

We will begin soon

Allensworth Community Services District

Public Meeting

6:00 - 8:00 PM

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June 13, 2024

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Water Board's Mission Statement

Preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources and drinking water for the protection of the environment, public health, and all beneficial uses, and to ensure proper water resource allocation and efficient use, for the benefit of present and future generations.

To Participate

Please hold off on questions or comments until we reach the public comments section.



You may fill out a comment card/sheet during the presentation or raise your hand later.



Everyone will have the chance to speak during the public comment section.

Meeting Agenda

Water System Background

Administrator Overview

Questions and Comments

Next Steps

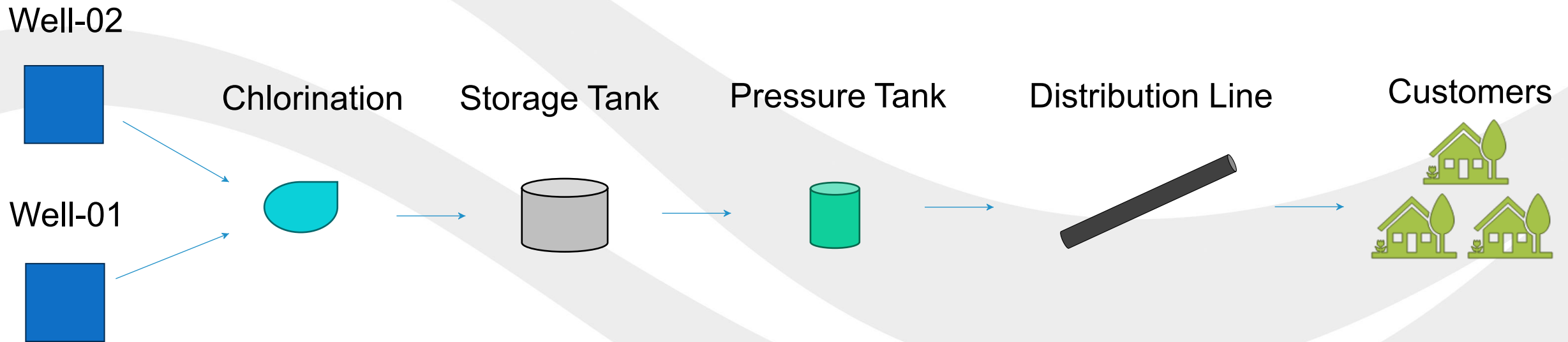


Water System Background Allensworth Community Services District

Saeeda Rafique
Water Resource Control Engineer
Division of Drinking Water, SAFER

Infrastructure: Allensworth

- Source: Well-01 (East) and Well-02 (West)
- Aging infrastructure
- No backup power supply
- No established 50-foot control zone around each well head



Equipment Life Expectancy

Equipment	*Typical Equipment Life Expectancy	Age of Equipment
Wells	35 - 45 years	40 years (Well 01) 26 years (Well 02)
Chlorination Equipment	10 - 15 years	Age Unknown
Storage Tank	30 - 60 years	Age Unknown
Pressure Tank	5 – 15 years	Age Unknown
Mains & Distribution Pipes	35 - 40 years	Age Unknown

*Table 1: Typical Equipment Life Expectancy available at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/TMF.html

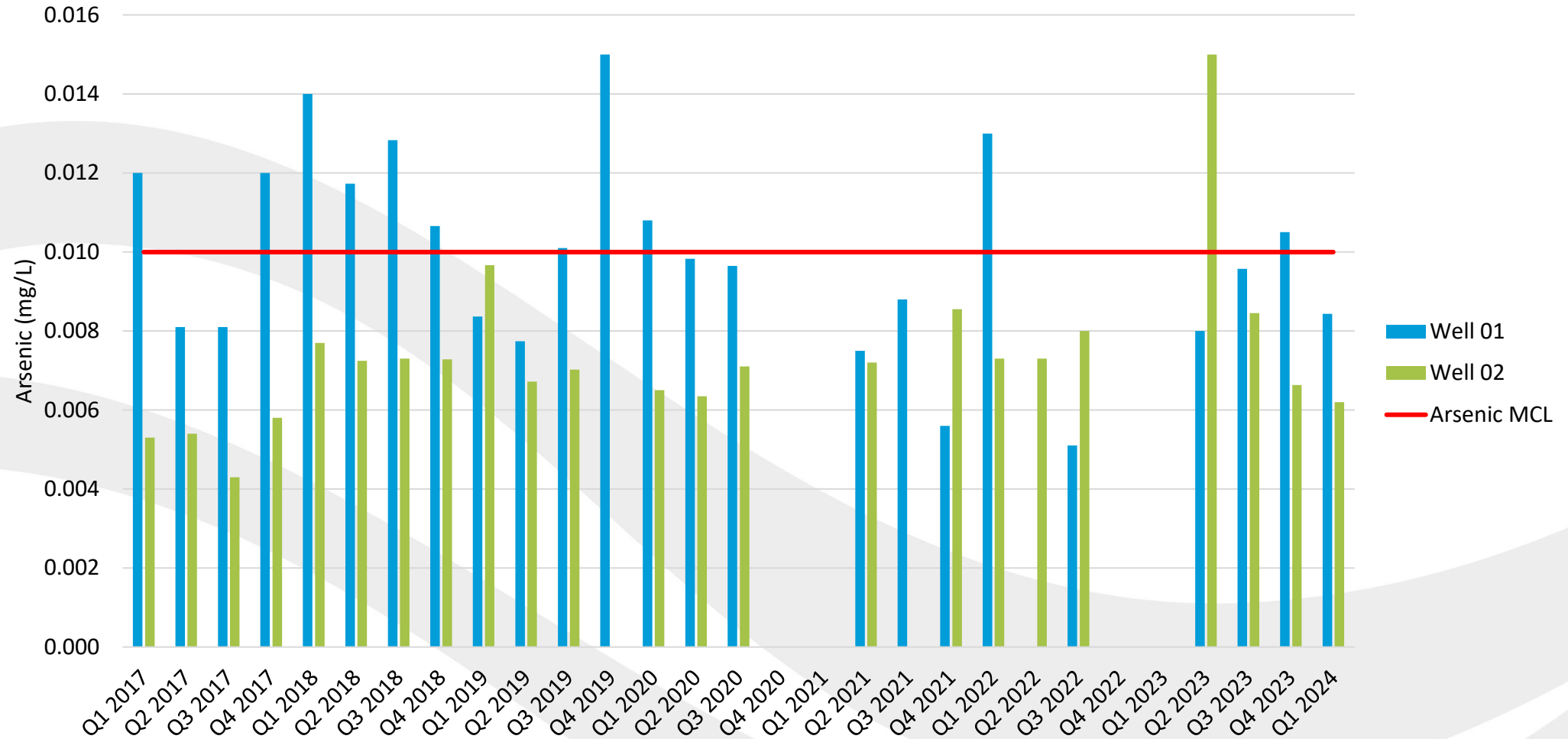
Water Quality: Arsenic

- Well 1 regularly exceeds the Arsenic MCL, while Well 2 regularly stays below it. Blending both well waters reduces the concentration, but sometimes the blended effluent exceeds the MCL.
 - Arsenic MCL: 0.010 mg/L
- Health effects may include higher risk of the following:
 - Cancer
 - Skin Lesions
 - Cardiovascular Disease
 - Neurological effects
 - Developmental effects

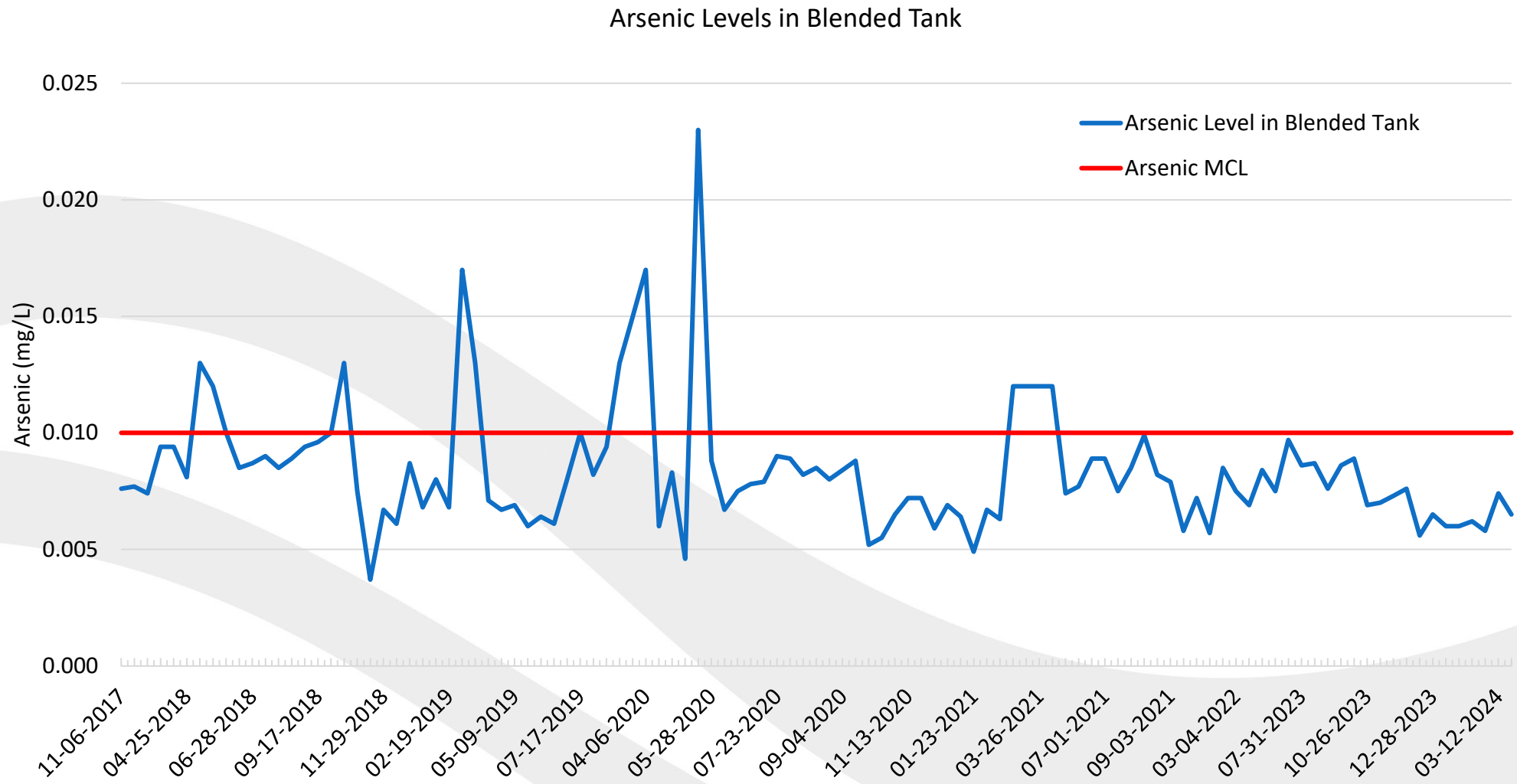


Arsenic Levels in Wells

Well 01 and Well 02 Arsenic Levels
(Quarterly Average)



Arsenic Levels in Blended Tank Water



Other violations

Out of compliance with:

- Arsenic blending treatment monitoring and reporting provisions as directed in the system's Domestic Water Permit
- Monitoring for Nitrate
- Total Coliform MCL
- Submitting reports such as Consumer Confidence Reports and Electronic Annual Reports



Technical, Managerial, and Financial Capacity



- Water infrastructure maintenance and replacement
- Water quality monitoring
- Public Notices



- Stakeholder communication
- Organization
- Adequate staff and training



- Revenue sufficiency
- Fiscal management and controls
- Capacity to implement solutions

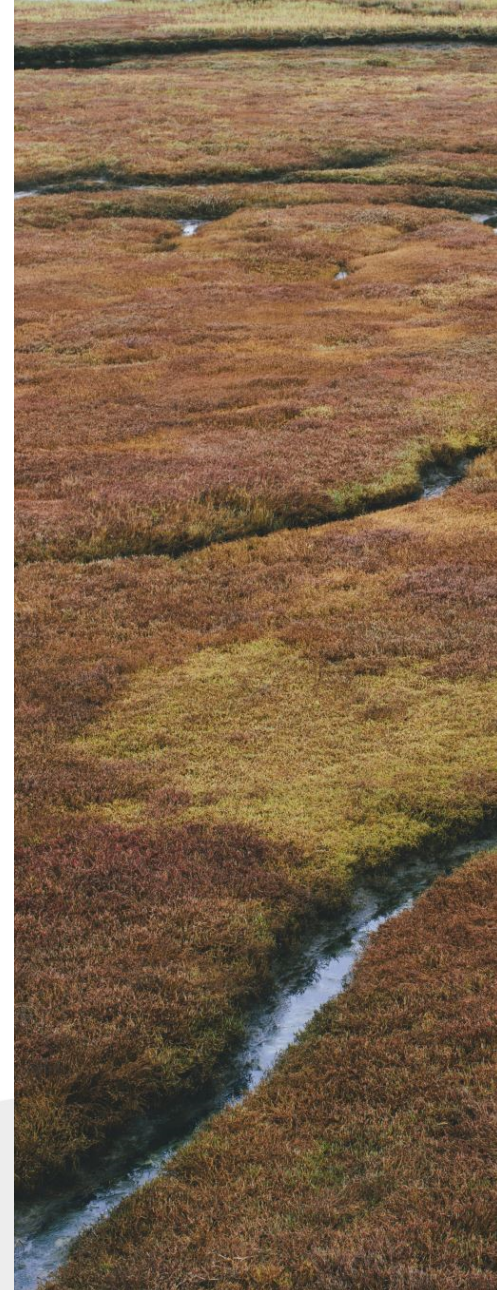
Drought Planning: Senate Bill 552

Small Water Suppliers: All (15-2,999 connections)

Implement drought resiliency measures, subject to funding availability:

- a) Detect production well groundwater levels - *Jan 1, 2023*
- b) Mutual aid organization membership - *Jan 1, 2023*
- c) Continuous operation during power failures - *Jan 1, 2024*
- d) Backup source of water supply or a water system intertie - *Jan 1, 2027*
- e) Meter each service connection and monitor water loss - *Jan 1, 2032*
- f) Meet fire flow requirements - *Jan 1, 2032*

For more information, please visit: https://bit.ly/SB552_DroughtPlanning



Administrator Overview Allensworth Community Services District

Bryan Potter, P.E.
Senior Water Resource Control Engineer
Division of Drinking Water, SAFER

What is a Limited Scope Administrator?

- A limited scope administrator is a person or entity that is appointed and/or authorized to assist in the technical, managerial, and/or financial operations and management of a designated water system to provide an adequate supply of safe and affordable drinking water.
- A limited scope administrator is required to have:
 - All necessary licenses and certifications for scope of appointment
 - Sufficient experience for scope of appointment
 - Subject to a background check.





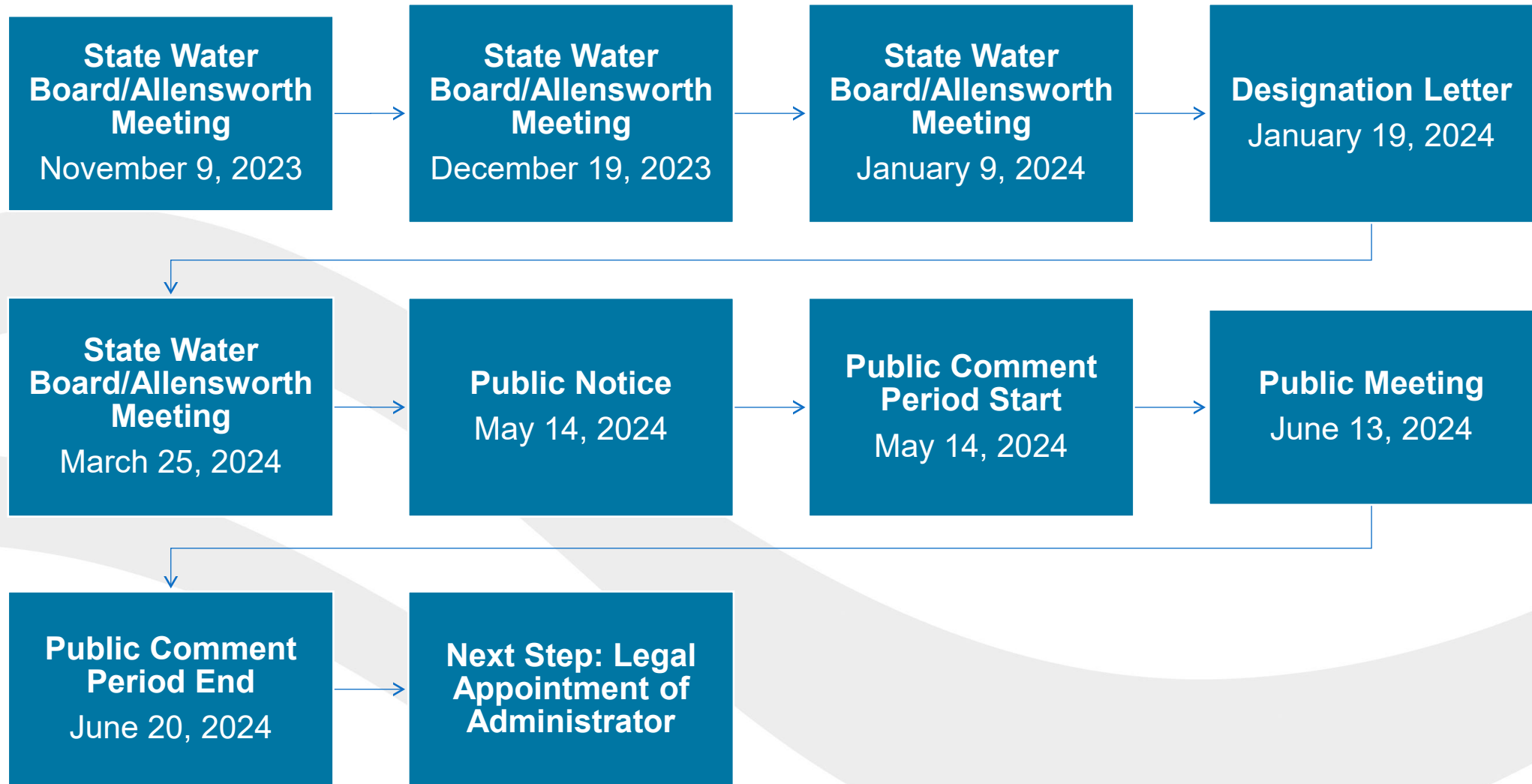
ADMINISTRATORS

Administrator Authority

- **Applicability:**
 - A public water system or state small water system that serves a disadvantaged community and that the state board finds consistently fails to provide an adequate supply of affordable, safe drinking water.
- **Policy Handbook:**
 - bit.ly/Administrator_Policy_Handbook



Administrator Appointment Process



Potential Administrator for Allensworth CSD

- Potential Limited Scope Administrator has been identified
 - **Stantec Inc.**
- Public notice included:
 - Name of potential limited scope administrator
 - Qualifications
- Public comment period
 - June 20, 2024

Potential Administrator for Allensworth CSD

- Stantec Inc. Team
 - Administrator Leads
 - Emily Finnegan
 - Khandriale Clark
 - Technical Lead
 - Nicole Belle Isle
 - Stantec SAFER Program Team
 - Mike Antos
 - Tori Klug



Scope of Work and Ultimate Goals

Stantec will:

1. Conduct an initial assessment of the water system
2. Develop and propose a Limited Scope Administrator Work Plan based on the system initial assessment
3. Consult with Allensworth CSD and the State Water Board to review the Work Plan and determine which components are eligible for funding

Community Accountability and Engagement Plan

- Developed within 120 days of appointment
- Public meetings at least once every three (3) months
 - Provide 10-day notice
 - Opportunity for public comment
- Community involvement
- Public access to records



Post-Administrator Drinking Water Service Plan

1. **Identify** and evaluate technical, managerial, and financial issues
2. **Plan** to address technical, managerial, and financial issues
3. **Identify** and evaluate potential significant future issues
4. **Identify** needed resources
5. **Evaluate** governance feasibility
6. **Evaluate** feasibility of connecting to or consolidating with another system



Administrator Funding

State Water Board will be responsible for:

- Salary and benefits for Administrator
- Administrative costs attributed solely to Administrator (working space, phones, furniture)
- Legal, accounting and other similar managerial fees

Funding may be available for:

- Construction and planning projects
- Ongoing operation and maintenance costs

Stakeholder and Community Input



Community members may submit a petition to the State Water Board for reversal or modification of a decision of an administrator or substitution of the administrator



Must be received by the State Board within 30 days of date of administrator's decision



State Board will review and act on the petition

Goals



Safe and reliable drinking water



Complete necessary improvements



Maintain public engagement



Oversee implementation of long-term consolidation solution

Public Comments/Questions Allensworth Community Services District

Comments? Questions?

- First and last name
- Affiliation
- Concise question or comment
(*3 minutes max*)



Next Steps and Closing

Next Steps

- Administrator website: bit.ly/DDW_AdminWebsite.
- The Public Comment deadline is June 20, 2024
- Written comments and questions are addressed by mail, email or phone:
 - Saeeda Rafique, State Water Resources Control Board
500 N Central Avenue, Suite 500, Glendale, CA 91203
 - DDW-Administrator@waterboards.ca.gov
 - Phone: (818) 559-2070

Thank you and contact us!

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