

Revisions to the Safe Drinking Water Plan

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Purpose of the Safe Drinking Water Plan & Purpose of this Item

- Assessment of the overall quality of the state's drinking water.
- Identification of specific water quality problems.
- Analysis of the known and potential health risks that may be associated with drinking water contamination.
- Specific recommendations to improve drinking water quality.
- 6 workshops throughout California in November and December 2014.
- Opportunity for SWB staff to present an overview of the comments and revisions to the Plan.



Consolidation

Consolidation would only be required:

- 1) where feasible and appropriate;
- 2) when the system cannot demonstrate TMF capacity to deliver safe drinking water;
- 3) when the system is within the sphere of influence of a public water system with adequate TMF capacity and willing to consolidate;
- 4) when legal and financial barriers are addressed.



Disadvantaged Communities and Sustainability

• Staff relies on the overarching role of the Transition Advisory Group and directives from Governor's Budget A pages on addressing drinking water issues in disadvantaged communities.



Scope of the Safe Drinking Water Plan

- The scope could be expanded in a future iteration of the Plan but to do that would require:
 - new and expanded authority,
 - significantly more resources, and
 - commitment and involvement of other local and state agency partners.



Source Water Protection

- The transfer of the Drinking Water Program provided the State Water Board an opportunity to better coordinate surface water and groundwater protection efforts to protect drinking water supplies.
- Collaboration among SWB programs, notably through the Regional Water Boards, is already happening.



Point of Use or Point of Entry Devices

 The State Water Board recommends enactment of legislation to allow expanded use of point of use and point of entry treatment by public water systems.



Local Primacy Program

- LPAs face various challenges;
- Revisions to delegation agreements;
- Upcoming LPA annual evaluation report.

The SWB will also report on LPA performance evaluations and take appropriate actions if necessary.

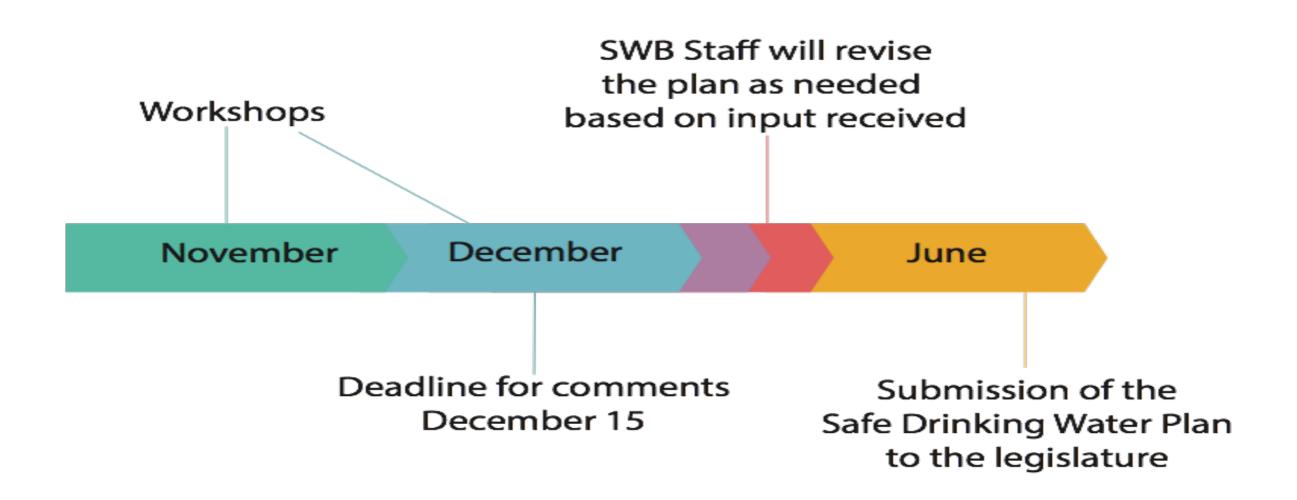


Comments Not Addressed

- Out of scope
- Things we already do
- Require more analysis or data that is not available



Timeline





Resources

• Draft plan, notices, agendas, etc.:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/safedrinkingwaterplan

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