STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2025-0006

ADOPTING THE PRIORITIZATION OF DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS DEVELOPMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025

WHEREAS:

- All public water systems, as defined in Health and Safety Code section 116275, are subject to regulations adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.), as well as by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) under the California Safe Drinking Water Act (Health & Safety Code, § 116270 et seq.).
- 2. California has been granted primary enforcement responsibility (primacy) by U.S. EPA for public water systems in California. California has no authority to enforce federal regulations, and federal laws and regulations require that California, in order to receive and maintain primacy, promulgate regulations for California that are no less stringent than the federal regulations.
- 3. The State Water Board is tasked with adopting drinking water regulations and recycled water regulations associated with the protection of public health. These regulations include primary drinking water standards (e.g., maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) or treatment techniques), monitoring and reporting requirements, and any other standards related to providing safe drinking water (e.g., operator requirements, laboratory accreditation standards, secondary drinking water standards, design standards, pipe separation standards).
- 4. Health and Safety Code section 116365, subdivision (g), requires the State Water Board to review each MCL at least once every five years and section 116365, subdivision (h), requires the State Water Board to provide, by March 1 of each year, notice of each primary drinking water standard it proposes to review that year and to solicit and consider public comment and hold one or more public hearings regarding any proposal to either amend or maintain an existing standard.
- 5. The Division of Drinking Water (DDW) posts the MCL reviews on its website. The most recent reviews are available at: <u>MCL Review Process webpage</u>.

- 6. DDW has established a proposed prioritized list for regulatory development projects for 2025.
- 7. DDW staff use multiple factors in prioritizing drinking water regulations, including the protection of public health, establishment of a new or revised federal regulation or rule, existence of statutory mandates, as well as the existence of other priorities and staffing resources available for the development and implementation of regulations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board directs the Division of Drinking Water to prioritize the development of drinking water regulations during calendar year 2025 as follows:

- 1. Maximum Contaminant Levels
 - a. Per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)
 - b. Disinfection Byproducts
 - c. Arsenic
 - d. N-nitroso-dimethylamine (NDMA)
 - e. Styrene
 - f. Cadmium and Mercury
- 2. Onsite Treated Nonpotable Water Systems
- 3. Lead and Copper Rule and Revisions
- 4. Detection Limits for Purposes of Reporting
 - a. Metals
 - b. Organics
- 5. Notification and Response Levels
 - a. Per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)
 - b. Manganese (revision)
 - c. Cyanotoxins

- 6. Primacy Package Approvals
 - a. Public Water System Definition
 - b. Public Notification
 - c. Revised Total Coliform Rule
 - d. Groundwater Rule
 - e. Consumer Confidence Reports
- 7. Electronic Reporting of Drinking Water Quality Data
- 8. Quinquennial Maximum Contaminant Levels Review
- 9. Financial Assurance

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on February 19, 2025.

- AYE: Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo Board Member Sean Maguire Board Member Laurel Firestone Board Member Nichole Morgan NAY: None ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None

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Courtney Tyler Clerk to the Board