

State Water Resources Control Board

Virtual and Teleconference Meeting During COVID-19 Emergency

This meeting will occur via remote presence only as a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Executive Orders to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing.

Notice of Public Meeting

Identification of an Administrator for Cazadero Water Company

December 7, 2020, 6:00pm

REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY

PURPOSE

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) invites you to attend a meeting to learn about Russian River Utility as a potential administrator to the Cazadero Water Company (Company).

An administrator is a person or entity that is appointed to partially or completely manage a designated water system in order to provide an adequate supply of safe and affordable drinking water. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information on the following:

- Current status of drinking water in the Cazadero Water Company.
- Purpose and role of an administrator.
- Administrator qualifications, conflicts of interest, and scope of work.

The meeting will also include an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide comments. The public can submit questions and comments through **December 14, 2020**.

MEETING LOGISTICS

If you wish to join the meeting by Zoom:

bit.ly/SWRCB_Cazadero

If you wish to join the meeting by telephone: +1-669-900-9128

Meeting ID: 968 6244 6034

Passcode: 007007

Optional [To receive meeting updates via email](#), please register for the webinar at:

bit.ly/Cazadero_Updates

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LANGUAGE SERVICES

To request language interpretation or sign language services, please submit your request at least 10 business days before the meeting by contacting Itzel Vasquez-Rodriguez at 916-445-5615 or SAFER@waterboards.ca.gov.

ACCESSIBILITY

Telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at: (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

MEETING MATERIALS

[Meeting materials and details on remote participation](#) are available at bit.ly/DDW_AdminWebsite and will be emailed to registered participants before the meeting.

HOW TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mail: Brian Kidwell, P.E.,
State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Drinking Water
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Email: DDW-Administrator@waterboards.ca.gov

BACKGROUND

On June 11, 2020, the State Water Board, in collaboration with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), designated the Cazadero Water Company as a water system in need of an administrator because it has not consistently provided an adequate supply of affordable, safe drinking water to its customers. Escalating enforcement actions for violating the surface water treatment rule and lead and copper rule have been issued since 2017, culminating in the State Water Board's designation of the Company as a system in need of an administrator.

The State Water Board proposes appointing an administrator for the Company to manage the water system. All actions taken by an administrator are required to be in the best interest of the community served by the water system and include the following:

- Developing access to an adequate supply of safe and affordable drinking water.
- Holding public meetings at least every three months.

Any ratepayer, renter, or property owner who receives water from a designated water system can submit a petition to the State Water Board to reverse or modify an administrator decision or to replace an administrator. A description of this process and the administrator authority is contained in Health and Safety Code Section 116686 and in the State Water Board's Administrator Policy Handbook (Sept. 2019).

Information on Proposed Administrator

NAME OF ADMINISTRATOR

Russian River Utility has been identified as a viable candidate to be appointed as an administrator of the Cazadero Water Company. Their qualifications include:

- Water system management of over 16 systems.
- Operation of treatment plants and other critical water quality facilities.
- Experience planning solutions for water quality problems.

SCOPE OF APPOINTMENT & SERVICES PROVIDED

This administrator will be a Full-Scope Administrator as defined in the [Administrator Policy Handbook](#) available online at bit.ly/SAFER_Administrator

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest has been found by the State Water Board or reported by Russian River Utility at this time. If at any time a proposed action would create a conflict of interest, an administrator is required to provide written notice the State Water Board in addition to all ratepayers, renters and property owners, who receive water service from the designated water system 30 days prior to taking the action.

MORE INFORMATION

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[Water Board website](#): bit.ly/DDW_AdminWebsite