

One Water Regime Sub Workgroup Recommendations

The One Water Regime Sub Workgroup presents the following recommendations to the Drinking Water Operator Certification Program and Wastewater Operator Certification Program Advisory Committees:

- 1) Consider, update, and adopt draft language to Title 22 CCR; Article 4, §63800 that would allow certified treatment operators to fulfill experience requirements while working at facilities that utilize Advanced Treatment processes to meet regulatory standards for water quality.

“A certified operator may substitute on a day-for-day basis the experience requirements in (c)(2) with experience gained while working at treatment facilities that utilize Advanced Water Technology (AWT) processes to meet regulatory water quality standards.

Advanced Water Technology Treatment processes include Membrane Filtration, Membrane Desalination, Biological Filtration, Iron and Manganese Removal, Advanced Oxidation, Disinfection by Ozone and Ultraviolet light, Membrane Bioreactors, Adsorption/ Exchange through ion exchange.”

- 2) Consider putting in place an annual or biannual Joint Advisory Committee meeting of the Drinking Water Operator Advisory Committee and the Wastewater Operator Advisory Committee, with a One Water focus. The Joint Operator Advisory Committee will have a cross sector focus and commitment to ongoing engagement that is reflected through its organization, structure, work group participation, and Advisory committee membership.
- 3) That the Wastewater Operator Certification program commit to making it a part of their regular process to conduct a Job Task Analysis of the Wastewater Operator job role every 5-7 years and publish “Need to Know” criteria for candidates.

Attachment:

- 1.) Final One Water Recommendations – May 2023