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## State Water Resources Control Board

### **March 2024 State Board Liaison Report - Region 9**

#### **California's 2024 Clean Water Act Section 303(d)**

On February 6 the State Board [adopted California's 2024 Clean Water Act Section 303\(d\) list](#), which includes listings and delistings for waterbodies in the San Francisco Bay, Los Angeles, Santa Ana, Central Coast, and San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Boards. The Proposed Final 2024 303(d) List, the Proposed Final Staff Report, and the Summary of Comments and Responses can be [found online through the program page](#). The list will go to USEPA later this spring.

#### **Racial Equity Action Plan (2023) Annual Update**

On March 5 the State Water Board will receive an [update from staff](#) on progress made in the first year of implementation of its Racial Equity Action Plan (2023-2025). Between 2020 and 2023 the State Water Board engaged with its employees, the public, and with California Native American tribes to develop a [Racial Equity Resolution](#) and associated [Racial Equity Action Plan](#). The Racial Equity Action Plan has been implemented for one year and the annual report describes progress made so far.

#### **Prioritization of Drinking Water Regulations Development (2024)**

On March 5 the State Board will [consider a proposed resolution](#) to adopt the proposed prioritization of drinking water regulations development for calendar year 2024. The [resolution outlines](#) a series of priorities, including adopting MCLs on Hexavalent Chromium, PFOA and PFAS, Arsenic, NDMA, Styrene, Cadmium and Mercury, and disinfectant byproducts. In addition, DDW will prioritize water quality standards for On-Site Treatment and Reuse, Lead and Copper Rule Revisions, as well as detection limits and a group of primacy package approvals.

#### **Upcoming Fees Stakeholder Meetings**

[Notice has been sent out](#) that the Division of Administrative Services held meetings with stakeholders on fees for water quality and water rights on March 7, 2024. On March 8, meetings were held for drinking water and ELAP. The next round of meetings will occur in June.

## California's Water Supply Strategy California Water Supply Strategy and Implementation Actions

The Water Supply Strategy outlines California's strategy and priority actions to adapt and protect water supplies based on new data and accelerated climate change. To ensure California has the new water needed for generations to come, this strategy outlines four sets of actions the State will pursue, sets targets, and identifies specific implementation steps to prepare California for its new climate reality. The following is an update on the milestones and implementation steps since the last Executive Director's Reporting.

### Division of Water Quality

#### Stormwater Capture (Action 2.5)

Support local stormwater capture projects in cities and towns with the goal to increase annual supply capacity by at least 250,000 acre-feet by 2030 and 500,000 acre-feet by 2040. (Action 2.5)

The Strategy to Optimize Resource Management of Stormwater (STORMS) Unit recently published a public-facing GIS-based story map titled "[California's Untapped Stormwater Capture Potential](#)". The story map provides a non-technical, educational, and visually rich explanation of how stormwater runoff is generated in urban areas, and the importance of stormwater resources management in California as we adapt to a hotter drier future. It is intended to inform and encourage the public to think about stormwater as a resource and to support stormwater capture and use.

### Division of Water Rights

#### Water Rights Modernization (Action 4.3)

- [Updating Water Rights Data for California \(UPWARD\)](#)  
The Division of Water Rights' UPWARD scope, schedule, and budget remain on track to provide an initial demonstration of the data system core functionality in Spring/Summer 2024 and make the data system available for water rights reporting in 2025. The process to digitize water rights records is on schedule. A proof-of-concept is underway to determine the effort needed to digitize all water rights records.
- [Telemetry Pilot Project](#)  
The Division of Water Rights continues to fund the California Water Data Consortium's development of a report on the current state of water data telemetry. This report will support future enhancements that will improve the Division's ability to receive and manage state-mandated telemetric data.
- [Supply & Demand Assessment](#)  
The Division of Water Rights has selected three pilot watersheds for initial water supply modeling efforts under its Supply & Demand Assessment contract with Paradigm Environmental, Inc.: Navarro River, Napa River, and Butte Creek. The

Division has been meeting with stakeholders, interested parties, and agencies in the pilot watersheds to introduce the program. The Division is also posting supply and demand assessments for the Russian River watershed using tools developed during the 2021-2023 drought emergency.

#### Groundwater Recharge (Action 2.1)

Information on recently issued permits and the status of pending temporary permit applications is available at the [Pending Temporary Permits for Underground Storage, including those consistent with Governor Executive Orders](#) Page.

### **Division of Financial Assistance**

#### Water Recycling Funding Program (WRFP) (Action 1.1)

On January 10, 2024, the State of California released the Governor's Proposed Budget reducing the amount of General Fund appropriations by approximately \$174.4 million and a delay of approximately \$100 million until Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 for water recycling and groundwater cleanup. Potential grant limit reductions for construction projects are being discussed.