



News Advisory

ALERT to Fresno and Central Valley media

Individuals going door-to-door fraudulently impersonating State Water Board's drinking water specialists in the Fresno area

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SACRAMENTO -- The State Water Resources Control Board recently received several calls from residents in the Fresno area regarding suspicious activity involving individuals going door-to-door and posing as water agency employees attempting to sell a water filtration system. Some local residents also received a similar solicitation by phone.

State Water Board employees do not:

- attempt to sell water filtration systems—or anything else—to residents
- request entry into a home to inspect a residential water system

If residents receive such a request, they should ask for identification or a callback number and, if safely feasible, take a picture of the individual to share with authorities or the State Water Boards.

The Central Valley Water Board this week received reports that someone identifying himself as an employee with the board's Division of Drinking Water called and also visited a resident requesting access to the house for an inspection.

The State Board reported these activities to law enforcement and is making every effort to catch the alleged perpetrators and alert the public about this fraudulent activity.

Anyone who encounters this kind of fraudulent behavior is asked to contact the State Board's Fresno office at **559-447-3398**, or email pictures of the individual and/or the identification they presented to: tricia.wathen@waterboards.ca.gov or DWPDist12@waterboards.ca.gov

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