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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 and Consolidation for Six Acres Water Company with the City of Cloverdale**

**June 29, 2021**

**6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**[http://bit.ly/SixAcres\\_SWRCB](http://bit.ly/SixAcres_SWRCB)**

**Remote Participation Only**

#### **PURPOSE**

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) invites you to attend a meeting to learn about the selection of Demery and Associates as a potential Administrator for the Six Acres Water Company (Six Acres) and the mandatory consolidation process to combine Six Acres with the City of Cloverdale.

An administrator is a person or entity that is appointed and/or authorized to exercise total and complete managerial control over a designated water system in order to provide an adequate supply of safe and affordable drinking water.

Mandatory consolidation will result in the physical and operational consolidation of Six Acres into the City of Cloverdale. Six Acres will no longer act as an independent water system and will be owned and operated by the City of Cloverdale.

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This public meeting is a requirement of both the mandatory consolidation and administrator appointment processes. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information on the following:

- Current status of drinking water in the Six Acres Water Company
- Purpose and role of an Administrator
- Administrator qualifications, conflicts of interest, and scope of work
- Mandatory consolidation process

The meeting will also include an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide comments. The public can submit questions and comments through July 6, 2021.

**MEETING LOGISTICS:** If you wish to join the meeting by Zoom or phone:

Zoom: [http://bit.ly/SixAcres\\_SWRCB](http://bit.ly/SixAcres_SWRCB)

Phone: +1-669-900-9128 Meeting ID: 956 4249 1624

## **LANGUAGE SERVICES**

To request language interpretation or sign language services, please submit your request at least 10 business days before the meeting by contacting Amanda Ford at 510-206-4424 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](http://bit.ly/DDW_AdminWebsite).

## **HOW TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mail: Brian Kidwell, P.E.,  
State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Drinking Water  
31 E Channel Street  
Stockton, CA 95202

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

## **BACKGROUND**

On November 2, 2020, the State Water Board, in collaboration with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), initiated the process of mandatory consolidation to combine Six Acres with the City of Cloverdale. This public meeting is

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required as the first step in the mandatory consolidation process. In addition, the State Water Board determined that Six Acres is in need of an administrator because it has not consistently provided an adequate supply of affordable, safe drinking water to its customers. Six Acres has limited technical, managerial, and financial capacity resources, does not have an updated domestic water supply permit, has not maintained its legal status with the California Secretary of State, and may be impaired by nearby wastewater facilities. Furthermore, escalating enforcement actions for violating the surface water treatment rule have been issued since 2015.

The State Water Board proposes appointing an administrator, Demery and Associates, to manage the water system in concurrence with mandatory consolidation. 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; and
- 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). The State Water Board is also seeking input from Six Acres customers and other interested parties concerning the mandatory consolidation with the City of Cloverdale.

### **Information on Proposed Administrator**

#### **NAME OF ADMINISTRATOR**

Demery and Associates has been identified as a viable candidate to be appointed as an administrator because of the following qualifications:

- Engineering experience of over 30 years in Sonoma County
- Water system operational and administrative staff management experience of over 30 years
- Experience working with legal counsel
- Experience administering grant and loan programs for water systems

#### **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**

To date, no conflict of interest has been found by the State Water Board or reported by Demery and Associates. If at any time a proposed action would create a conflict of interest, an administrator is required to provide written notice to 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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