

# Recycled Water Permits Fees Stakeholder Meeting



Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Webcast and Zoom Meeting Only

***NO PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION***

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## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Recycled Water Permit and Fee Background
3. Fee Development Timeline
4. Summary of Comments Received
5. Guiding Principles for Waste Discharge Permit Fund (WDPF) Program Fees
6. Projected Program Expenditures (Attachment 1)
7. Updated Fee Options
  - a. Option D: Fee by Volumetric Recycled Water and Distribution/Use (Attachment 2)
  - b. Option E: Fee by Potable/Non-Potable and Volumetric Recycled Water and Distribution/Use (Attachment 3)
8. Open Discussion
9. Next Steps

## Recycled Water Permits Projected Program Expenditures

Staff Workload	Statewide PYs	Annual Staff Costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and process recycled water permit applications and renewals, including updating permits to be consistent with recycled water regulations to protect public health and the environment.</li> <li>• Conduct community engagement and outreach related to planning and promoting recycled water implementation. Communicate processes and activities required in permitting recycled water projects to interested parties.</li> <li>• Coordinate with agency partners to assist in conservation efforts through sharing recycled water, drinking water, and wastewater data.</li> <li>• Coordinate with the Division of Drinking Water, Division of Water Rights, Division of Water Quality, and interested parties on facility permits, consistent with Water Boards racial equity resolutions and related actions.</li> </ul>	<p>Statewide Total: 15 PYs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Board 1 - 1 PY</li> <li>• Regional Board 2 - 2 PYs</li> <li>• Regional Board 3 - 2 PYs</li> <li>• Regional Board 4 - 2 PYs</li> <li>• Regional Board 5 - 2 PYs</li> <li>• Regional Board 8 - 3 PYs</li> <li>• Regional Board 9 - 3 PYs</li> </ul> <p>Average Cost per PY: \$225,000</p>	<p>Total Staff Costs: \$3,375,000</p> <p>Target: \$3,375,000</p>

## Recycled Water Permits Fee Options

### Option D: Fee by Volumetric Recycled Water and Distribution/Use

For facilities producing recycled water consistent with California Code of Regulations, Title 22, a fee would be assessed based on a three-year running average of recycled water volumes in acre-feet per year (AFY) reported through the Volumetric Annual Report of Wastewater and Recycled Water. The fee would be assessed as a surcharge for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits and Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) that contain recycling requirements and as a base fee for Water Recycling Requirements (WRRs).

For permits for the distribution or use of recycled water (exclusive of production), the fee would be a flat fee.

Option D1: Recycled Water Volume Produced (AFY) <sup>1</sup>	Fee
> 10,000	\$40,000
> 5,000 to 10,000	\$20,000
> 1,000 to 5,000	\$15,000
≤ 1,000	\$7,000

Option D2: Recycled Water Volume Produced (AFY) <sup>1</sup>	Fee
> 30,000	\$80,000
> 10,000 to 30,000	\$30,000
> 5,000 to 10,000	\$20,000
> 1,000 to 5,000	\$14,000
≤ 1,000	\$7,000

<sup>1</sup>Volume determined by three-year running average of recycled water volume reported through the [Volumetric Annual Report of Wastewater and Recycled Water](#).

Recycled Water Distribution and/or Use	Fee
Permits issued for recycled water distribution and/or use only	\$2,000

## Recycled Water Permits Fee Options

### Option E: Fee by Potable/Non-Potable and Volumetric Recycled Water and Distribution/Use

For facilities producing recycled water consistent with California Code of Regulations, Title 22, a fee would be assessed based on a three-year running average of recycled water volumes in acre-feet per year (AFY) reported through the Volumetric Annual Report of Wastewater and Recycled Water. The fee would distinguish between potable and non-potable recycled water produced and would be assessed as a surcharge for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits and Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) that contain recycling requirements and as a base fee for Water Recycling Requirements (WRRs).

For permits for the distribution or use of recycled water (exclusive of production), the fee would be a flat fee.

Option E1: Recycled Water Volume Produced (AFY) <sup>1</sup>	Potable Fee	Non-Potable Fee
> 10,000	\$78,000	\$38,000
> 5,000 to 10,000	\$24,000	\$18,000
> 1,000 to 5,000	\$18,000	\$15,000
≤ 1,000	\$10,000	\$7,000

Option E2: Recycled Water Volume Produced (AFY) <sup>1</sup>	Potable Fee	Non-Potable Fee
> 30,000	\$75,000	\$65,000
> 10,000 to 30,000	\$51,000	\$26,000
> 5,000 to 10,000	\$28,000	\$20,000
> 1,000 and 5,000	\$20,000	\$16,000
≤ 1,000	\$10,000	\$7,000

<sup>1</sup>Volume determined by three-year running average of recycled water volume reported through the [Volumetric Annual Report of Wastewater and Recycled Water](#).

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Permits issued for recycled water distribution and/or use only	\$2,000