Beverly Hills	MMPs for: • 10 exceedances of the maximum daily effluent limit (MDEL) for selenium • 15 exceedances of the AMEL for selenium • 4 exceedances of the MDEL for copper • 5 exceedances of the AMEL for copper	$105,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	9/18/2026

		• Exceedance of the AMEL for zinc		
4	Ojai Valley Sanitary District/ Ventura	MMPs for: • Exceedance of the MDEL for nitrite • Exceedance of the single sample maximum effluent limit for total coliform	$6,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	9/18/2026
4	One Rodeo LLC/ Beverly Hills	MMPs for: • 3 exceedances of the MDEL for copper • 5 exceedances of the AMEL for copper • Exceedance of the MDEL for zinc • 3 exceedances of the AMEL for zinc • 7 exceedances of the MDEL for methylene blue active substances (MBAS) • 3 exceedances of the MDEL for settleable solids • 3 exceedances of the AMEL for settleable solids • 2 exceedances of the AMEL for total suspended solids (TSS) • 2 exceedances of the MDEL for TSS • Exceedance of the AMEL for turbidity	$90,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	9/18/2026
4	Saks & Company LLC/ Beverly Hills	MMPs for: • Late 3rd Quarter 2023 self-monitoring report (SMR); submitted 112 days late on 3/5/2024; triggered three reporting MMPs • Late 1st Quarter 2024 SMR; submitted 615 days late on 1/20/2026; triggered 20 reporting MMPs	$141,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	9/18/2026

		• Late 3rd Quarter 2024 SMR; submitted 159 days late on 4/22/2025; triggered 5 reporting MMPs • Late 4th Quarter 2024 SMR; submitted 188 days late on 8/21/2025; triggered 6 reporting MMPs • Late 1st Quarter 2025 SMR; submitted 250 days late on 1/20/2026; triggered 8 reporting MMPs • Late 2nd Quarter 2025 SMR; submitted 250 days late on 1/20/2026; triggered 5 reporting MMPs		
4	Virgil Village Group/	MMPs for: • Late 3rd Quarter 2023 SMR; submitted 345 days late on 10/24/2024; triggered 11 reporting MMPs • Late 4th Quarter 2023 SMR; submitted 253 days late on 10/24/2024; triggered 8 reporting MMPs • Late 3rd Quarter 2024 SMR; submitted 82 days late on 11/14/2025; triggered 2 reporting MMPs	$63,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	9/18/2026
4	West Basin MWD/ El Segundo	MMPs for: • 2 exceedances of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for oil and grease • 2 exceedances of the AWEL for oil and grease	$12,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	9/18/2026
5S	Grass Valley City/ Grass Valley	MMPs for four exceedances of the 7-day median for total coliform	$12,000 (MMP – $1,000 to	9/17/2026

			CAA and $11,000 to compliance project (CP))	
5S	Nevada CSD No 1/ Nevada City	MMPs for: • Exceedance of the AWEL for total nitrate plus nitrate measured as nitrogen (nitrate + nitrite as N) • 2 exceedances of the AMEL for nitrate + nitrite (as N)	$9,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	9/17/2026
7	Niland County Sanitation District/ Niland	MMPs for: • 4 exceedances of the minimum percent removal effluent limit for TSS • Exceedance of the weekly and statistical threshold value (STV) for Escherichia coli (E. coli)	$15,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	9/1/2026

Investigative Orders

Region	Discharger/ City	Description	Date Issued
2	Real Freedom LLC/ Livermore	13267 Investigative Order requires a per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) Investigation Workplan and Completion Report for the device manufacturing facility located at 350 Lindbergh Avenue in Livermore.	9/3/2026
2	Airport Oaks Owners Association/ Livermore	13267 Investigative Order requires a PFAS Investigation Workplan and Completion Report for the former metal machinery manufacturing facility, Neotract located at 151 Lindbergh Avenue in Livermore.	9/3/2026
2	Crowley Maritime Corporation/ Oakland	13267 Investigative Order requires the submission of a Sediment Site Investigation Workplan for wastes in the subtidal zone containing pollutants such as copper, lead, mercury, zinc, PAHs, PCBs, and tributyltin (TBT) at Pacific Dry Dock Yard I, located at 1441 Embarcadero in Oakland.	9/3/2026
3	Ennis,	13267 Order R3-2026-0016 requires the submittal of either 1) a site assessment	9/22/2026

	Inc. and Esteem Land Company, LLC/ Paso Robles	report detailing the work pursuant to the April 28, 2025, Sierra Delta revised Work Plan for Additional Site Characterization or 2) an alternative work plan to fully delineate impacts to soil, soil gas, groundwater, and indoor air quality at the site located at 298 Sherwood Road in Paso Robles.	
4	Temple Resources, LLC and Vida Resources, LLC/ Los Angeles	13267 Order R4-2026-0101 requires a work plan for a subsurface investigation that shall include soil matrix analysis for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and 1,4-dioxane, and soil vapor analysis for VOCs at the former Transco Products located at 12210 Nebraska Avenue in Los Angeles	9/11/2026
4	TEC-Processing Co, Inc and Ivan and Jesus Alcantara / Pacoima	13267 Order R4-2026-0232 requires the submittal of any existing environmental assessments and a work plan for a subsurface investigation that includes soil matrix analysis for VOCs, 1,4-dioxane, heavy metals, including hexavalent chromium, and PFAS, as well as soil vapor analysis for VOCs and 1,4-dioxane, for the site located at 11263 Ilex Avenue in Pacoima.	9/15/2026
4	12210 NEBRASKA AVE, LLC and Fred and Susan Salenger Family Trust/ Los Angeles	13267 Order R4-2026-0217 requires a site assessment work plan for a subsurface investigation that shall vertically and horizontally delineate the extent of the discharges of oil in soil and soil vapor, specifically including soil matrix analyses for total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), VOCs, and heavy metals at Temple Resources located at 1314 Firmin Street in Los Angeles	9/16/2026
4	Magellan Aerospace, Middletown, Inc./ Carson	13267 Order R4-2026-0111 requires the submittal of a report on facility operations, equipment, environmental assessments, and historical spill and mitigation efforts and requires the completion of a Chemical Storage and Use Questionnaire for the former Wayfarer Distribution Center located at 18620 South Broadway Street and 18601 South Main Street in the City of Carson.	9/16/2026
4	Ultramar Inc./ Wilminton	13267 Order R4-2026-0230 requires an investigation to delineate the lateral and	9/17/2026

		vertical extents of PFAS in the soil at the Ultramar Marine Terminal located at 961 La Paloma Avenue in Wilmington.	
State Water Board	3M Company/ Corona	13267 Order OE-2026-0001 requires a site investigation work plan that includes a description of how PFAS were used, released, or disposed of at your facility and an evaluation of the potential pathways for offsite migration, including contamination in the surface and subsurface soil, groundwater, and stormwater, for the 3M Roofing Granule Plant located at 18750 Minnesota Road in Corona.	9/23/2026

Cleanup and Abatement Orders

Region	Discharger/ City	Description	Date Issued
1	Louis Neve and Raelene Neve/ Petaluma	Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) R1-2026-0061 for the unauthorized clearing, grubbing, grading, and excavation within and adjacent to Americano Creek, including the removal of riparian willow woodland and wetland vegetation, and the placement of dredged sediment and woody debris within and adjacent to Americano Creek and its associated wetlands. Requires the submittal and implementation of an Interim Stabilization Plan.	9/30/2026
5S	Deanna M. Carvalho Rocha and Victor Fanelli/ Hilmar	CAO R5-2026-0702 for the unauthorized application and discharge of human waste in the wastewater pond, standpipe, and field valve on-site at the M & M Carvalho Trust Ranch, located at 23570 West Geer Avenue in Hilmar. Requires a Pond Cleanout Plan, a signed affidavit that disposal of human waste to the wastewater pond ceased, and a Closure Plan.	9/10/2026

Time Schedule Orders

Region	Discharger/ City	Description	Date Issued
1	Baldwin, Justin and Mia/ Garberville	Time Schedule Order (TSO) R1-2026-0050 for completion of tasks not completed pursuant to CAO R1-2023-0042, specifically the full implementation of a Cleanup, Restoration, and Monitoring Plan and a final Completion Report.	9/01/2026

Other Enforcement Actions Taken[1]

Region	No. of Actions	Region	No. of Actions
1	59	5S	357
2	183	6T	8
3	129	6V	86
4	357	7	96
5F	189	8	430
5R	45	9	240
		SWRCB	2

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

SWAMP Freshwater and Estuarine Harmful Algal Bloom Program

Wonders of Water Elementary Field Trip

The SWAMP Freshwater and Estuarine Harmful Algal Bloom (FHAB) Program volunteered with other agencies on October 9th to teach elementary students in the Lake Tahoe Unified School District the importance of protecting water quality. FHAB Program staff led an activity on the impacts of pollution on water quality and actions students can take to help protect their watershed. The activity ended with an interactive game demonstrating how pollution impacts clean flowing water, embracing the spirit of the outdoor field trip.

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 offering a tribally-centered FHAB Monitoring Training Series in 2026.

The dates for the final courses in the series have been set for Nov. 5 and Dec. 16, and registration for both courses is open – see the flyer and table below for more details!

Upcoming Courses

Training Date & Time	Course Title	Supporting Documents
Nov. 5, 2026 9 am - 12 pm PT	SWAMP FHAB Data Analysis & Interpretation	Registration Link Course Flyer
Wed. Dec. 16, 2026 9 am – 12 pm PT	FHAB Mitigation, Research & Case Studies	Registration Link Course Flyer

Training Series 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.

For more information, please see the Training Series Webpage.

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

OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND PERFORMANCE

Water Storage Investment Program

On September 16, staff presented to the California Water Commission on the current draft version of a possible contract between the State Water Board and the Inland Empire Utility Agency regarding the administration of the Chino Basin Project's water quality public benefit.

Water Conservation

Staff held the third Getting to Efficiency public webinar on September 22, a follow up on data management from the webinar on August 5. To access recordings and resources from the series, visit: Getting to Efficiency: A Technical Assistance Webinar Series for Making Conservation a California Way of Life.

Getting to Efficiency is a State Water Board webinar series held in collaboration with the California Data Collaborative and the California Water Efficiency Partnership that provides information to help urban retail water suppliers address technical and data issues when completing water use efficiency reports.

Variance and temporary provision requests for the 2025-2026 reporting year were due no later than October 1, 2026. Requests were submitted to waterconservation@waterboards.ca.gov. Please see our webpage for more information.

Climate Change

On September 18th, Water Board staff joined a "Aligning Urban Vegetation Management and Water Conservation for Wildfire Resilience" workshop hosted by UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation and UC Agriculture and Natural Resources/ California Institute for Water Resources.

International Collaboration

On September 14th, Water Board staff met with staff from Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) to discuss a prospective pilot project to advance Indigenous-led water quality monitoring, forecasting, and resilience through the braiding of earth observation data, in-situ sampling, and traditional ecological knowledge.

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

Water Quality Petitions Currently Under Consideration for Review by the State Water Board (as of October 1, 2026)

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-2948	Petition of Chiquita Canyon, LLC for Review of Water Code Sections 13267 and 13383 Order No. R4-2026-0156 for Chiquita Canyon Landfill, Los Angeles County; Issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board	7/13/2026	10/9/2026
A-2951	Petition of Mission Linen Supply for Review of Water Code section 13320 Order No. R3-2008-0027 Revised July 22, 2026 for Former Ambassador Laundry, Santa Barbara County; Issued by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board	8/19/2026	11/17/2026

A-2953	Petition of Gardena Valley Democratic Club for Review of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R4-2026-0226 for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Facilities in the Dominguez Channel - Los Angeles and Long Beach Inner Harbor Watershed and the Los Cerritos Channel - Alamitos Bay Watershed, Los Angeles County, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board	8/21/2026	11/19/2026
A-2956	Petition of Halliburton Energy Services Inc. for Review of Water Code section 13267 Order No. R4-2026-0003 for Patagonia Works, 210, 230, and 280 West Main Street, 43 and 59 South Olive Street, 235 and 259 West Santa Clara Street, Ventura County; Issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board	9/21/2026	12/18/2026
A-2957	Petition of Environment California, Inc. and California Sportfishing Protection Alliance for Review of Waste Discharge Requirements No. R3-2026-0018 for the Granite Rock Company, Arthur R. Wilson Quarry, San Benito County; Issued by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board	9/21/2026	12/18/2026

OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

(Submits Quarterly)

OFFICE OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, EQUITY and TRIBAL AFFAIRS

The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs (OPEETA) ensures the Water Boards decision-making processes involve the public and uplift the voices of environmental justice communities and California Native American Tribes. Primary program areas include the SAFER Drinking Water program, public participation and engagement with environmental justice communities, language access, Tribal affairs, and internal workforce equity.

Tribal Affairs

The Tribal Affairs program strengthens the Water Boards' relationships with California Native American Tribes, conducts meaningful government-to-government consultations, deepens the staff's understanding of tribal needs, and supports tribal participation in Water Boards' decision-making processes, meetings, events, and hearings.

Tribal Consultations

The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs serves as the State Water Board's central coordinating body for Tribal consultations, providing guidance, tools, and oversight to ensure that consultations are conducted consistently, respectfully, and in alignment with state and federal requirements. The Office supports regions, divisions, and offices by facilitating early engagement, promoting cultural humility, and strengthening government-to-government relationships that uphold Tribal sovereignty and informed decision making.

This overview provides a summary of consultation opportunities offered and reflects the California Water Boards' commitment to early, transparent, and meaningful government-to-government engagement with California Native American Tribes.

Lead RDO	Project Title
Division of Water Quality (DWQ)	Invitation To Engage In Discussions Regarding Planned Well Destruction Activities, Kia's Service Station Well Removal Project, 3201 East 7th Street, Long Beach, Los Angeles County
Division of Water Rights (DWR)	Lee Vining Creek Hydroelectric Project Relicensing
	Tribal Consultation Regarding The Mccloud-Pit Hydroelectric Project Relicensing
Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs (OPEETA)	Request For Consultation On The Draft Guidance On Designating Tribal Beneficial Uses
Region 2-San Francisco Bay	Invitation For Tirbal Consultation On A Basin Plan Amendment To Support Nutrient Reductions
R5-Central Valley	Azteca Milling L.P., Azteca Madera Masa Plant, Madera County

R7-Colorado River	Invitation To Engage - Former Usa Service Station No. 295, 1036 Imperial Avenue, Calexico, Imperial County Geotracker Id No. T0602558699
	Former Mecca Chevron/Proposed Mecca Senior Center, 91200 Highway 195 {66th Avenue) Mecca, Riverside County, Geotracker Global Id No. T0000003076

Executive Summary

During the third quarter of 2026, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), through OPEETA and in coordination with regional water boards and program staff, continued advancing government-to-government relationships with California Native American Tribes, strengthening opportunities for meaningful Tribal participation in water resource management, and supporting the recognition and protection of Tribal cultural, environmental, and beneficial use interests.

Major activities during this reporting period included continued Tribal engagement on the draft Tribal Beneficial Uses (TBU) Guidance, participation in the 2026 Native American Day at the Cultural Heritage Pavilion, Tribal engagement associated with the QVIR land restoration and funding decision, participation in the third-quarter California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting hosted by the Tachi Yokut Tribe, and executive-level participation in the Clear Lake Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing and celebration.

Tribal Beneficial Uses Guidance —
Public Release, Tribal Engagement, and Comment Period

The State Water Board continued developing draft guidance to support the consideration and designation of Tribal Beneficial Uses in California's water quality planning framework. Tribal Beneficial Uses recognize the importance of water resources to California Native American Tribes, including traditional cultural practices, subsistence activities, and the protection of waters that support Tribal lifeways.

Following the public release of the draft TBU Guidance on June 10, 2026, the State Water Board continued its public review and Tribal engagement process through August 31, 2026.

On July 22, 2026, the State Water Board conducted a public workshop to provide an overview of the draft guidance, explain the proposed approach to implementation, identify available resources and tools, and provide an opportunity for public and Tribal feedback. The workshop also reinforced opportunities for Tribes to submit written comments and request government-to-government consultation.

On July 28, 2026, OPEETA convened the TBU Working Group, providing an opportunity to discuss the workshop, review implementation considerations, and gather input on a

proposed standardized Tribal Beneficial Use designation request form. Regional Water Board representatives also shared updates on ongoing TBU activities.

The public comment period concluded August 31, 2026. During the reporting period, OPEETA continued coordinating Tribal outreach, responding to consultation inquiries, and supporting communication between Tribal governments and Water Board programs.

2026 California Native American Day — Cultural Heritage Pavilion and Tribal Engagement

The 59th annual California Native American Day was observed on September 25, 2026, at the State Capitol in Sacramento. The annual observance recognizes the histories, cultures, sovereignty, and ongoing contributions of California Native American Tribes.

The 2026 theme, Inherent Sovereignty: Tribal Nations Fighting to Protect Our People and Defend Our Land, emphasized the importance of Tribal self-determination and the protection of Tribal lands, waters, cultural practices, and communities.

The Cultural Heritage Pavilion provided a setting for Tribal cultural education, community participation, and engagement among Tribal representatives, state agencies, and members of the public. This was the Water Boards 12th year of coordinating and hosting the Cultural Heritage Pavillion. This year's Cultural Heritage Pavilion featured 17 individual cultural practitioners, and 5 tribal cultural departments from 16 tribal nations throughout the State.

Quartz Valley Indian Reservation — Funding Decision and Board Hearing

One of the quarter's significant milestones occurred on July 21, 2026, when the State Water Board approved financing supporting the Quartz Valley Indian Reservation's acquisition of nearly 40,000 acres of ancestral lands in the Klamath River Basin.

The State Water Board approved a $1.3 million grant and $23.7 million zero-interest Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan to support the acquisition. According to the State Water Board, the project represents the second-largest Tribal land return in California by acreage and the largest land return in the country completed through a single transaction. (California Water Board)

The property borders the Reservation and encompasses headwaters and tributaries of the Scott River in Siskiyou County. Planned Tribal stewardship activities include measures intended to protect water quality and salmon habitat, including road decommissioning, erosion control, preservation of shade-providing vegetation, and other watershed restoration activities.

CalEPA Tribal Advisory Committee — Third-Quarter Meeting Hosted by the Tachi Yokut Tribe

OPEETA participated in the Q3 California Environmental Protection Agency Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting hosted by the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe at Tachi Palace in Lemoore.

The two-day meeting began with a traditional welcome and introduction from the host Tribe. Tribal representatives shared information regarding the Tribe's history, relationship to its lands and resources, current efforts, and priorities. Beginning the meeting from the perspective of the host Tribe helped situate subsequent agency discussions within the cultural, historical, and environmental context of the place where the meeting was occurring.

The first day included discussions related to saltgrass harvesting, pesticide issues including glyphosate, regional environmental work, and Tribal Beneficial Use designation efforts. A TBU session included Tribal perspectives on designation work and coordination with the California Indian Environmental Alliance.

These discussions highlighted the relationship between environmental conditions and the continued ability of Tribal communities to gather, practice culture, maintain relationships with culturally important species, and pass knowledge between generations. They also demonstrated why environmental indicators that may appear discrete within individual regulatory programs can be interconnected from a Tribal perspective.

The second day incorporated a field component focused on Tribal lands and natural and cultural resources. Experiencing the landscape directly provided additional context for discussions that otherwise may be understood primarily through regulatory documents, datasets, maps, or program presentations.

The Tribal lands visited included Painted Rock on the Tule River Reservation, an area only accessible to Tule River tribal members, or by escort of Tule River tribal members and previously requested. Painted Rock is a Sacred and historical site of importance to the Tule River Tribe because it has preserved paintings dating over 20,000 years ago. The river bank that Painted Rock nears is also the same river bank of the largest Tule River village existing before colonization. It is the same river that the Tule River Tribe gets surface water to supplement their drinking water needs.

Clear Lake Watershed and Chi (Ṣátti) Co-Management Agreement — Historic Signing and Celebration

On September 11, 2026, the State Water Board joined seven Tribal governments, CalEPA and other state agencies, and local governments at Big Valley Rancheria for the signing celebration of the Clear Lake Watershed and Chi (Ṣátti) Co-Management Agreement. As California's first watershed co-management agreement under the state's Tribal Stewardship Policy, the nonbinding agreement establishes a framework for shared stewardship and coordinated action to improve water quality, restore habitat, and support recovery of culturally important native species, including the Chi.

The agreement represents an important milestone in the State Water Board's sustained commitment to Clear Lake. Since the Chi emergency was brought to its attention in 2023, the Board has steadily expanded its efforts from emergency response to long-term investments in science, monitoring, enforcement, Tribal capacity, and watershed health. Through the Clear Lake Task Force, the Water Boards have played a central role in bringing together Tribal, state, and local governments, agricultural interests, and other stakeholders to advance collaborative solutions. The Co-Management Agreement builds upon and formalizes many of the relationships, coordination efforts, and shared priorities developed through that work, establishing a more enduring framework for watershed stewardship.

The State Water Board and Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board are both parties to the agreement, bringing their respective authorities, programs, and technical expertise to the broader partnership. State Water Board Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel emphasized that decades of monitoring have improved understanding of the conditions affecting Clear Lake and that the agreement creates a structure for Tribal, state, and local governments to act on that knowledge together.

Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER)

The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs' role within the SAFER drinking water program includes developing and implementing effective community engagement and outreach strategies that ensure Californians who lack safe, adequate, and affordable drinking water receive it as quickly as possible and that the water systems serving them establish sustainable solutions.

SAFER Advisory Group

The SAFER Advisory Group application period launched in July 2026 to recruit members representing diverse perspectives and experiences to provide the State Water Board with constructive advice and feedback on the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund Expenditure Plan and other related policies and analyses. Outreach included three social media posts, a newsletter, and two GovDelivery announcements, all distributed in English and Spanish. During the application period, 41 applications were received and are currently under review to inform recommendations for appointment. Additionally, the first external SAFER newsletter was distributed through GovDelivery on August 12 to 4,373 recipients, generating 2,147 total opens.

Allensworth Drinking Water Engagement

In May 2026, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs published a Spanish-English bilingual factsheet to address questions in plain language about the current drinking water quality and ongoing water system improvements in Allensworth Community Services District. This factsheet, developed in collaboration with the Division of Drinking Water and the Division of Financial Assistance, addressed both foundational questions commonly voiced by SAFER drinking water project communities and specific community concerns voiced by Allensworth residents.

In May 2026 and June 2026, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs presented its factsheet to the Allensworth community by attending the existing public meetings of the Allensworth Community Services District Board and the Allensworth Progressive Association, respectively.

Language Access

The Language Access program ensures that the Water Boards comply with state and federal language access laws by providing all Californians with meaningful and consistent language access services.

Oral Interpretation Services

Between July and September 2026, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs coordinated 13 Spanish interpretation service requests for meetings and conversations between staff and members of the public. Meetings and programs included the regional water board meetings, the Northern Tulare County next steps meeting, Consolidation of Norcal Water Works with Del Oro Water Company - Larkspur Meadows, Tentative Order R8-2026-0034 and LCRI Regulation Board Presentation.

Written Translation of Documents

Between July and September 2026, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs delivered 91 translations of written documents for various regions, divisions, and offices. The translations included agendas, public notices, presentations, fact sheets, staff reports, emails, and compliance letters. Programs and projects that utilized translation services include various Regional Boards, Sustainable Groundwater Management, SAFER Drinking Water, Groundwater Protection, Watersheds & Wetlands, Surface Water Permitting and others. These translations were provided in a total of 4 languages to meet the community needs: Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Vietnamese, and Hmong.

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

Appendix A

October 2026

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 September 2026; 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 August 1, 2026, to September 30, 2026. 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 continue reviewing the Final Expert Panel Recommendations Report (Final Report), which was the result of 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* (Central Coast Ag Water Quality Order). More information on the Panel can be found on the Expert Panel webpage.

State Water Board staff is convening a Workshop to facilitate Regional Boards' input on their local ILRPs, to support the program's future development. The Workshop is anticipated to occur on January 21, 2026. Staff encourages the public to sign up for the email list located on the main Agriculture webpage for ILRP updates, including information on future public meetings and engagement opportunities.

North Coast Regional Water Board adopted Order R1-2026-0035 on August 6, 2026, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Commercial Lily Bulb Operations in the Smith River Plain* (Lily Bulb Order) and Resolution R1-2026-0036 certifying the accompanying Environmental Impact Report. The Lily Bulb Order will regulate agricultural discharges from approximately 1000 acres of lily bulb fields on rotation in the Smith River Plain in Del Norte County. Lily bulb agriculture has the potential to discharge copper and synthetic pesticides to surface waters. The Lily Bulb Order addresses these water quality priorities through requiring implementation of management practices, water quality monitoring and reporting, and a robust adaptive management program when Water Quality Benchmarks are exceeded. The enrollment deadline for the Lily Bulb Order is March 1, 2027.

On September 17, 2026, the North Coast Regional Water Board released Draft Order R1-20XX-XXXX, *Draft General Waste Discharge Requirements for Irrigated Lands in the Scott River and Shasta River Watersheds* (Draft Scott and Shasta Ag Order) and an accompanying Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR). The 60-day public comment period will close on November 16, 2026. The North Coast Regional Water Board held a public workshop in Yreka, CA on October 1, 2026. The Draft Scott and Shasta Ag Order would regulate discharges from approximately 86,000 acres of irrigated agricultural lands in the Scott River and Shasta River

watersheds. The Draft Scott and Shasta Ag Order addresses high temperature and biostimulatory conditions in the mainstem Scott and Shasta Rivers and their tributaries through riparian shade and grazing requirements, a requirement to eliminate or control tailwater discharges to meet Water Quality Benchmarks, and an adaptive management program where Water Quality Benchmarks are not achieved. The Draft EIR identified a significant and unavoidable impact to Agriculture and Forestry Resources due to the potential conversion of Prime Farmland to a non-agricultural use through a tillage prohibition in the Riparian Vegetation Area. Staff plan to develop revisions over the next year and bring a Proposed Scott and Shasta Ag Order and Final EIR to the North Coast Water Board for adoption in spring 2028.

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board staff continue working with enrollees to complete Annual Reports and update enrollment information. Starting in October, staff will organize enrollment data to help streamline the upcoming invoicing cycle. Ongoing coordination with Farm Bureaus will continue throughout the invoicing process.

Central Coast Regional Water Board facilitated a public workshop on August 26, 2026, with certain members of the Agricultural and Environmental Justice communities to discuss the Drinking Water Solutions Program in Proposed Order R3-2021-0040-A1, as amended by State Water Board Order WQ 2023-0081 (Proposed Ag Order). The workshop included a facilitated discussion on three topics: a) incentives for dischargers to participate in the alternative water supply program, b) the scope of the interim water supply program (e.g., which residents and water supply systems are eligible), and c) the scope of the long-term drinking water solutions program. For each topic, workshop participants identified areas of common ground as well as areas that staff should further investigate and develop for the Proposed Ag Order.

Los Angeles Regional Water Board's approved third-party group sent TMDL exceedance notification packets to over 300 growers in Ventura County to inform them of their Discharge Limitations. Growers are expected to send the Los Angeles Regional Water Board staff their compliance track selection of either: 1) Monitoring and Reporting Plan or 2) Management Practice Plan by November 14, 2026.

On September 18, 2026, staff sent approximately 100 certified mail notifications to landowners of agricultural parcels with domestic wells on their property to test for nitrate as part of the requirements in Order R4-2023-0353, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Agricultural Lands within the Los Angeles Region* (Los Angeles Ag Order).

On September 22, 2026, staff participated in the Ventura County Farm Bureau Agritech Fair in Oxnard, CA. Staff were invited to answer questions for growers in person. Additionally, on September 29, 2026, staff conducted "Office Hour" sessions with growers and consultants at the Ventura County Farm Bureau Office in Oxnard to answer questions on TMDL compliance or any other ILRP matters.

Staff continued coordination with the Los Angeles Irrigated Lands Group (LAILG) and the Ventura County Agricultural Irrigated Lands Group (VCAILG), including developing Microsoft Teams Channels with both third-party groups to aid communication and collaboration.

Colorado River Basin Regional Water Board's Executive Officer, Michael Placencia, sent a response letter to Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez on September 15, 2026. The letter was regarding his support letter for the Palo Verde Outfall Coalition's (PVOC) request for region-specific nitrate monitoring and implementation.

Staff attended the quarterly technical meeting with Coachella Valley Irrigated Lands Coalition (CVILC) on September 2, 2026, and Imperial Valley Irrigated Lands Coalition (IVILC) on September 17, 2026. The third-party groups provided progress updates on meeting Irrigation Nitrogen Management Plan (INMP) requirements.

Staff attended a technical meeting with Bard Unit Coalition Group (BUCG) on September 2, 2026, and discussed reporting requirements with their new project manager.

Santa Ana Regional Water Board's Western Riverside County Agricultural Coalition (WRCAC), hosted a webinar on July 16, 2026, attended by approximately three members. The webinar covered the simplified reporting method for the Water Quality Index Ag tool (WQIAg), the new protocol for the TMDL fee structure, and the process for determining minor and priority sources for fee assessment.

On August 20, 2026, the San Jacinto Coalition (SJC) hosted an educational webinar to assist enrollees in meeting the annual education requirements of Order No. R8-2023-0006, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste from Irrigated Lands in the San Jacinto River Watershed, Riverside County* (Santa Ana Ag Order). The webinar provided attendees with training on the use of the Data Management Tool, a refresher of compliance pathway for coalition members, and a presentation on the overview of the 2025 INMP report to be submitted on September 15, 2026. The webinar also included information on the proposed outlier methodology calculation. The webinar was attended by approximately 16 representatives of agricultural operations in the San Jacinto River watershed and lasted approximately two hours.

The **Lahontan** and **San Diego Regional Water Boards** had no significant program updates from August 1, 2026, to September 30, 2026.