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## State Water Resources Control Board

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### **Video 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.

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## **Notice of Public Meeting**

### **Identification of an Administrator for Valley Ford Water Association January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 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 Valley Ford Water Association.

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 Valley Ford Water Association
- 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 January 26, 2021.

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## MEETING LOGISTICS

If you wish to join the meeting by Zoom:

[bit.ly/SWRCB\\_ValleyFord](https://bit.ly/SWRCB_ValleyFord)

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

**Meeting ID: 930 2077 8305**

**\*Optional\***- To receive meeting updates via email, please register for the webinar at:

[bit.ly/RegisterVFAdministrator](https://bit.ly/RegisterVFAdministrator)

## 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](mailto: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](https://bit.ly/DDW_AdminWebsite). Meeting materials and details will be emailed to registered participants before the meeting.

## HOW TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mail: Brian Kidwell, P.E.,  
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Stockton, CA 95202

Email: [DDW-Administrator@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DDW-Administrator@waterboards.ca.gov)

## BACKGROUND

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the State Water Board, in collaboration with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), designated the Valley Ford Water Association 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. Enforcement actions, for violation of the nitrate and disinfection byproducts maximum contaminant levels as well as violation the groundwater rule, have been issued to the Valley Ford Water Association, culminating in the State Water Board's designation as a system in need of an administrator.

The State Water Board proposes appointing an administrator for the Valley

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Ford Water Association 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 at [bit.ly/SAFER\\_Administrator](http://bit.ly/SAFER_Administrator) (Sept. 2019).

### **Information on Proposed Administrator**

#### **NAME OF ADMINISTRATOR**

For the Valley Ford Water Association, the Russian River Utility has been identified as a viable candidate to be appointed as an administrator because of the following qualifications:

- 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](http://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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