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Hello - I have the following comments on the 2025 Safe Drinking Water Plan:

1. Regarding the California drinking water fluoridation program, the Plan refers to the authority and responsibility of both CDPH and the SWRCB for the continued success of the public water system fluoridation program in California. The plan should make it more clear that CDPH and the SWRCB coordinate activities and share information to support the fluoridation program. I can provide suggested verbiage if the would be helpful.
2. The Plan should reference efforts at both the State and Federal levels to promote drinking water as a healthy alternative to sugary beverages. This promotional work is bolstered by programs such as the SAFER program that lead to safe water thereby restoring the trust in tap water. This is very helpful in truly establishing tap water as the best alternative. A brief discussion of efforts to promote tap water would be helpful.

Please let me know if you need some suggested language for this topic.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the Plan

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