



**This is a message from the State Water Resources Control Board.**

As a result of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) outbreak, and the March 15<sup>th</sup> guidance by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to halt gatherings of more than 50 people for the next eight weeks, **the March 21<sup>st</sup> Drinking Water Operator Certification Distribution Examination has been cancelled.** The State Water Resources Control Board understands this decision will have negative effects on a lot of individuals and as such, every attempt was made to continue with the examination before the ultimate and very difficult decision of cancelling the examination was made.

All examinees who were scheduled for the March 21<sup>st</sup>, Drinking Water Operator Certification Distribution Examination, will automatically be rescheduled for the September 2020 Drinking Water Operator Certification Distribution Examination. Examinees will not be required to pay additional fees to take the September 2020 Drinking Water Operator Certification Distribution Examination.

The State Water Resources Control board is currently working to identify any viable options to assist those who may have emergency needs to have a Drinking Water Operator Certification Distribution Examination provided (e.g., water system compliance needs, etc.) in the Spring, therefore, if your water system has an emergency need for an examination to be conducted, please inform the Drinking Water Operator Certification program by sending the below information to the e-mail address:

[dwopcertprogram@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dwopcertprogram@waterboards.ca.gov)

1. Name of Examinee
2. Water System Location
3. Water System Supervisor Contact Information (Name, Phone Number & E-mail Address)
4. Emergency Need

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these unprecedented circumstances.

Thank you,