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STAFF RECOGNITION

SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARDS

The Central Valley Water Board believes in recognizing superior employee performance via the Employee Recognition Program. This Program consists of monthly Employee Recognition Awards (ERAs) and Superior Accomplish Awards (SAAs). ERAs are presented at monthly All Staff Meetings with a certificate and announcement by the Executive Officer (EO). SAAs are presented at Board Meetings and include a certificate, monetary award, and announcement by the EO. Employee Recognition Awards can be viewed on the Board's website at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/press_room/employee_recognition/).

PROGRAM REPORTS

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM (ILRP)

ILRP QUARTERLY STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

More information regarding the stakeholder meetings can be found on the Central Valley Water Boards' ILRP – Stakeholder Meetings and Workgroups web page at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/regulatory_information/stakeholder_advisory_workgroup/).

ILRP COMPLIANCE, OUTREACH, & ENFORCEMENT

DRINKING WATER WELL MONITORING OUTREACH

All ILRP enrollees are required to monitor drinking water wells on enrolled parcels for nitrate plus nitrite as nitrogen and notify users if the drinking water standard is exceeded. This started with members of the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition and Tulare Lake Basin Coalitions in 2019 and 2020, respectively. Members of the San Joaquin & Delta, Grasslands and Westside San Joaquin River Coalitions started monitoring in 2021, and members of the Rice Commission and Sacramento Valley and Westlands Water Quality Coalitions in 2022.

Board staff are tracking notification submittals and conducting follow-up as needed to ensure that members/landowners with wells exceeding the nitrate drinking water standard are notifying users of the impacted wells. Between 1 September to 31 October, 130 samples were submitted to GeoTracker by 67 agricultural coalition members/landowners. Approximately 12 percent of the samples exceeded the drinking water standard. During the same period, staff sent emails/phone calls to members reminding them of the notification requirement. Out of 4,655 drinking water well exceedances since the beginning of the program, staff has received 4,601 notification

responses. Staff continue to follow up with phone calls, emails, letters and notices of violation, as necessary, for inadequate notification action.

Board staff sent 5,096 “Reminder to Sample” postcards to members during this reporting period.

Region-wide, this effort has resulted in 26,854 nitrogen samples being collected and entered into GeoTracker for over 14,756 wells, with approximately 32% percent of the wells exceeding the nitrate drinking water standard (as of 31 October 2026).

OUTREACH PACKAGES FOR ENROLLMENT

Water Board staff sent outreach packages prior to 13260 Directives to owners of potential commercial irrigated lands. Outreach packages are sent to potential non-filers to provide them with information on the ILRP and steps for enrolling in the program. Staff then follow up with Directives as needed. Coalition areas not shown had no outreach packages mailed during the reporting period.

REMINDER LETTERS FOR MEMBER REPORTS

Water Board staff sent reminder letters prior to notices of violation to members who have failed to submit their member report(s) by the Board-approved due dates. Coalition areas not shown had no reminder letters mailed during the reporting period.

ON-FARM INSPECTIONS FOR GENERAL ORDER COMPLIANCE

The purpose of on-farm inspections is for Board staff to visit coalition-enrolled farms and discuss water quality-related issues with growers. These inspections include staff review of the farm evaluations, irrigation and nitrogen management plans and sediment and erosion control plans. Board staff inspect the site conditions, including potential discharge points to surface waters, pollution management practices, chemical storage and handling areas, and wellhead protection practices. Coalition areas not shown had no on-farm inspections during the reporting period.

Coalition Area	On-Farm Inspections 1 Sep – 31 Oct
San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition	1
Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority	1
Total	2

WATER CODE SECTION 13260 DIRECTIVES

Staff sent Directive letters to owners of potential commercial irrigated lands identified through staff inspections of agricultural-zoned parcels. The directives require recipients

to obtain permit coverage within 15 days of receipt. Coalition areas not shown had no Directives mailed during the reporting period.

Coalition Area	Directive Letters sent 1 Sep – 31 Oct
Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition	150
San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition	49
Kaweah Basin Water Quality Coalition	38
Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority	87
Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority	128
Tule Basin Water Quality Coalition	63
Westlands Water Quality Coalition	9
Total	524

NOTICES OF VIOLATION FOR FAILURE TO RESPOND TO SECTION 13260 DIRECTIVES

Notices of Violation (NOVs) were sent to those who did not respond to a Directive letter. Failure to respond to the NOV subjects the discharger to further enforcement actions which may include an administrative civil liability order. Coalition areas not shown had no directives mailed during the reporting period.

Coalition Area	NOVs sent 1 Sep – 31 Oct
Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition	4
Kaweah Basin Water Quality Coalition	2
Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority	17
Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority	13
Tule Basin Water Quality Coalition	8
Westlands Water Quality Coalition	4
Total	48

NOTICES OF VIOLATION FOR FAILURE TO SUBMIT A MEMBER REPORT

Notices of Violation (NOVs) were sent to coalition members for failure to submit their member report(s) by the Board-approved deadlines. Members who did not respond to our reminder letters were issued NOVs urging them to promptly provide their report(s) to their respective coalitions or potentially face monetary penalties. Coalition areas not shown had no directives mailed during the reporting period.

Coalition Area	NOVs sent 1 Sep – 31 Oct
East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition	201
Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition	273
San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition	353
Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition	453
Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority	1
Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority	221
Tule Basin Water Quality Coalition	2
Westlands Water Quality Coalition	10
Total	1,514

ENFORCEMENT FOLLOW-UP

ILRP staff continues to conduct significant compliance and outreach efforts associated with obtaining appropriate enrollment in the program and ensuring late member reports are submitted to the coalitions. During this reporting period, staff conducted two on-farm inspections and issued Notices of Violations (NOVs) to members who failed to submit their Farm Evaluations and/or Irrigation and Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Reports. Staff also followed up with potential non-filers by mailing 13260 Directive Orders and NOVs.

Throughout the compliance and enforcement process, staff works closely with the agricultural water quality coalitions.

SACRAMENTO RIVER WATERSHED COALITION GROUPS

ILRP Acronyms

Acronyms	Meaning
GW	Groundwater
HVA	High Vulnerability Area
MPU	Monitoring Plan Update
SQMP	Surface Water Quality Management Plan

CALIFORNIA RICE COMMISSION

Deliverables and Activities

Submittal Date	Item	Review Status	Notes
5/11/2026	Algae Toxicity SQMP	Re-submitted 10/2/26; Under review	

SACRAMENTO VALLEY WATER QUALITY COALITION

Deliverables and Activities

Submittal Date	Item	Review Status	Notes
09/01/2026	2027 MPU	Under review	Revised through 10/20/2026
09/15/2026	2026 GW HVA: 5-Year Update	Under review	

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER WATERSHED COALITION GROUPS

ILRP Acronyms

Acronyms	Meaning
AMR	Annual Monitoring Report
MPU	Monitoring Plan Update

Acronyms	Meaning
QAPP	Quality Assurance Project Plan
SW	Surface Water

EAST SAN JOAQUIN WATER QUALITY COALITION

Deliverables and Activities

Submittal Date	Item	Review Status	Notes
9/1/2026	MPU	Approved 9/25/2026	
10/9/2026	QAPP Amendment	Under review	

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AND DELTA WATER QUALITY COALITION

Deliverables and Activities

Submittal Date	Item	Review Status	Notes
12/18/2025	Norman Nursery	Approved 9/4/2026	Rescind Norman's Nursery site-specific management plan
9/1/2026	MPU	Approved 10/5/2026	Surface Water
10/23/2024	SW QAPP	Approved 10/21/2026	Fully revised QAPP
10/13/2026	QAPP Amendment	Under review	

WESTSIDE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER WATERSHED COALITION

Deliverables and Activities

Submittal Date	Item	Review Status	Notes
10/01/2026	SW AMR	Under review	

GRASSLAND DRAINAGE AREA COALITION

Deliverables and Activities

Submittal Date	Item	Review Status	Notes
10/22/2026	Request for Third-Party change	Under consideration at Board Meeting	

TULARE LAKE BASIN COALITION GROUPS

ILRP Acronyms

Acronyms	Meaning
AMR	Annual Monitoring Report
ASR	Annual Status Report
C. dubia	*Ceriodaphnia dubia*
CGQMP	Comprehensive Groundwater Quality Management Plan
CSQMP	Comprehensive Surface Water Quality Management Plan
DDE	Dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene
E. coli	Escherichia coli
GAR	Groundwater Quality Assessment Report
GQTM	Groundwater Quality Trend Monitoring
H. azteca	Hyalella azteca
MPU	Monitoring Plan Update
PEP	Pesticide Evaluation Protocol
QAO	Quality Assurance Officer
QAPP	Quality Assurance Project Plan
SIS	Source Identification Study
SQMP	Surface Water Quality Management Plan

Acronyms	Meaning
SW	Surface Water

BUENA VISTA COALITION

Deliverables and Activities

Submittal Date	Item	Review Status	Notes
08/31/2026	2025 AMR	Under Review	
09/01/2026	2nd Quarter 2026 SW Data Submittal	Completed 09/29/2026	
09/04/2026	2027 PEP	Approved 09/25/2026	

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT COALITION

Deliverables and Activities

Submittal Date	Item	Review Status	Notes
08/31/2026	2025 AMR	Under Review	
09/01/2026	1st Quarter 2026 SW Data Submittal	Completed 09/14/2026	
10/14/2026	Revised GQTM Well Network Update	Under Review	

KAWEAH BASIN WATER QUALITY ASSOCIATION

Deliverables and Activities

Submittal Date	Item	Review Status	Notes
08/31/2026	2025 AMR	Under Review	
08/31/2026	2025 CGQMP ASR	Under Review	
09/01/2026	2025 CSQMP ASR	Under Review	

Submittal Date	Item	Review Status	Notes
09/01/2026	2nd Quarter 2026 SW Data Submittal	Completed 09/29/2026	
09/08/2026	2027 PEP	Approved 09/23/2026	

KERN RIVER WATERSHED COALITION AUTHORITY

Deliverables and Activities

Submittal Date	Item	Review Status	Notes
10/20/2025	Chanac Creek SIS Proposal for Molybdenum and Total Zinc / SQMP Total Zinc Addendum	Under Review	
08/31/2026	2025 AMR	Under Review	
08/31/2026	Chanac Creek 2025 SQMP ASR	Under Review	
08/31/2026	2025 CGQMP ASR	Under Review	
09/01/2026	2nd Quarter 2026 SW Data Submittal	Completed 09/29/2026	
09/08/2026	2027 PEP	Approved 09/25/2026	

KINGS RIVER WATER QUALITY COALITION

Deliverables and Activities

Submittal Date	Item	Review Status	Notes
08/31/2026	2025 AMR	Under Review	
08/31/2026	2025 CGQMP ASR	Under Review	
09/01/2026	1st Quarter 2026 SW Data Submittal	Received	

TULE BASIN WATER QUALITY COALITION

Deliverables and Activities

Submittal Date	Item	Review Status	Notes
07/06/2026	Revised GAR 5-Year Update	Under Review	
09/01/2026	2025 AMR	Under Review	
09/16/2026	Revised QAPP	Under Review	Sent to QAO for Review 10/21/2026

WESTLANDS WATER QUALITY COALITION

Deliverables and Activities

Submittal Date	Item	Review Status	Notes
09/01/2026	1st Quarter 2026 SW Data Submittal	Received	
09/01/2026	2027 MPU	Approved 10/22/2026	
10/01/2026	2025 SW AMR	Under Review	
10/07/2026	Management Plan Completion Request for *C. dubia* at Arroyo Pasajero and *H. Azteca* at Panoche-Silver Creek	Under Review	
10/13/2026	2027 QAPP Amendment	Under Review	

WESTSIDE WATER QUALITY COALITION

Deliverables and Activities

Submittal Date	Item	Review Status	Notes
08/31/2026	2025 AMR	Under Review	

Submittal Date	Item	Review Status	Notes
08/31/2026	2025 CGQMP ASR	Under Review	
08/31/2026	2nd Quarter 2026 SW Data Submittal	Completed 10/06/2026	
09/09/2026	2027 PEP	Approved 09/23/26	

OTHER PROJECTS

DATA MANAGEMENT

ILRP staff routes water quality monitoring data through the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) for transfer to California Environmental Data Exchange Network (CEDEN), with uploads occurring monthly. After a completeness check, SWAMP staff loads coalition data to CEDEN. Six coalitions submit data directly to the Central Valley Regional Data Center, and eight coalitions submit data through Region 5.

MANAGEMENT PRACTICES EVALUATION PROGRAM

On 8 September 2026, the Southern San Joaquin Valley (SSJV) Management Practices Evaluation Program (MPEP) Committee submitted an addendum to the SSJV MPEP Workplan that provides increased clarity regarding Phase 2 tasks, timelines, and deliverables.

GRASSLAND BYPASS PROJECT

Deliverables and Activities

Submittal Date	Item	Review Status	Notes
10/22/2026	Request for Discharger change	Under consideration at Board Meeting	

5-Year Update

Order R5-2019-0077, Waste Discharge Requirements for San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority and United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation Surface Water Discharges from the Grassland Bypass Project (GBP Order), requires an update be provided to the Central Valley Water Board every five years. The last update was provided to the Board on 9 December 2021.

The Central Valley Water Board has taken extensive measures to address selenium impacts in Central Valley waters. Selenium is naturally occurring in the Sacramento

River watershed. The Central Valley Water Board has established three TMDLs for selenium in San Joaquin River system water bodies receiving agricultural drainage. These TMDLs are implemented through the GBP Order, and implementation actions have substantially reduced the load of selenium discharged to these water bodies.

Dischargers are implementing the requirements of the GBP Order, which include annual updates to the Drainage Management Plan and surface water monitoring. Since adoption of the GBP Order, exceedances of the running 4-day average water quality objective for selenium occurred in Mud Slough from 20 February through 2 March 2024, while the Grassland Bypass Project was discharging to prevent uncontrolled ponding after a series of rain events. Additional practices were put into place in response to the exceedances, including more frequent autosampler bottle collection to expedite the receipt of analytical results and inform decision making on when to close the Grassland Bypass gates, and construction of short term storage basins to help manage peak flows. No subsequent selenium exceedances have occurred.

The Central Valley Water Board also executed a contract with the United States Geological Survey to study the occurrence, distribution, and sources of Sacramento Splittail deformities, which occurred in a 2011 cohort, believed to be caused by selenium in the San Joaquin River, Sacramento River, and Delta system. Field work completed under the contract identified no new instances of splittail deformities. The contract concluded in June 2023.

On 22 October 2026, the Central Valley Water Board received a request from the Dischargers to remove San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority and replace them with Grassland Basin Authority as a named discharger on the GBP Order beside the US Bureau of Reclamation. No other changes to the GBP Order were included with the request. The Discharger change will be presented for consideration at the December Board Meeting.

NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PROGRAM (NPDES)

GENERAL ORDER ENROLLMENTS

The Central Valley Water Board has issued several NPDES general orders to streamline the permitting process for similar type discharges. Where existing NPDES permittees meet the eligibility requirements of the general orders, staff seek to enroll the permittees under the general orders to streamline the permitting process. The NPDES Table below summarizes the Notices of Applicability that have been issued thus far for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 for the Waste Discharge Requirements for Limited Threat Discharges to Surface Water (Limited Threat General Order). No Notices of Applicability have been issued this fiscal year for the Waste Discharge Requirements for Municipal Waste Dischargers that Meet Objectives/Criteria at the Point of Discharge to Surface Water (Municipal General Order) and the Waste Discharge Requirements for Cold Water Concentrated Aquatic Animal Production Facility Discharges to Surface Water (CAAP General Order).

NPDES PERMIT Table 1 – Limited Threat Discharges to Surface Waters R5-2022-0006-03

Facility	General Order Permit Number
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., Kaiser Manteca Medical Center Underground Tank Installation Project, San Joaquin County	R5-2022-0006-045

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GROUNDWATER QUALITY PROTECTION PROGRAM

Three groups of similar discharges have been identified within the Groundwater Quality Protection Program for development of new General Orders. These groups represent a substantial portion of the permit backlog that requires updating. They include:

- the **Large Domestic General Order**, covering domestic wastewater treatment systems with flows greater than 100,000 gallons per day;
- the **Nut Processing General Order**, covering walnut, pistachio, and almond processing operations; and
- the **Fruit and Vegetable Packing General Order**, covering packing and handling facilities for fruits and vegetables.

Adopting and implementing these General Orders will improve regulatory consistency across the region and significantly reduce the permitting backlog within the Groundwater Quality Protection Program.

At the June 2026 Board Meeting, the Central Valley Water Board adopted the Large Domestic General Order (Order R5-2026-0023). At the August 2026 Board Meeting, the Central Valley Water Board adopted the Fruit and Vegetable Packing General Order (Order R5-2026-0041). Staff will begin implementing these General Orders during Fiscal Year 2026–2027.

For the proposed Nut Processing General Order, staff is preparing the initial draft and beginning outreach with stakeholders. Staff anticipate presenting the Nut Processing General Order for Board consideration at the April 2026 Board Meeting.

BASIN PLANNING

TRIENNIAL REVIEW

Pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act and section 303(c) and Water Code section 13240, the Board reviews the water quality standards contained in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins and in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin (Basin Plans) every three years. The process of soliciting information pertinent to this review and the review itself is referred to as the “Triennial Review.”

The Triennial Review consists of 1) solicitation for public comments on water quality issues in the Central Valley that may need to be addressed through basin plan amendments, and 2) preparing a workplan for each Basin Plan which describes the actions the Board may take over the next three years to investigate and respond to the issues. After public input is received, the Board develops and adopts a prioritized workplan that is used to direct basin planning efforts over the next three years. Implementation of the workplan depends upon the Board's program priorities, resources, and other mandates and commitments.

The 45-day solicitation for public comments closed on 2 October 2026.

Board staff are in the process of reviewing comment letters and developing a response to comments document as well as a draft 2027 Triennial Review Workplan addressing the recommendations received.

More information on the Triennial Review process, including the 2024 Workplan, can be accessed at the Central Valley Water Board's Triennial Reviews webpage at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/triennial_reviews/).

TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) PROGRAMS

DELTA METHYLMERCURY CONTROL PROGRAM/TMDL

The Delta Methylmercury TMDL and associated program of implementation, collectively referred to as the Delta Mercury Control Program (DMCP), was adopted by the Regional Board on 22 April 2010. Final approval by the U.S. EPA was received on 20 October 2011. The DMCP includes a phased control program to reduce methylmercury and inorganic mercury in the Delta and includes a comprehensive program review between phases, referred to as the DMCP Review.

The first phase of the DMCP requires entities responsible for discharging methylmercury in the Delta to conduct source control studies and subsequently develop and evaluate methylmercury management methods. Board staff reviewed the control studies and the report by an independent Review Panel. Board staff met with stakeholders and hosted a meeting for control study participants to discuss the control study reports and to summarize control study findings. ADA-compliant versions of the Review Panel's Final Reports can be viewed on the Delta Science Program's webpage at

(https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-science-program/independent-science-review-of-the-delta-mercury-control-program).

The studies conducted during Phase 1 affirm that regulated sources of mercury within the Delta, including wastewater plants, irrigated agriculture, and stormwater, are not the most significant drivers of methylmercury impairments in the Delta. In contrast, methylmercury inputs from tributary watersheds and open water sediment flux are described in the Report as comprising an even larger proportional share of methylmercury loading to the Delta than was previously estimated. Board staff are using information from these studies and recommendations from both Panels during the DMCP Review.

Board staff additionally reanalyzed new data and literature to assess whether the TMDL required modification and prepared the *Delta Mercury Control Program Phase 1 Review of the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta Estuary Total Maximum Daily Load for Methylmercury Staff Report for Scientific Peer Review* (Staff Report). Finalized in March 2024, the report was submitted for independent external scientific peer review and was released to the public. A workshop followed in September 2024, and staff received the final peer-review report in June 2025. Board incorporated relevant modifications into the DMCP Report and held another public staff workshop on 03 September 2026 to share project updates and provide an opportunity to hear from the public.

Board staff are using the peer-reviewed conclusions in the Phase 1 control studies, peer-reviewed Staff Report conclusions, as well as initiating discussions with Tribes, the public, and partner agencies to complete the Staff Report. Board staff will continue the BPA process and engage Tribes, stakeholders, and partner agencies to develop program adjustment options for the Board's consideration.

Phase 2 began on 20 October 2022 and requires dischargers to implement methylmercury control programs to meet allocations, continue total mercury reduction programs, and conduct compliance monitoring with a final attainment date of 2030.

More information on the DMCP, including the Staff Report, Scientific Peer Review Final Report, and Public Workshop presentations, can be found on the DMCP webpage at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/tmdl/central_valley_projects/delta_hg/).

DISSOLVED OXYGEN TMDL

In 2006-2007, an aeration facility was constructed on the Port of Stockton's West End Complex as part of the Stockton Deepwater Ship Channel/San Joaquin River (SDWSC/SJR) Dissolved Oxygen TMDL Implementation Program. Since 2011, the Port of Stockton has operated the aeration facility when dissolved oxygen concentrations are expected to fall below the dissolved oxygen water quality objective. The water quality objective is 5 mg/L December through August and 6 mg/L September through November in the channel.

From 22 September to 4 November 2026 there were eight excursions detected exceeding the applicable water quality objective. This occurred on 21 September to 24 September and 4 October to 7 October. The aerator was started on September 24 to increase oxygen. No other excursions have occurred.

Real-time dissolved oxygen data for the SDWSC can be found at:

(https://cdec.water.ca.gov/dynamicapp/QueryF?s=SDO)

More information on the SDWSC/SJR Dissolved Oxygen TMDL Control Program can be viewed at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/tmdl/central_valley_projects/san_joaquin_oxygen/index.shtml).

CLEAR LAKE NUTRIENT CONTROL PROGRAM/TMDL/BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE

Board staff continued implementation of the Nutrient TMDL and considered future revisions to the Control Program and TMDL based on information currently being gathered through studies and projects in the watershed, including the Board's Environmental Driver's study, the UC Davis study, Tribal monitoring data, and other stakeholder efforts.

Board staff continued to participate in the Blue-Ribbon Committee. More information regarding the Blue Ribbon Committee can be found on the Natural Resources Agency's Blue Ribbon Committee website at

(https://resources.ca.gov/Initiatives/Blue-Ribbon-Committee-for-the-Rehabilitation-of-Clear-Lake).

LOWER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER SALT AND BORON TMDL

The United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) has submitted their draft 2027 Management Agency Agreement Annual Workplan. The Annual Workplan describes activities to be completed by USBR in fiscal year 2027 under the Management Agency Agreement to meet obligations assigned to it by the Salt and Boron TMDL for the lower San Joaquin River. The draft Annual Workplan was posted to the USBR website for the

Program to Meet Standards and available for public comment for a period of 30 days. One comment letter was received. The Board will consider approval of the draft Workplan along with the written response to comments by USBR. The Workplan can be viewed at

(https://www.usbr.gov/mp/ptms/).

CV-SALTS/SALT CONTROL PROGRAM

SALT PRIORITIZATION AND OPTIMIZATION (P&O) STUDY

The first of three phases of the Salt Control Program, the P&O Study, is a ten- to fifteen-year project to characterize the status of salinity in the Central Valley and evaluate salinity management solutions to inform Phases 2 and 3 of the Salt Control Program.

Monthly meetings of the Executive Committee of interested parties are conducted, as well as subcommittees of the Executive Committee that discuss modeling, salt management technologies, and regulatory/policy topics.

Archetype Studies were completed for the Delta-Mendota sub-basin (Archetype #1 Study) and the western portion of the Kings Sub-basin (Archetype #2 Study). These two Archetype studies included gathering information from entities in the study area, gathering crop tolerance information, conducting salinity modeling scenarios, developing initial salinity target ranges, and developing salinity management scenarios. Additionally, the modeling small group developed a CVHM2 comparative analysis on model approaches in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin, including water budget components and predicted groundwater salinity.

The Technical Team released the final Archetype Report of these two Archetype Studies in May 2026 for Executive Committee review. The Archetype Report includes methods and tools used, key findings, and lessons learned, for the Archetypes # 1 and #2 Studies, as well as the CVHM2 comparative analysis on modeling approaches in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin. The final report was accepted by the Executive Committee in June 2026.

This year’s scope of work includes working on the Central Valley-Scale analysis to identify areas with projected salinity problems, Pilot Study analyses for Salt Management Areas to address future salinity issues, and coordinating with the Regulatory and Policy Small Group to collaborate on solutions for policy issues identified in the Pilot Studies and potential future regulatory actions, such as Basin Plan Amendments (BPAs).

The Central Valley-Scale Analysis includes identification of areas with projected problems in sustaining current beneficial uses by creating a “heat map” for the beneficial uses of AGR and MUN. The AGR “heat map” for applied water for salinity planning targets is complete and the “heat map” for the MUN groundwater Basin Plan objectives

is being finalized. It also includes a Sensitivity Analysis to evaluate the impact of surface water salinity changes on the heat maps.

The Pilot Study analyses are being conducted to inform us how to address future salinity problems. The analyses include coordination with local stakeholders, accounting for planned actions, evaluating components such as desalting, water supply management, brine management, conveyance and salt disposal, and engineering considerations, such as cost, feasibility, and permitting.

Additionally, discussions are underway to evaluate potential de-designation BPAs for salt management purposes, as well as ways of potentially streamlining the BPA process. The Regulatory and Policy small group met on 4 November to discuss ideas for the potential sub-categories of the AGR and MUN beneficial uses in future BPAs.

At the 6 October 2026 State Water Board meeting, Central Valley Water Board Management and representatives from the Central Valley Salinity Coalition provided an annual update (info item) on the Salt Control Program. Information presented included permittee compliance status, expectations for Phase I to Phase II transition, and P&O technical studies that are under way (Archetype analysis, salinity planning targets, areas with projected salinity issues, and pilot studies).

EVALUATION OF MUNICIPAL AND DOMESTIC SUPPLY (MUN) BENEFICIAL USE IN AG DOMINATED SURFACE WATER BODIES

On 11 August 2017, the Board adopted a Basin Plan Amendment to develop a region wide MUN evaluation process in Ag dominated surface water bodies. A State Board Meeting to consider approval of the Basin Plan Amendment was held on 10 July 2018. State Board members deferred their decision on the amendments to a future date. Board staff continue to work on addressing questions and concerns that were raised during the 10 July 2018 State Water Board Meeting. Board staff developed a summary of needed revisions and a project charter.

More information on the Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN) Beneficial Use Project can be found at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/salinity/mun_beneficial_use/).

OIL FIELD SALINITY BASIN PLANNING ACTIONS

Groundwater within the Tulare Lake Basin is designated to have both Municipal and Domestic (MUN) and Agricultural Supply (AGR) beneficial uses, unless specifically de-designated by a Basin Plan Amendment. The need for evaluating appropriate beneficial uses, specifically for MUN and AGR, has been recognized by stakeholders and the Central Valley Water Board through the 2011, 2013, 2018, 2021, and 2024 Triennial Reviews. In addition, the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS) initiative also identified the need to evaluate the level of protection of MUN and AGR beneficial uses as an essential activity of the CV-SALTS initiative to find solutions to the salt problem in the Central Valley.

McKittrick Oil Fields Area Basin Plan Amendment Evaluation

Valley Water Management Company (Valley Water) operates oil field-produced wastewater disposal facilities in Kern County. The facilities receive produced wastewater from oil and gas producers in adjacent oil fields. Valley Water has requested to have MUN and AGR beneficial uses removed from portions of the groundwater adjacent to, and within, the administrative boundaries of the South Belridge, Monument Junction, and Cymric oil fields. Board staff have initiated a beneficial use designation evaluation to determine if the removal of MUN and AGR beneficial use designations from the subject groundwater is appropriate and have completed AB-52 and B10-11 tribal consultation. Board staff held a CEQA Scoping Meeting on 25 May 2023 in Buttonwillow, CA.

A draft Staff Report for this project has been developed and internally and externally reviewed. An independent external scientific peer review was conducted, and the final reports were received on 19 June 2025. Board staff made minor revisions to the Draft Staff Report based on the peer review reports. On 16 September 2025 the revised Draft Staff Report was publicly released with the external scientific peer review reports and a public comment period for the Staff Report was held from 16 September 2025 to 31 October 2025. Five public comment letters were received during the public comment period. Board staff reviewed and considered the public comments and developed a Response to Comments document.

Additionally, Board staff developed a Late Revisions document. Board staff presented the proposed Basin Plan Amendment, with the Late Revisions incorporated, for adoption consideration at the December 2025 Board hearing. The BPA, with the Late Revisions incorporated, was adopted by the Central Valley Water Board.

Board staff also posted an Executive Officer's Corrections Memorandum, dated 27 May 2026, detailing minor, non-substantive edits to the Staff report and associated appendices, and the Late Revisions Document.

Final versions of the Staff Report and associated Appendices, as well as the Late Revisions Document, have been posted on the project webpage. These final versions include revisions from the adopted Late Revisions document (dated 12 December 2026) and the Executive Officer Corrections Memorandum (dated 27 May 2026).

Board staff are now preparing to present the BPA to State Water Board for consideration of approval. A Notice of Opportunity to Comment regarding public comments on the State Water Board consideration of approval for this BPA was posted on 27 July 2026 and emailed to interested parties. The public comment period extended from 27 July 2026 to 11 September 2026. The Notice is posted on the project website in both English at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/comments/mckittrick/notice-mckittrickbpacmt.pdf) and Spanish (aviso español) at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/comments/mckittrick/aviso-mckittrickbpacmt.pdf).

Twelve public comments were received from the public comment period. Board staff are currently reviewing all the comments received and developing a Response to Comments document.

Information on the McKittrick Oil Fields BPA Evaluation can be found here at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/mckittrick/).

California Independent Petroleum Association (CIPA) Basin Plan Amendment

CIPA submitted information relevant to evaluate MUN and AGR designations on the southwestern portion of the Tulare Lake Basin in western Kern County. Both Central Valley Water Board staff and the Central Valley Salinity Coalition reviewed the information and provided feedback to CIPA's consultant. CIPA submitted a technical report for this project to the Central Valley Water Board to provide information for a beneficial use evaluation. This report was reviewed by Board staff and on 24 October 2023 a meeting was held to discuss the report. Board staff requested more information and CIPA agreed to provide a revised technical report to the Central Valley Water Board. Board staff met with CIPA to discuss the proposed revisions to the CIPA technical report in June 2024.

On 31 July 2024, a revised CIPA technical report was submitted to the Central Valley Water Board. Board staff reviewed the revised CIPA technical report and submitted their review comments regarding this report to CIPA on 18 February 2025. CIPA submitted a revised technical report to the Central Valley Water Board in June 2025. Board staff have reviewed the revised technical report and discussed the results with CIPA in a meeting on 2 February 2026 to determine the next steps forward.

On 9 September 2026 Board staff met with CIPA again to discuss the current next steps of the project.

TRIBAL BENEFICIAL USES DESIGNATIONS

On 2 May 2017, the State Water Board adopted Resolution 2017-0027, establishing two tribal beneficial use definitions: Tribal Tradition and Culture (CUL) and Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB). The T-SUB beneficial uses pertain to human health risks associated with consuming fish or shellfish. The CUL definition encompasses consumption of aquatic resources for cultural, spiritual, ceremonial, and traditional purposes.

On 18 February 2022, the Central Valley Water Board incorporated the TBU definitions into both the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins Plan and the Tulare Lake Basin Plan. The Board has initiated the process to consider amendments to these Basin Plans (BPAs), aiming to designate the CUL and COMM beneficial uses in high-quality

surface water bodies within the Sacramento and San Joaquin River watersheds and the Tulare Lake watershed.

The proposed BPA will also designate Commercial and Sport Fishing (COMM) in the same waterbodies under consideration for CUL designation, due to the overlapping nature of these uses

Demonstrating its commitment to government-to-government engagement, staff have been conducting tribal consultation meetings in accordance with AB52 requirements.

A CEQA Public Scoping Meeting was held on 15 May 2026, with the public comment period concluding on 15 June 2026. No verbal or written comments pertinent to CEQA were received.

Staff continued internal coordination with the nine Regional Water Boards and various divisions within the State Water Board—including the Office of Chief Counsel, Office of Public Participation, Division of Water Quality, and Division of Water Rights—regarding TBU designations. On 21 July 2026, Board staff presented a brief update on the Central Valley Water Board's TBU Designation Project at the State Water Board's TBU Guidance Workshop. More information on the Draft Guidance on Designating Tribal Beneficial Uses can be found at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/tribal_affairs/beneficial_uses/draft_guidance.html).

On 9 October 2026, staff hosted a Tribal Update Meeting to provide project updates and seek input from tribes for inclusion in the Board's approach. The next tribal update meeting is scheduled for Winter 2027.

More information on the Central Valley Water Board's TBU Designation Project can be found on the Tribal Beneficial Uses website at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/basin_plans/tribal_beneficial_uses/).

LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAM

Board priorities for the Land Disposal Program in Fiscal Year 2026/2027 include completing new, revised, and amended WDRs, reviewing milestone Decision Documents, conducting inspections, and continued implementation of Racial Equity goals outlined in the Board's Racial Equity Resolution. Target perofrmance measures for this Fiscal Year include the adoption of individual WDRs, permitting and construction inspections, Composting General Order enrollments, and WDR reviews (Figures 1 and 2). Additionally, efforts are ongoing to to cleanup databases, namely CIWQS and produce database tools and summaries for the program.

A summary of Fiscal Year 2026/2027 performance targets for Inspections for the Land Disposal Program are depicted in Figure 1 below.

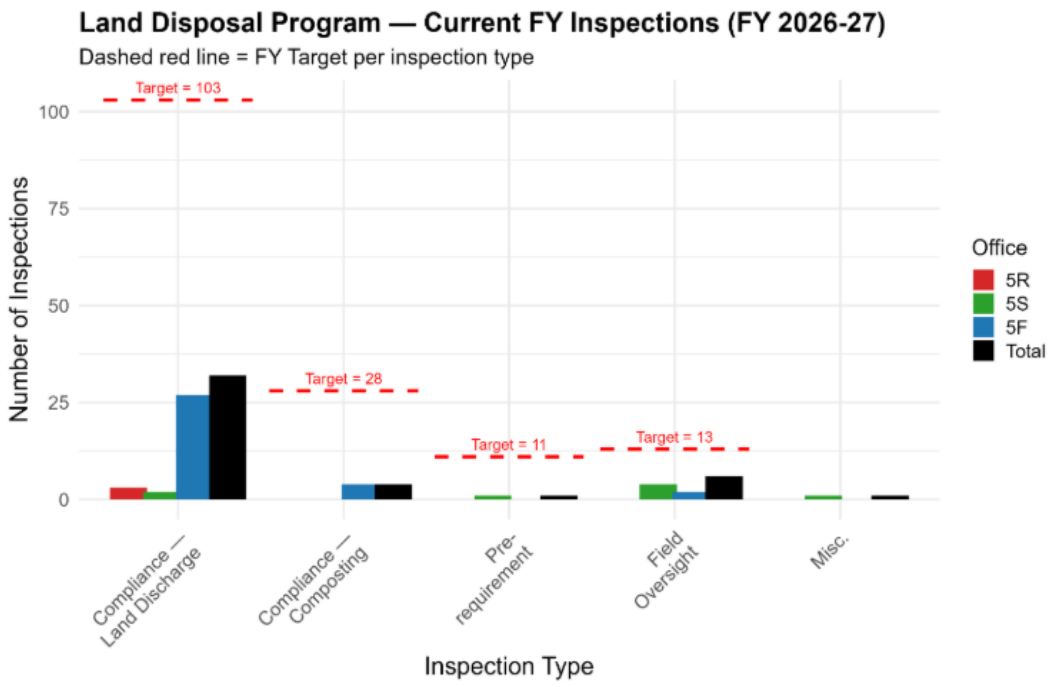


Figure 1. Fiscal year 2026-27 progress toward Land Disposal Program inspection targets, summarized by inspection type and office. Black bars show total inspections completed, and dashed red lines indicate the target number of inspections for each inspection category.

DAIRIES/CONFINED ANIMAL FACILITIES

ANNUAL INSPECTION PROGRESS

For the 2026/2027 fiscal year through October 2026, the Sacramento Confined Animals Facilities Unit conducted 24 inspections, and the Fresno Confined Animals Facilities Unit conducted 62 inspections, for a total of 86. Our annual inspection performance target is 175 for fiscal year 2026/2027.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The dairy and bovine annual reports are due by 1 July of each year. The poultry annual reports are due 1 August of each year. On 23 October 2026, Notices of Violation were sent to the facilities that did not submit an annual report.

DAIRY GENERAL ORDER PETITION

On 15 September 2026, the State Water Board adopted a remand of the 2013 Reissued Dairy GO to the Central Valley Water Board (State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ 2026-0028. It can be viewed at

(waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2026/wqo2026-0028.pdf).

This remand was in response to a petition filed, on 4 November 2013, by the Asociación de Gente Unida por el Agua and the Environmental Law Foundation requesting that the State Water Board review the Dairy General WDRs.

As directed by the State Water Board's remand, the Central Valley Water Board is required to amend the 2013 Reissued Dairy GO to authorize enrollment of "any dairy that is currently operating as of 15 September 2026…and to authorize future expansions of these dairies subject to [specified limitations]". As part of approving this amending order, the State Board Remand suggests that the tentative Amending Order will be exempt from CEQA review. The Central Valley Water Board tentatively agrees that this approach is appropriate but is seeking public feedback before it proceeds as indicated in the CEQA Consultation Notice. The tentative Amending Order is scheduled to be on the agenda for the February 2027 Board meeting, with enrollment of all existing dairies by 13 April 2027.

A digital copy of the tentative Amending Order and the CEQA Consultation Notice are available on the Central Valley Water Board's tentative orders web page, under the heading, "All Other Items for Future Board Meetings" at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/#other)

The CAF Program has met with State Board staff to address tasks identified in the State Board Remand that are to be completed by both the State Water Board and the Regional Board.

DAIRY DIGESTERS/DAIRY POND LINER DESIGN REPORTS

Dairy digester projects usually begin as a double lined pond that once constructed is covered and converted to a digester. Staff review reports related to double-lined ponds and digesters at dairies to ensure they are protective of water quality. For the 2026/2027 fiscal year, staff reviewed and issued letters of approval for 12 lined pond and/or digester related reports. These reports include design reports, post construction reports, and final fill reports. Staff have also reviewed design reports for the construction of Biodynamic Aerobic (BIDA®) wastewater treatment systems.

OIL FIELD PROGRAM

WASTEWATER SURFACE PONDS

Central Valley Water Board staff (Staff) continues to work on enrolling oil field operators (operators or dischargers) under the Oil Field General Orders for Discharges to Land (General Orders) or individual waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and evaluating operator compliance with those that have been issued. Staff also continue to work on closure plans for oil field produced wastewater (produced wastewater or discharge)

disposal ponds. Major items completed by Staff are identified below.

- Staff continue to review reports of waste discharge (RWDs) and monitoring reports for drilling mud sumps regulated under the Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land with a Low Threat to Water Quality (Low Threat General Order).

- Staff reviewed a Notice of Intent (NOI) for General Order Three for an operator with a facility in the Midway-Sunset Oil Field. The review found that the NOI was incomplete, and more information is needed.

- Staff conveyed an order pursuant to California Water Code section 13260 (13260 Order). The 13260 Order requires the operator to submit information and characterization of waste materials stored at a facility in the Rio Bravo Oil Field.

- Staff conducted 3 facility compliance inspections of facilities in the Edison Oil Field.

SPILL RESPONSE

Staff respond to oil field spill events reported to the Office of Emergency Services (OES). Since the last Executive Officer's report, Staff responded to 6 new oil field-related spill events. Major spill events and related work conducted by Staff are summarized below.

- Spill Event No. 26-4774. Due to a leaky flowline, approximately 6 barrels of oil field produced fluids were released in the Elk Hills Oil Field. Staff confirmed with the operator that the release had stopped and the operator has completed cleanup.

- Spill Event No. 26-5346. Due to a leak at a flowline to an injection well, about 11 barrels of oil field produced fluids were released. The release impacted a dry streambed in the Buena Vista Oil Field. Staff inspected the release area after the operator finished cleanup work. The cleanup appeared complete.

- Spill Event No. 26-5403. A damaged well head was discovered to be releasing steam, that contained oil field produced fluids, into the atmosphere. No waterways were impacted, and minimal cleanup was needed to address the release.

- Spill Event No. 26-5401. A release of about 130 barrels of oil field produced fluids occurred in the Elk Hills Oil Field. The release was from a tank failure, and all the fluids were contained in a secondary containment area. No inspection was needed, and the operator finished cleanup.

- Spill Event No. 26-5546. About 1.5 barrels of oil field produced fluids were released from a flowline in the North Kettledome Oil Field. A small amount of

fluids impacted an ephemeral stream. The operator conducted cleanup and no inspection was needed.

- Spill Event No. 26-5567. About 1.5 barrels of oil field produced fluids were released during a flowline in the Cymric Oil Field. The operator conducted cleanup and no inspection was needed.

UIC PROGRAM

During the period from 23 September 2026 to 6 November 2026, Staff of the Underground Injection Control Unit (UIC) performed the following activities:

AQUIFER EXEMPTIONS

Midway-Sunset Oil Field, Tulare Formation Aquifer Exemption –CalGEM provided Staff and State Water Board staff the operator's Revised Remediation and Monitoring plan to address potential conduit wells for review. Staff continue to provide comments to State Board and CalGEM on the operators' Remediation and Monitoring plan.

Kern River Oil Field, Kern River Formation Aquifer Exemption –State Board during its 16 June 2026 board meeting adopted a resolution to approve the Kern River Aquifer Exemption. State Board staff issued their final concurrence letter for the aquifer exemption on 10 August 2026. CalGEM submitted the aquifer exemption package to US EPA on 2 September 2026 for review and approval.

North Antelope Hills Oil Field, Tulare Formation Aquifer Exemption -CalGEM, State Board, and Staff have finished their review of the aquifer exemption application and remediation and monitoring plan. State Board staff issued its preliminary concurrence letter for the aquifer exemption on 8 April 2026. A public comment period was held from 16 June to 31 July 2026. CalGEM also hosted a public hearing in Lost Hills on 16 July 2026 to receive oral comments. CalGEM issued a response to comments document on 30 October 2026.

UIC PROJECT REVIEWS

Staff issued a no objection letter for a non-expansion steam flood/cyclic steam injection project in the South Belridge Oil. In addition, Staff provided additional questions and comments for a water disposal project in the Mount Poso Oil Field. Staff also issued completeness checks and initial reviews for waterflood injection projects in the Kern River and North Coles Levee Oil Field.

Staff completed three preliminary reviews for several UIC projects. The preliminary reviews focused on identifying the presence of groundwater with identified beneficial uses and an evaluation of the operator's water supply well survey to check for completeness.

CANNABIS PROGRAM

CANNABIS GENERAL ORDER ENROLLMENT AND DEVELOPMENTS

Staff continue to enroll dischargers into the Cannabis General Order and process terminations. The Division of Water Quality (DWQ) is expecting an influx in termination requests as approximately 500 dischargers have terminated their DCC licenses. Additionally, DWQ has issued pending administrative termination letters to 96 sites in Region 5.

(CE = Conditionally exempt, enrolled in the Statewide Cannabis Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements.)

County	Tier 1H	Tier 1L	Tier 1M	Tier 2H	Tier 2L	Tier 2M	CE	Total Active Enrollments
Calaveras		26	2		72	3	3	106
Colusa		1			1		9	11
Contra Costa							5	5
El Dorado		2			3			5
Kern							3	3
Kings					2		3	5
Lake		52	1	2	122	0	23	200
Fresno					3		8	11
Merced							5	5
Nevada	1	153	4		22		10	190
Sacramento							129	129
San Joaquin							7	7
Sierra								0
Solano							6	6
Shasta							19	19
Siskiyou							6	6
Stanislaus		2					27	29
Tulare							8	8
Yolo		2			24		2	28
Yuba							0	0
Totals	**1**	**238**	**7**	**2**	**249**	**3**	**270**	**773**

COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT – ENROLLMENT ENFORCEMENT

COMPLIANCE

- Redding:
    - Staff issued a NOV to a permitted site, 5S17CC420680 on 8/27/2026
    - Staff conducted an inspection on one permitted site, 5S17CC420680 on 9/8/2026
- Rancho Cordova:
    - Staff conducted inspections on two permitted sites, 5S05CC426223 and 5S05CC426324 on 8/18/2026
    - Staff have been working on an audit project for permitted site inspections 2019-2021

ENFORCEMENT

- Redding:
    - Staff conducted an enforcement inspection in Yuba County on 8/4/2026
    - Staff conducted a follow-up inspection in Yuba County on 8/4/2026
    - Rochette CAO follow-up inspection on 9/15/2026
    - Ceballos CAO follow-up inspection on 9/17/2026
    - Correll follow-up inspection 9/28/2026
- Rancho Cordova:
    - Staff conducted an enforcement inspection in Calaveras County on 8/24/2026

SPECIAL FOCUS AREAS

DELTA ACTIVITIES

DELTA REGIONAL MONITORING PROGRAM (DELTA RMP)

Board staff continued to attend Steering Committee, Technical Advisory Committees, and other Delta RMP meetings to provide support for the program and implementation of Board Resolution R5-2021-0054. More information on the Delta RMP can be found on its website at

(https://deltarmp.org/).

DELTA NUTRIENT RESEARCH PLAN

Board staff are implementing the Delta Nutrient Research Plan (Resolution R5 2018-0059) through special studies and in coordination with the Delta Regional Monitoring Program's focus on nutrients.

- Board staff are assisting with sampling for a project to test effectiveness of dredging for reducing the abundance of overwintering cyanobacteria. The project began in June 2025 and includes two years of characterization of the Stockton Channel prior to dredging, tentatively scheduled for late fall 2026.

- The Delta RMP is working with the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI) to further biogeochemical modeling of the Delta. The model will be used to examine fate and transport of nutrients under various scenarios of reduced nutrient inputs.

- Board staff continue to participate in a federally funded project to advance integrated HAB monitoring and data reporting systems across the San Francisco Estuary. A summary of this project can be found on the Central Valley Water Board's website here at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/harmful_algal_blooms/projects/#merhab).

Websites for the Delta Program and Delta Nutrient Research Plan were recently updated. Additions include a 2026 status report and links to technical documents previously only available upon request. The Delta Nutrient Research Plan website is here

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/delta_water_quality/delta_nutrient_research_plan/).

NITRATE CONTROL PROGRAM

PRIORITY 1 GROUNDWATER BASINS

Management Zones in the Priority 1 groundwater basins submitted Management Zone Implementation Plans (MZIPs) to the Central Valley Water Board on 5 September 2023. The Executive Officer issued a letter finding that all six Priority 1 MZIPs are complete and an informational hearing regarding the MZIPs was held during the 19 April 2024 Central Valley Water Board Meeting.

Early Action Plan Drinking Water Implementation

Additionally, the MZIPs incorporate the respective Early Action Plans (EAPs) as part of the Management Zones' Emergency and Interim Drinking Water Program. The Priority 1 Management Zone Implementation Plans can be found at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/salinity/nitrate_mz/).

As required by the Nitrate Control Program, EAP implementation to provide safe drinking water to impacted communities began on 7 May 2021. The Priority 1 Management Zones are also coordinating its Emergency and Interim Drinking Water Program with the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) Drinking Water Well Monitoring Program as there are overlaps between both programs.

Priority 1 Management Zone drinking water program status and ILRP Drinking Water Well Monitoring Program data are available at the CV-SALTS: Management Zone Dashboard at

(https://cvsalts.mljenv.com/).

Management Zone Implementation Plan Approval

As part of the implementation of the Nitrate Control Program, the Board adopted the Modesto Management Zone Order and the associated revisions to the sector-based Orders (Dairy, Bovine, Poultry, Non-15, ILRP) on 3 June 2026. Tentative orders are in development for the remaining Priority 1 Management Zones.

On 29 September 2026, the State Water Resources Control Board accepted for review a petition submitted by Defensores Del Valle Central Para El Agua Y El Aire Limpio, Environmental Law Foundation, and Clean Water Action regarding the Modesto Management Zone Order. Pursuant to the Board's procedures, a written response was required within 30 days. Due to the substantial scope of work involved in preparing a response, an extension was requested and approved. The revised response deadline is 11 December 2026.

Priority 2 Groundwater Basins

On 29 December 2023, Notices to Comply were sent to dischargers in Priority 2 groundwater basins to begin Nitrate Control Program implementation. There are eight Priority 2 groundwater basins: Delta Mendota, Eastern San Joaquin, Madera, Merced, Kern County (Poso), Kern County (Westside South), Tulare Lake, and Yolo. Notices of Intent, indicating compliance pathway selection, were due to the Central Valley Water Board no later than 26 February 2025.

The Central Valley Water Board received Priority 2 groundwater basin Preliminary Management Zone Proposals (PMZPs) and the associated EAPs for each of the eight Priority 2 groundwater basins on 30 December 2024. The Executive Officer issued a Conditional Approval letter to each Priority 2 Management Zone on 25 February 2025. As required by the Nitrate Control Program, Priority 2 EAP implementation to provide safe drinking water to impacted communities began on 26 February 2025. Board staff

reviewed the Priority 2 PMZPs and the Executive Officer issued a comment letter to each Priority 2 Management Zone on 20 August 2025.

Priority 2 Final Management Zone Proposals (FMZPs) were submitted to the Board on 16 February 2026. The FMZPs were posted for a 30-day public comment period from 23 February 2026 to 24 March 2026. No comment letters were received. In addition, Board staff have completed review of the FMZPs, and the Executive Office issued a comment letter approving the FMZPs on 2 July 2026. Priority 2 Management Zone Implementation Plans are due to the Central Valley Water Board on 4 January 2027. The Priority 2 FMZPs are available on the CV-SALTS webpage at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/salinity/nitrate_mz/#p2_submittals).

Priority 2 Management Zone drinking water program status is available at the CV-SALTS: Management Zone Dashboard at

(https://cvsalts.mljenv.com/).

SURFACE WATER AMBIENT MONITORING PROGRAM (SWAMP)

SUMMER 2026 RECREATIONAL BENEFICIAL USE ASSESSMENTS

Each summer since 2007, the Central Valley Water Board has conducted Recreational Beneficial Use Assessments in popular recreational areas. Recreational beneficial uses are assessed using *E. coli* as an indicator of fecal pollution.

In September 2026, SWAMP staff completed recreational beneficial use assessments in Lake Natoma and Folsom Lake, Delta waterways in the Stockton area, and the Upper San Joaquin and Lower Kings River watersheds. Select monitoring sites had *E. coli* levels that exceeded the State Water Board Bacteria Objectives. They can be seen at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/bacterialobjectives/)

at various times during the summer. SWAMP staff coordinated with relevant local agencies on public communication of these elevated *E. coli* results.

Online maps and more information on these SWAMP projects are available on the SWAMP Recreational Water Quality Monitoring webpage at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/swamp/rbua/).

CYANOBACTERIA AND HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS UPDATE

Cyanobacteria and harmful algal blooms (HABs) are a common occurrence in surface waters across California. To address this issue, the State Water Board developed the Freshwater and Estuarine Harmful Algal Bloom (FHAB) Program that was funded through Assembly Bill No. 834 in 2019. As part of the statewide FHAB Program, the

Central Valley Water Board investigates and responds to reports of suspected HABs in the region and works to develop HAB monitoring partnerships with agencies such as tribes, local environmental health departments, local waterbody managers, and scientific non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

HAB advisories updated by Board staff are published on the HAB Reports Map available through the California Harmful Algal Blooms Portal. The portal was developed by the FHAB Program to provide public resources and guidance for organizations about HABs and is available at

(https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/).

In addition to the statewide portal, Board staff created a Central Valley Water Board HABs webpage to highlight the Regional Board's efforts to understand and address HABs. The webpage is available at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/harmful_algal_blooms).

ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Enforcement is a critical ingredient in creating deterrence needed to encourage the regulated community to anticipate, identify, and correct violations. Appropriate penalties and other consequences for violations offer some assurance of equity between those who choose to comply with requirements and those who violate them. It also improves public confidence when the government is ready, willing, and able to back up its requirements with action. This section of the EO Report is intended to inform the Board and the public of enforcement efforts since the last EO Report was issued. For this reporting period, the following sections provide: 1) a summary of enforcement orders issued; and 2) a summary of sanitary sewer overflows greater than 1,000 gallons.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS IN CIWQS

The tables below represent the enforcement actions taken by the Regional Board over the last reporting period in the CIWQS database. These include the formal orders and complaints described above along with additional informal enforcement actions such as Notices of Violation and Verbal Communications.

- 13267 – Water Code section 13267 Investigation Order
- NNC – Notice of Non-Compliance
- ACL – Administrative Civil Liability
- CAO – Cleanup and Abatement Order
- CDO – Cease and Desist Order
- EPL – Expedited Payment Letter
- NOV – Notice of Violation
- NTC – Notice to Comply

- SEL – Staff Enforcement Letter
- TSO – Time Schedule Order
- VER – Verbal Communication

Enforcement Actions in CIWQS
1 September 2026 through 31 October 2026

Issuing Office	NNC	13267	ACL	CAO	EPL	NOV	SEL	TSO	VER	Total
Fresno	36	0	0	0	0	245	0	0	1	**282**
Redding	16	0	1	0	0	60	0	0	2	**79**
Sacramento	68	0	2	1	0	551	0	0	1	**623**
Total	**120**	**0**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**856**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**984**

SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS (SSOS)

Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems (SSS General Order) 2022-0103-DWQ requires enrollees to submit SSO technical report for any Category 1 SSO in which 1,000 gallons or greater are spilled to surface waters to the State of California's Office of Emergency Services. For the period between 1 September 2026 through 31 October 2026, there were six reported SSO incidents in which 1,000 gallons or greater spilled reached surface water. Compliance and Enforcement staff follow up with all spills where 1,000 gallons or more reached surface water to ensure compliance with the spill reporting and/or monitoring requirements established in the SSS General Order.

SSO Incidents: 1,000+ Gallons Reached Surface Water
1 September 2026 through 31 October 2026

Volume Reached Surface Water (gallons)	Responsible Agency
3,723	Sacramento Area Sewer District
3,370	Sacramento Area Sewer District
2,000	Sutter Creek City
1,600	County of Fresno
1,500	Rio Vista City
1.173	Sacramento City

Additional information regarding SSOs including the current Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) can be found at the State Water Board's Sanitary Overflow Reduction Program at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/sso/index.html).

COMPLAINT RESPONSE TRACKING

Central Valley Regional Board staff are responsible for responding to complaints related to water quality within the Central Valley Region as they are received. From 1 September 2026 through 31 October 2026, Central Valley Water Board staff received a total of 43 complaints from phone calls, emails, and from the CalEPA Complaint database. To date, 39 (91%) of complaints have been investigated and closed or referred to other environmental enforcement agencies.

The CalEPA Complaint database can be found at

(https://calepacomplaints.secure.force.com/complaints/).

CLEANUP SUCCESSES

Summary of Cleanup Successes for the period covering 1 September 2026 through 31 October 2026

Programs	Actuals Achieved	% Complete = Actuals/ Original Target	Annual Achieved	% of Annual Target
New DoD Sites into Active Remediation	0	0%	0	0%
New SCP Sites into Active Remediation	0	0%	0	0%
Cleanup Program Sites Closed	4	108%	9	41%
Underground Storage Tank Sites Closed	9	216%	13	52%

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS – SUCCESSFULLY CLOSED – NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED

The following sites are those where Board staff concluded that residual hydrocarbons pose a low threat to human health and safety or to anticipated future beneficial uses of water. This decision is based on site-specific information provided by the responsible party and presumes that the information is accurate and representative of site conditions. These cases have been evaluated in accordance with the criteria in the State Water Board's Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank (UST) Case Closure Policy (Low-Threat Closure Policy).

For more information regarding the site, the appropriate office personnel should be contacted: Fresno (559) 445-5116, Redding (530) 224-4845, and Sacramento (916) 464-3291.

FRESNO

COUNTRY CORNER MARKET, 22015 EAST ADAMS AVENUE, REEDLEY, FRESNO COUNTY

In August 2000, two 550-gallon USTs, two dispensers, and associated piping were removed. Analytical results of soil samples from beneath the dispensers/USTs indicated the presence of petroleum.

Multiple phases of site investigation were conducted from February 2016 through May 2025. Based on the vertical delineation of hydrocarbon impact in soil, it does not appear that the release has impacted groundwater. No further action is required regarding this release, and the case was closed on 3 September 2026. (KPD) The neighborhood has a CalEnviroScreen 4.0 score of 60-65%.

FOSTER FARMS LIVINGSTON COMPLEX, 843 DAVIS STREET, LIVINGSTON, MERCED COUNTY

In April 2025, one 12,000-gallon gasoline UST, two 12,000-gallon diesel USTs, five dispensers, and associated product piping were removed from the site. A section of product piping near an adjacent structure was capped in place. Analytical results from soil samples collected beneath the USTs indicated the presence of petroleum.

In November 2025, the investigation determined that the release extended to approximately 20 feet below the ground surface. Groundwater lies between 55 and 70 feet below the ground surface. Based on the delineation of petroleum hydrocarbons in soil, it does not appear that this release has affected groundwater. The case was closed on 2 September 2026. The neighborhood has a CalEnviroScreen 4.0 score of 75-80%.

SACRAMENTO

BK'S LIQUOR AND FOOD, 150 NORTH RIVERSIDE DRIVE MODESTO, STANISLAUS COUNTY

After the former USTs and product piping were removed in May 1998, a release of petroleum fuel was detected in the soil beneath them. The responsible party excavated approximately 93 tons of petroleum-impacted soil. Residual impacts do not pose a significant environmental or human health risk, and the wells were destroyed in 2026. The case was closed on 2 September 2026. The neighborhood has a CalEnviroScreen 4.0 score of 85-90%.

CANAPA'S CAR WASH PACIFIC, 6230 PACIFIC AVENUE, STOCKTON, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

A petroleum release occurred at the site in 1993. To clean up the release, Canapa's performed various remediation efforts, including excavation and dual-phase extraction (DPE). DPE removed more than 3.7 million gallons of impacted groundwater and 11,800 pounds of petroleum hydrocarbons. Staff concurred with the consultant's

evaluation that the case meets the Low Threat Closure Policy and closed the case on 20 October 2026. The neighborhood has a CalEnviroScreen 4.0 score of 70-75%.

GAS N SAVE, 963 WEST 16TH STREET, MERCED, MERCED COUNTY

Merced County Local Oversight Program closed the case in 2010. In 2025, Central Valley Water Board staff re-opened the case because the responsible party did not destroy the monitoring and remediation well network as directed. Water Board staff directed the responsible party to destroy all wells associated with the UST case, which they did between May 11th and August 23rd, 2026. Staff closed the case on 29 October 2026. The neighborhood has a CalEnviroScreen 4.0 score of 95-100%.

QUICK-N-SAVE #1, 1901 SOUTH EL DORADO STREET, STOCKTON, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

A gasoline service station with a convenience store currently occupies the property. The release was discovered during UST removal and replacement in October 1999. Active remediation included excavation of approximately 325 yd3 of soil, pilot testing, and operation of a DPE system, which removed approximately 1,985 pounds of petroleum hydrocarbons and 553,000 gallons of impacted groundwater. The consultant concluded that residual petroleum concentrations in soil and groundwater are unlikely to pose a risk to current and future receptors. Staff closed the case on 29 October 2026. The neighborhood has a CalEnviroScreen 4.0 score of 95-100%.

SMOTHERS DELUXE SHELL, 55 WEST 16TH STREET, MERCED, MERCED COUNTY

This former gas station now operates as a tire shop. In June 2007, three underground storage tanks (one 8,000-gallon gasoline tank and two 4,000-gallon gasoline tanks) were closed in place, and two waste oil USTs (one 350-gallon and one 500-gallon) were removed from the Site. During UST removal activities, approximately 65 tons of impacted soil were excavated and disposed of off-Site. In August 2025, Frey Environmental, Inc. (Frey) advanced ten soil borings at the Site to assess residual petroleum hydrocarbons in soil and groundwater. Only negligible concentrations of petroleum hydrocarbons were detected in samples collected during that investigation. Frey requested case closure and the case was closed on 29 October 2026. The neighborhood has a CalEnviroScreen 4.0 score of 95-100%.

DOWNIEVILLE MOTORS, 114 MAIN STREET, DOWNIEVILLE, CA 95936

The Site is an active fueling station. In November 2019, an unauthorized release report was filed for this active fueling station after an inventory check revealed 52 gallons of regular unleaded fuel were unaccounted for. In August 2024, the tanks, fuel conveyance, and dispenser system were removed and replaced. Groundwater was not observed during the UST removal activities. A closure request was submitted, and staff closed the case on 25 September 2026 (KL). The neighborhood has a CalEnviroScreen 4.0 score of 30-35%.

UST CASE MILESTONES - ENFORCEMENT

SACRAMENTO

WOODY'S GAS / POPPIE FAMILY LIVING TRUST, 220 HWY 20 E, UPPER LAKE, LAKE COUNTY

On 12 May 2026, staff issued a Health and Safety Code 25296.10 Directive to Take Corrective Action and Submit Technical Reports. Since 2022, the single-wall USTs have been abandoned. The property owner has not applied for state funding and reportedly lacks the financial means to remove the USTs and complete case closure activities. The property owner is aware that staff will nominate the case for EAR funding to complete the corrective action after the directive deadline. The neighborhood has a CalEnviroScreen 4.0 score of 35-40%.

UST CASE MILESTONES – NEW CASE

SACRAMENTO

7-ELEVEN INC. #42034, 10067 COMMERCIAL AVENUE, PENN VALLEY, NEVADA COUNTY

In January 2026, the UST owner removed three double-walled USTs and replaced them with new USTs. The consultant observed water in the tank pit, sampled it, pumped it out, and again sampled the water that infiltrated the tank pit. Both water samples contained petroleum compounds. The consultant submitted the tank removal and sampling report on 22 April 2026. Due to the apparent groundwater contamination, staff opened a leaking UST case on 8 May 2026. This is the first case on this property. The neighborhood has a CalEnviroScreen 4.0 score of 15-20%.

FRESNO

VALLEY FIG GROWERS, 2028 THIRD STREET, FRESNO, FRESNO COUNTY

On 4 May 2026, a 16,000-gallon underground storage tank (UST) for concrete heating oil was discovered at the Site and removed on 3 August 2026. Soil samples collected from beneath the UST indicated the presence of gasoline. A letter was sent to the responsible party notifying them that a new case has been opened and requesting a work plan to further investigate the release.

CSG PETROLEUM DBA 24/7 TRUCK STOP, 209 WEEDPATCH HIGHWAY, BAKERSFIELD, KERN COUNTY

On 27 February 2026, two USTs were removed from the site, and soil samples indicate the presence of gasoline. A letter was sent to the responsible party notifying them that a new case has been opened and requesting a work plan to further investigate the release.

SITE CLEANUP PROGRAM SUCCESSES

The following are sites where Board staff concluded that the residual contaminants in soil, soil gas, or groundwater no longer pose a threat to human health or the environment. Where necessary, a land use covenant was recorded with the relevant County Agency to ensure site conditions remain protective of beneficial uses.

REDDING

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS – SUCCESSFULLY CLOSED – NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED

RAM AUTO SALES – 3270 SOUTH MARKET STREET, REDDING, SHASTA COUNTY

The Ram Auto Sales case was opened on 9 January 2012 while investigating a nearby underground storage tank (UST) case. On 14 April 2020, a California Water Code section 13267 Order was issued. In 2022, State Water Board UST Cleanup Fund (CUF) funding was secured and in 2023 an Expedited Claim Account Program (ECAP) Joint Execution Team was assembled. Through investigations in January and June 2024, and August 2025, it was determined that concentrations of petroleum constituents were negligible. Staff closed the case in accordance with the State Water Board's UST Low-Threat Closure Policy (LTCP) on 25 August 2026. (JR)

ALMANOR SPORTS AND SPIRITS, HIGHWAY 147, LAKE ALMANOR, PLUMAS COUNTY

The Almanor Sports and Spirits site has been a retail fueling station since 1978. An unauthorized release of gasoline was discovered in March 2010 during removal of underground storage tanks (USTs). Five domestic wells located generally cross-gradient and downgradient of the site were identified. In December 2018, the Central Valley Water Board issued Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R5-2018-0711 requiring full delineation of groundwater contamination extent. Laboratory testing reported all constituents were below the State Water Board's UST Low-Threat Closure Policy (LTCP) criteria. In August 2018, a new above-ground fuel tank, dispensers and associated piping were installed. A new onsite water supply well was installed, and the former onsite water supply well was decommissioned. Staff closed the case under Class 5 of the LTCP on 26 May 2026. The neighborhood has a CalEnviroScreen 4.0 score of 31 percent. (BB)

WILBUR-ELLIS, 557 ORD RANCH ROAD, GRIDLEY, BUTTE COUNTY

The Wilbur-Ellis 557 Ord Ranch Road site is a 5-acre nut hulling and drying facility where agricultural chemical companies including John Taylor Fertilizer and Wilbur-Ellis Company operated from 1968 to 2002. On 1 December 1998, a concerned citizen sent a letter about potentially improper handling of fertilizers and other chemicals at this site and others in the Gridley area. A preacquisition assessment performed by Wilbur-Ellis' consultant stated

that a grab groundwater sample collected in 1999 contained 670 parts per trillion (ppt) 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP). The California Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for TCP is 5 ppt. In June 2017, Staff requested that the owner sample the onsite supply well for TCP. Subsequent soil and groundwater testing reported the absence of TCP in soil or groundwater above screening levels or the MCL. Due to absence of TCP detections or historical TCP handling, use, or storage at this site, the consultant requested case closure. Staff concurred and closed the case on 13 August 2026. The neighborhood has a CalEnviroScreen 4.0 score of 64 percent. (BB)

WILBUR-ELLIS, 867 HIGHWAY 99, GRIDLEY, BUTTE COUNTY

The Wilbur-Ellis 867 Highway 99 site (Site) is a 24.47-acre commercial/industrial parcel served by a domestic supply well. John Taylor Fertilizers (JTF) leased the Site from Southern Pacific Transportation between 1980 and 1997. Wilbur-Ellis Company (Wilbur-Ellis) acquired JTF in 1999. In January 1999, four shallow grab groundwater and soil samples were sampled for 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP) using EPA Method 504.1. TCP was not detected in any of the January 1999 samples. However, the TCP detection limit for those samples was above the 5 ppt maximum contaminant limit (MCL) drinking water standard. On 1 March 2018, Wilbur-Ellis submitted a Site Summary stating that no TCP containing product was stored or handled on site and requested no further action at the Site. Central Valley Water Board staff (Staff) denied the request because the 5 ppt MCL made the 1999 groundwater sample results insufficient to close the case. At Staff's request, four grab groundwater samples were collected on 17 December 2019 in accordance with an approved work plan. No TCP was detected at or above the reporting limit of 5 ppt. On 15 October 2025 and 12 March 2026, Staff took split samples in coordination with the property owner's consultant. TCP was not detected in the supply well at or above the reporting limit of 5 ppt in either sampling event. Staff closed the case on 13 August 2026. The neighborhood has a CalEnviroScreen 4.0 score of 62 percent. (BB)

WILBUR-ELLIS, 537 MEYERS AVENUE, GRIDLEY, BUTTE COUNTY

Wilbur-Ellis Company conducted agricultural support operations at the Wilbur-Ellis 537 Meyers Avenue site (Site) prior to 2015. On 20 July 2018, Central Valley Water Board staff (Staff) requested that Wilbur-Ellis submit a Historical Activities Report as part of an investigation of 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP) contamination in groundwater at the nearby Manzanita Elementary School. A 30 August 2018 Activity Report for Wilbur-Ellis Facility at Gridley states that this was a Wilbur-Ellis Feed Division distribution facility and was not used for agricultural chemical storage or handling. On 9 October 2024, the consultant requested case closure. Staff determined that groundwater analysis of the domestic well on site would be a sufficient basis to determine eligibility for case closure. In October 2025, Staff sampled the domestic well. TCP was not detected at or above the reporting limit of 5 ppt. Staff closed the case on 1 September 2026. The neighborhood has a CalEnviroScreen 4.0 score of 64 percent. (BB)

SACRAMENTO

NO FURTHER ACTION DETERMINATION, FORMER PAUL'S CLEANERS, 1301 FLORIN ROAD, SACRAMENTO, SACRAMENTO COUNTY

The former dry cleaner operated on-site dry-cleaning equipment that used the solvent tetrachloroethylene (PCE) from about 1965 until 2011. Operations at the dry cleaner resulted in the discharge of PCE and breakdown products including trichloroethylene (TCE) and cis-1,2-dichloroethylene (cis-1,2-DCE) to the environment. In 2011, a soil vapor extraction (SVE) system was installed to remove PCE and other volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from soil vapor beneath the property, which continued to operate until 2022. The SVE system removed a total of approximately 77 pounds of PCE. In-situ chemical oxidation (ISCO) was used to treat elevated VOCs present in groundwater, with two rounds of potassium permanganate injections in 2021 and 2022. Based on an evaluation of groundwater trends, residual VOCs in groundwater are expected to meet water quality objectives within a reasonable amount of time. VOC concentrations in soil remain at some locations, but indoor air testing confirmed no excess risk to building occupants. A Conditional No Further Action letter was issued on 29 May 2026, and a land use covenant limiting future land uses to commercial was recorded with Sacramento County on 13 October 2026. Following confirmation of monitoring well destruction a final No Further action Determination was issued with an effective date of 27 October 2026.

NO FURTHER ACTION DETERMINATION, FORMER HUGGINS CLEANERS, 1347 FLORIN ROAD, SACRAMENTO, SACRAMENTO COUNTY

The dry cleaner operated on-site dry-cleaning equipment that used the solvent tetrachloroethylene (PCE) from about 1979 until 1990. Operations at the dry cleaner resulted in the discharge of PCE and breakdown products including trichloroethylene (TCE) and cis-1,2-dichloroethylene (cis-1,2-DCE) to the environment. In 2011, a soil vapor extraction (SVE) system was installed to remove PCE and other volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from soil vapor beneath the property, which was expanded in 2013. The SVE system continued to operate through 2022 and removed a total of approximately 160 pounds of PCE. A groundwater extraction and treatment system (GWETS) was installed at the site in 2015, which continued to operate through 2023, removing a total of approximately 200 pounds of VOCs during operation. In-situ chemical oxidation (ISCO) was used to treat elevated VOCs still present in groundwater, with a single injection of potassium permanganate taking place in 2021. Based on an evaluation of groundwater trends, residual VOCs in groundwater are expected to meet water quality objectives within a reasonable amount of time. VOC concentrations in soil remain at some locations, but indoor air testing confirmed no excess risk to building occupants. A Conditional No Further Action letter was issued on 18 August 2026, and a land use covenant limiting future land uses to commercial was recorded with Sacramento County on 13 October 2026. Following confirmation of monitoring well destruction a final No Further action Determination was issued with an effective date of 27 October 2026.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

The Central Valley Water Board routinely receives and responds to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) Hazardous Material Spill Reports (Spill Reports). The Redding office has tasked four staff in our office in receiving and if necessary, responding to these OES spill reports. The below table provides a summary of spill reports received by the Central Valley Water Board's Redding office between 1 September 2026 and 31 October 2026.

	Total Spill Reports Received	Total Spill Reports that Required No Action	Total Spill Reports that Required Follow up	Total Spill Reports that Required Further Actions
Sacramento	196	168	2	0
Redding	23	13	4	4
Fresno	92	92	6	12

GRANT OVERSIGHT

CLEAN WATER ACT §319(H) NONPOINT SOURCE GRANT SOLICITATION

Approximately $4 million each year is awarded to the Water Boards through a grant from the USEPA 319(h) Program. The purpose of the program is to provide funds to restore and protect the beneficial uses of water throughout the State through the control of nonpoint source pollution consistent with completed TMDLs or TMDLs under substantial development. For more information, please visit the NPS website at

(www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/319grants.shtml).

OUTREACH

(An asterisk in front of an entry below denotes "Outreach to Disadvantaged Communities" or "Outreach to Tribes.")

On 15 September 2026, Geoff Rader attended a bimonthly Aerojet Superfund Site Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting. Geoff provided a presentation titled *PFAS Site-Wide Activities Update* which summarized documents recently submitted by Aerojet in response to USEPA's January 2025 request for a site-wide PFAS remedial investigation. Recent PFAS-focused document submittals include a work plan to assess anthropogenic background PFAS in soil, a desktop evaluation of Aerojet's past PFAS uses, and plans to investigate PFAS in soil at OU-6 and OU-7.

On 21 September 2026, staff attended a Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition – Lake County Subwatershed field tour.

On 21 September 2026, Adriana Ross and Central Valley Water Board staff attended the Environmental Justice Q3 Roundtable meeting. As a region, participants reported on outreach efforts being conducted across programs, discussed ways to improve outreach, prioritized sites based on Environmental Justice goals, and encouraged work conducted through an Environmental Justice lens.

On 24 September 2026, staff held a regular quarterly check-in meeting with several Environmental Justice groups.

On 24 September 2026, Cannabis staff will present on Enrollment Enforcement.

On 29 September 2026, Adriana Ross and Central Valley Water Board staff attended the California Environmental Protection Agency Language Access Working Group led by Rafael Chavez of CalRecycle. During the meeting, participants heard from representatives of Radio Bilingüe, with whom a partnership is being developed.

*On 1 October 2026, Scott Perrou and Jesse Milliken-Callan participated in the monthly project meeting for the Cross Road and Villa Colonia communities in the City of El Centro, Imperial County. The meeting was organized by the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) and attended by representatives from the City of El Centro, Imperial County, and the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), as well as staff from the State Water Board Divisions of Financial Assistance (DFA) and Water Quality (DWQ). Staff discussed the upcoming City Council meeting and the status of the project.

On 1 October 2026, Jeff Tierney attended the 10-Year Anniversary Open Data Celebration. The event included presentations, a panel, breakout groups, and opportunities to engage directly with California’s open data community. The event recognized and celebrated the hard work and achievements of a wide range of partners who’ve had a hand in advancing 10 years of open water data.

On 1 October 2026, Adriana Ross and Central Valley Water Board staff participated in the IVAN (Identifying Violations Affecting Neighborhoods) Tulare Monthly Task Force Meeting led by Angela Islas of the Central California Environmental Justice Network (CCEJN). Participants continued discussions regarding community concerns in Terra Bella about recurring odors during the morning and evening hours. Community members continue to report these issues.

*On 5 October 2026, Jesse Milliken-Callan and Scott Perrou participated in the monthly meeting for the Roxy Lane and City of Shafter Sanitary Wastewater Project in Kern County. Attendees included representatives from Self-Help Enterprises (SHE). Discussions focused on the septic-to-sewer project serving small communities surrounding the Cities of Shafter and Bakersfield.

On 6 October 2026, Adriana Ross and Central Valley Water Board staff attended the IVAN Kern Task Force monthly meeting. This community-based meeting focused on environmental enforcement reporting. Water Board staff connected with community members, Environmental Justice organizations, and state agencies to address resident complaints and issues affecting disadvantaged communities throughout the Central Valley.

On 6 October 2026, John Murphy and Brad Shelton participated in a "Summer of Cleanup" event at the Argonaut Mine in Jackson, CA, hosted by the USEPA. The purpose of the visit was to observe cleanup activities and ongoing progress at the Superfund site. Attendees included managers from USEPA, DTSC, and the Central Valley Water Board. Members of the media (radio and newspaper) and the Mayor of Jackson also participated.

On 8 October 2026, Adriana Ross and Central Valley Water Board staff participated in a meeting regarding restoration permit requirements with the Chicken Ranch Rancheria Tribal Nation. The Environmental Coordinator for the Tribe requested the meeting to obtain permitting information related to Tribal lands. Adriana Ross led the discussion with assistance from Brandon Salazar, Central Valley Water Board staff engineer.

On 9 October 2026, Jesse Milliken-Callan and Scott Armstrong participated in an Arbuckle Public Utilities District (PUD) Wastewater Consolidation project meeting to discuss the project's first phase. The meeting was organized by the Central Valley Water Board and attended by representatives from Arbuckle PUD and its consulting firm. Staff discussed immediate project needs and the status of the project.

On 9 October 2026, Adriana Ross and Central Valley Water Board staff attended the Tribal Beneficial Uses (TBU) Update Meeting. Led by Sajleen Phagura, Senior Environmental Scientist working on the Basin Plans, the meeting included Tribal Nations participating both virtually and in person. Participants discussed progress on the TBU effort, and staff announced the release of the Tribal Guidance Document, noting that it will remain a living document and be updated as needed.

*On 12 October 2026, Scott Perrou and Jesse Milliken-Callan participated in the monthly project meeting for the Sunset Vista Estates community in Kings County. Attendees included representatives from the City of Lemoore, Kings County, SHE, QK Engineering, Grainger Water, and State Water Board DWQ staff. Participants provided project updates and discussed easement issues, project alternatives, next steps, and timelines.

*On 13 October 2026, Jesse Milliken-Callan and Scott Perrou participated in the monthly project meeting with the IVAN Fresno Task Force in Fresno County. Attendees represented 15 organizations from throughout California. Participants provided project updates and discussed timelines. Wastewater Consolidation staff also provided updates regarding the ongoing rate study for Lanare Community Services District (CSD) and Riverdale PUD.

*On 15 October 2026, Patrick Pulupa, Jennie Fuller, Daniel Ellis, Cindy Au-Yeung, Charlie Johnson, Bethany Soto, and Nate Willow attended the CV-SALTS Executive Committee Meeting. Topics included updates on implementation of the Nitrate Control Program (Regional Board and Management Zone activities) and implementation of the Salt Control Program (future Pilot Studies, Central Valley-Scale analysis, and policy development support).

On 15 October 2026, Rob Fagerness attended the Titan Cleanup Site's Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting in Lincoln. Approximately 20 members of the public attended as well as the mayor of Lincoln, and a representative of Placer County Board of Supervisors. The United States Army Corps of Engineers' contractor provided a discussion of the remedial alternatives (RAs) presented in the Feasibility Study and rationale for the proposed selected alternative. The RAB members provided an update on their public outreach and recent meeting with a realtor group. Rob provided a brief presentation about the Regional Board's involvement in reviewing technical reports, responding to public inquiries, and working collaboratively with the USACE to help keep the project moving towards implementation of an RA that will be protective of Human Health and water resources.

On 16 October 2026, Janis Cooke attended the San Francisco Bay Nutrient Management Strategy Steering Committee Meeting. The Steering Committee heard presentations on potential for pollutant trading to meet Bay nutrient requirements, options for harmful algal bloom treatment and latest assessments of organisms that caused the 2022 harmful algal bloom.

On 16 October 2026, Jesse Milliken-Callan and Scott Armstrong participated in an Arbuckle PUD Wastewater Consolidation project meeting to discuss the project's first phase. The meeting was organized by the Central Valley Water Board and attended by representatives from Arbuckle PUD and its consulting firm. Staff discussed immediate project needs and the status of the project.

On 20 October 2026, Scott Armstrong, Scott Perrou, and Madeline Kelsch participated in a City of Ione Wastewater Master Plan City Council meeting. The meeting was organized and moderated by City staff and attended by the City's consultant, Community Engineering, Inc. The purpose of the meeting was to provide updates on the Wastewater Master Plan and adopt a resolution.

On 23 October 2026, Scott Armstrong, Lixin Fu, and Madeline Kelsch participated in a City of Ione Wastewater Master Plan monthly status meeting. The meeting was organized and moderated by the City's consultant, Community Engineering, Inc., and was attended by City staff. The purpose of the meeting was to provide updates on the Wastewater Master Plan and receive input from City staff and the Central Valley Water Board.

On 26 October 2026, Scott Armstrong, Madeline Kelsch, and Jesse Milliken-Callan met with the City of Ceres to receive an update on the City's Water Resource Recovery Facility Improvements Project design. The meeting was organized and moderated by

the City's consultant, Schneider Electric. The purpose of the meeting was to update the Central Valley Water Board on project design and timelines and to seek permitting guidance.

*On 27 October 2026, Jesse Milliken-Callan, Scott Perrou, and Scott Armstrong participated in a Riverdale PUD and Lanare community Wastewater Consolidation project meeting to discuss progress on the rate study. The meeting was organized and moderated by SHE. Attendees included representatives from the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability (LCJA), SHE, LT Municipal Consultants, and State Water Board DFA and DWQ staff. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss rate study parameters, address questions and concerns, clarify requirements and timelines, and discuss next steps.

*On 27 October 2026, Virat Kang, Chad Neptune, and Bryan Rock met with Madera County Environmental Health staff to discuss regulatory oversight of a proposed onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS) for a new transient recreational vehicle park in Madera County. The meeting focused on determining whether regulatory authority for the OWTS, given its complexity and design, would fall under the jurisdiction of the Central Valley Water Board or Madera County.

*On 27 October 2026, Daniel Ellis, Sajleen Phagura, and Lisa Wilson joined the Tribal Council and Cultural Representatives of the Pit River Tribe, along with representatives from the Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center for a tour of the Medicine Lake Highlands. During the tour, staff provided an update on the TBU Designation Project, addressed questions, and supported the tribe’s TBU designation request.

*On 28 October 2026, Omar Mostafa, Bryan Rock, and Alex Mushegan participated in a meeting with consultants from Carollo Engineers on behalf of the City of Lemoore. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss potential permitting and compliance issues associated with aeration improvements at the City's wastewater treatment facility.

*On 28 October 2026, Scott Perrou and Scott Armstrong participated in the monthly project meeting for the Delhi County Water District (CWD) Sewer-to-Service (S2S) Wastewater Disposal Project (WDP) in Delhi, Merced County. The meeting was organized by SHE and attended by representatives from Delhi CWD, QK Engineering, and State Water Board DFA and DWQ staff. Participants discussed project status, updates, and timelines.

On 27-29 October 2026, five staff attended the California Department of Food and Agriculture Fertilizer Research and Education Program (FREP)/Western Plant Health Nutrient Management Conference in Stockton, California. The conference included a tour of the Port of Stockton facilities.

On 30 October 2026, Jesse Milliken-Callan and Scott Armstrong participated in an Arbuckle PUD Wastewater Consolidation project meeting to discuss the project's first phase. The meeting was organized by the Central Valley Water Board and attended by

representatives from Arbuckle PUD and its consulting firm. Staff discussed immediate project needs and the status of the project.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

STAFFING UPDATES – SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 – OCTOBER 31, 2026

PROMOTIONS

Natalie Petzak – EG
Jonathan Rohrbough – SR WRCE (Sup)
Margie Saldana – Analyst II
Layla Jensen – Analyst I

NEW HIRES

Sarah Smith – Sci Aid
Ann Marie Ore – CEA
Nahideh Faiaz – Sci Aid

RETIREMENTS

Chris Jimmerson – ES
Daniel Warner - WRCE

SEPARATIONS

None

SUMMARY OF POSITIONS

Total Authorized Positions: 299.0
Total Temporary Positions: 23.0
Total Vacant Positions: 20.0

Sacramento

Authorized Positions: 162.0
Temporary Positions: 11.0
Vacant Positions: 8.0

Fresno

Authorized Positions: 84.0
Temporary Positions: 6.0
Vacant Position: 5.0

Redding

Authorized Positions: 53.0
Temporary Positions: 6.0
Vacancies: 7.0

TRAINING UPDATES – SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 – OCTOBER 31, 2026

Class Title	Number of Attendees
2026 Bay-Delta Science Conference	1
2026 CVCWA Annual Conference	10
2026 Groundwater Protection Council Annual Forum	2
8 Keys to a More Respectful Workplace	2
80-hour Initial Leadership Training for Supervisors	1
8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher	7
Adobe Acrobat Pro Essentials (2025)	1
AI Fluency - Intro to Prompts	1
AI for Beginners: Understand the Basics	1
Anti-Harassment Training (SB1343) for Board Members, Supervisors, Managers, and C.E.A.s	3
Anti-Harassment Training (SB1343) for Non-Supervisory Staff	10
Assess your team's skills	1
Boost your team's performance	1
Brain Bites - Writing Effective Emails	1
Building Up Your Emotional Intelligence	2
Choking - First Aid	1
Clarity and Conciseness in Business Writing	1
Coaching Agile Teams: How to Improve Agile Team Performance	1
Coaching for Excellence	1
Communication Skills for Beginners	1
Confronting Bias in AI: Strategies for Accountability and Fairness (Leadership Podcast featuring Dr. Mhairi Aitken)	1
Cornerstone Academy 101 for Non-Supervisory Staff	5
Cornerstone Academy 101 for Supervisors and Managers	1
Creating a Mindset for Change	1
Don't Dwell on Differences; Focus on Talents	3
Effective Communication for Influence and Clarity	3
Enhancing Document Management	4
Ergonomics Awareness	3
Essential Influencing Skills for the Workplace	1
Ethical Leadership	1

Class Title	Number of Attendees
External Training for Continuing Leadership Development Program - 8 Hours (Instance 1)	1
Field Safety Training	7
Groundwater Modeling	3
Groundwater Modeling Pre-Work 2026/2027	2
Group Leadership Event for Continuing Leadership Development Program - 2 Hours (Instance 1)	4
HAZCOM Hazard Communication	2
Heat Illness Prevention	1
How To Listen	1
Identify Your Stakeholders	1
Inclusive Leadership	1
Injury and Illness Prevention Program	2
Introduction to CEQA: Part 1	4
Introduction to CEQA: Part 2	1
Introduction to CEQA: Part 3	1
Introduction to CEQA: Part 4	1
Introduction to R for Water Resources Data Science Pre-work FY 26/27	7
Lab Safety Training	9
Lead your remote team like a boss	1
Leadership Skills: Build A Growth-Driven Company Culture To Retain Talent And Increase Profitability	1
Leadership Skills: Master Persuasion And Influence Techniques To Get What You Want	1
Leadership: Practical Leadership Skills	1
Mastering Leadership and People Skills	1
Maximizing Business Value through Change Management and Digital Transformation	1
Mental Resilience: Build Resilience With An Adaptive Mindset To Overcome Limits	1
Mental Resilience: Manage Your Emotions And Stress Response To Boost Performance	1
Microsoft 365 Core Applications - Beginner	1
Microsoft 365 Excel - Intermediate	1
Microsoft 365 OneDrive - Beginner	1
Microsoft 365 SharePoint Site User - Beginner	1
Microsoft 365 Word - Automating Word	1
Microsoft Copilot: Maximizing Productivity Across Microsoft 365 Apps (Microlearning Sequence)	1
Petroleum Remediation Principles & Technologies for Soil, Vapor, and Groundwater	2

Class Title	Number of Attendees
Professional Engineer and Geologist License Examination Preparatory Course Request Overview	1
Project Teams	1
Reports that Speak: Say What Matters, Leave the Rest	4
Responsible AI for Public Professionals	10
Seven Tips for New Leaders - Avoiding Common Mistakes	2
Small Acts of Leadership: Intentional Skills for Big Impact	1
Stormwater and Erosion Control for Construction	1
Supervisor's Safety Training	2
Team Facilitation Skills: Meeting Management	1
The Difference Between an Angry Customer and an Abusive Customer	1
The Enneagram Test: Insights for Work	1
The Enneagram Test: What's Your Type?	1
Time Management: Delegate Tasks	1
Tips to Get to the Next Level at Work	1
TMDL Fundamentals: The Clean Water Act - Water Quality-Based Approach	1
Tribal History and Cultural Competency: History and Legal Foundations	1
Unlocking Leadership Potential: The Essential Role of Emotional Intelligence for Leaders (SHRM) (Video Podcast)	1
Use Copilot in Word to Draft New Content With Reference Files	1
Use Copilot to Summarize and Draft Emails in Outlook	1
Use Copilot to Summarize Teams Meetings	1
Using Microsoft Copilot with Microsoft 365 Apps	2
Visioning and Strategic Planning Facilitation	1
Water Leadership Program - Aspiring Leaders Curriculum	1
Water Leadership Program - Executive Leaders Cohort Workshop #2: Strategic Planning and Prioritization	1
Water Leadership Program - Executive Leaders Cohort Workshop #1: Building Culture	1
Water Leadership Program - Executive Leaders Cohort Workshop #3: Strategic Communication and Organizational Engagement	1
Water Quality Goals: Part 4	1
Water Quality Regulation & Permitting	5
Water Quality Standards Academy: Part 1	1
Water Quality Standards Academy: Part 2	1
Water Quality Standards Academy: Part 3	1
Water Quality Standards Academy: Part 4	1
Water Quality Standards Academy: Part 5	1
Watercourse Classification: Forest Practice Rules Part 1	1
Watercourse Classification: Forest Practice Rules Part 2	1

Class Title	Number of Attendees
Watercourse Classification: Forest Practice Rules Part 3	1
Weight and Size Bias Prevention: Recognize Myths about Weight Bias	1
Writing Effective E-mails and Instant Messages	1

FISCAL UPDATE

A fiscal update cannot be provided at this time due to the Water Board's implementation of the Fi$Cal accounting system. This information will be provided once budget reports become available.

CONTRACTS

Operational Support Services

Contract Number	Contractor Name	Description	Start Date	End Date	Amount
24-003-150	Capitol Helicopters	Helicopter aerial surveillance services (Rancho Cordova office – SB 901 funds)	7/1/2024	6/30/2027	$60,000
25-001-150	Department of Water Resources	Drone Aerial Surveillance (Rancho Cordova Office)	7/1/2025	6/30/2028	$59,999.60
26-002-150	Redding Air Service, Inc.	Helicopter aerial surveillance services (Redding office – SB 901 funds)	7/1/2026	6/30/2029	$105,000

Water Quality Study/Planning

Contract Number	Contractor Name	Description	Start Date	End Date	Amount
22-028-150-1	Department of Water Resources	Support for Sacramento Water Coordinated Monitoring	10/1/2022	9/30/2027	$700,000

FUTURE BOARD ACTIVITIES

The following are significant Board meeting actions anticipated for the next three Board meetings. This is not a complete listing of all Board meeting items. This listing is tentative and subject to change for many reasons. The listing is intended to give a longer-range view of planned Regional Board activities per program.

FEBRUARY 2026 BOARD MEETING

TITLE 27 LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAM

- Bieber Class III Landfill – Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements
- Lebec Sanitary Landfill - Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements
- Teapot Dome SWDS – Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements

NPDES PERMITTING

- Bell Carter Industrial WWTP NPDES Permit Renewal
- Chester PUD Treatment Plant NPDES Permit Renewal
- City of Lathrop Consolidated Treatment Facility NPDES Permit Renewal

GROUNDWATER QUALITY PROTECTION PROGRAM

- Liberty Packing Ingomar Facility (Revised WDRs)

APRIL 2026 BOARD MEETING

TITLE 27 LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAM

- Altamont/Resource Recovery Class II & III Landfills, Class II Surface Impoundment - Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements
- Clean Harbors Buttonwillow Facility - Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements
- Recology Ostrom Road Landfill - Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements
- Redding Class III Landfill Benton
- Synagro Composting El Nido – Consideration of New Waste Discharge Requirements
- Washington Mine – Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements

NPDES PERMITTING

- City of Corning WWTP NPDES Permit Renewal
- Limited Threat General Order NPDES Permit Renewal

- Sliger Mine NPDES Permit Renewal

GROUNDWATER QUALITY PROTECTION PROGRAM

- Nut Processing General Order (New General Order)
- Lucky's Express Truck Wash Facility (New WDRs)
- Wayne Lourence Rawson Road Septage Disposal Site (Revised WDRS)

JUNE 2026 BOARD MEETING

TITLE 27 LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAM

- Fink Road LF – Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements
- Kiefer Road Class III Landfill SWDS – Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements
- US Mine Corporation-Ione Plant – Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements

GROUNDWATER QUALITY PROTECTION PROGRAM

- Calbee America Foods Madera Chip Facility (New WDRs)
- Richwood Meat Company, Richwood Processing Facility (Revised WDRs)
- University of California, Davis, et. al – Aquatic Weed Lab & Center for Aquatic Biology and Aquaculture Center (Revised WDRs)
- Ventura Coastal, LLC, Visalita Citrus (Revised WDRs)

PENDING ACTIONS BUT NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR A BOARD MEETING

TITLE 27 LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAM

- Tehachapi Class II Surface Impoundment – Consideration of Revised Waste Discharge Requirements

NPDES PERMITTING

- Aerojet Interim Groundwater Extraction and Treatment System NPDES Permit Amendment
- Bear Valley WWTF NPDES Permit Renewal
- City of Colusa WWTP NPDES Permit Renewal
- City of Davis WWTP NPDES Permit Amendment

- Donner Summit WWTP Time Schedule Order
- Nevada City WWTP NPDES Permit Renewal
- North Valley Regional Recycled Water Program NPDES Permit Renewal

GROUNDWATER QUALITY PROTECTION PROGRAM

- Avenal Sand and Gravel Granite Construction (New WDRs)
- Baldwin Contracting Hallwood (Existing WDRs)
- CDCR Mule Creek State Prison (Revised)
- Central California Women's Facility & Valley State Prison WWTF (Revised)
- City of Arvin WWTF (Revised)
- City of Ceres WWTF (Revised)
- City of Dixon (Revised WDRs)
- City of Ione Tertiary Treatment Plant (Revised)
- City of Lindsay WWTF (Revised)
- City of Riverbank WWTF (Revised WDRs)
- Del Rey WWTF (Revised)
- Goldstone Land Company Beer Creek Winery (Revised WDRS)
- Granite Construction Company Granite Capay (Revised WDRS)
- Hidden Valley CSD Reclamation Facility (Revised WDRs)
- Morning Star Packing Company (Revised)
- OPA Pistachio, LLC Processing Facility (New WDRs)
- Porterville WWTF (Revised)
- Richwood Meat Company Processing Facility (Revised WDRs)
- Teichert Hallwood (Revised)
- Teichert Vernalis (Revised)
- Teichert Woodland (Revised)
- Triangle Rock Products – Florin Road (Revised WDRs)
- Tucson Ridge Development WWTF (New)
- Wasco State Prison WWTF (Revised)
- Western Valley meat Processing Facility (Revised WDRS)
- Wonderful Firebaugh Pistachio Processing Facility (Revised WDRs)
- Woodbridge Winery (Revised)

- Zamora Pistachio LLC (Revised WDRs)