



State Water Resources Control Board



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DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

CALIFORNIA WATER SUPPLY STRATEGY - DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

Water Rights Modernization (*Action 4.3*)

Updating Water Rights Data for California (UPWARD)

The Division of Water Rights held a series of public events throughout November to demonstrate the state's new and improved water rights data system, CalWATRS, short for California Water Accounting, Tracking, and Reporting System (CalWATRS). With CalWATRS, water right holders now have a streamlined way to view all their water right records, file annual reports, and request water rights services. Events were held online and in-person across the state and additional events are planned for December and January. A list of events and recordings of webinars are available online at www.waterboards.ca.gov/calwatsrs.

Telemetry Pilot Project

As of November 5, 2025, 12 volunteer stations have enrolled in the Russian River Telemetry Study and outreach is in process with an additional 57 volunteers. Current plans include 24 diversions, 1 re-diversion, 11 wells, 28 streams, and 6 storage stations. About 30 more stations may be added to the plan pending desktop research and volunteer outreach. First equipment may be installed as early as January 2026, pending permitting and weather. Enrollment has been slower than anticipated due to staff involvement with development of CalWATRS' measurement and telemetry features. This Telemetry Study will be completed in March 2028 and staff will use collected data to develop recommendations to the Board about cost, logistics, and data governance of collecting and reporting water data, and how that could inform better water management.

Supply & Demand Assessment

The Division of Water Rights continues to develop water supply models, water demand datasets, and water allocation tools for selected watersheds across California. These tools, once completed, will provide accurate predictions of surface water supplies and demands, aiding State and local water management decisions during future shortages. Staff are actively engaging with agencies, partners, water users, and other interested parties to share information on the Supply and Demand Assessment Program and the models and tools that are under development. Once these models are completed, they will be shared with the public and can be used for future water shortage planning, local cooperative water sharing programs, or other actions that can better manage state water supplies. Staff announced a public review period for draft model reports for the Gualala River watershed and Salmon Creek (Sonoma County) watershed. Comments on the draft reports are due on December 5, 2025. In the past month, staff met with the Russian River Water Sharing Program (November 18, 2025) regarding the Russian River watershed. More information is available on the Supply and Demand Assessment Program webpage (www.waterboards.ca.gov/sda).

Groundwater Recharge (*Action 2.1*)

The Division of Water Rights continues to [process](#) two 180-day and five 5-year temporary permits for groundwater recharge. On November 7, the temporary permit for T033510 (Stockton East Water District) was re-issued to remove a term. On November 5 staff presented an overview of water right permitting and flood diversion options at the 5th biennial Flood-MAR Forum at Sacramento State University. It was well attended by practitioners, policymakers, water managers, researchers, and community advocates.

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

Water Quality Certification, Flow, Data, and Administrative Branch

Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project License Surrender and Decommissioning: On September 22, 2025, State Water Board staff released a Notice of Preparation ([NOP](#)) of an Environmental Impact Report for the Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project License Surrender and Decommissioning Project (Project). On September 30, 2025, staff announced an [additional scoping meeting](#) would be held in Fortuna. Staff held public meetings in Fortuna (October 14), Ukiah (October 15), Santa Rosa (October 15), and Sacramento (October 17). Written comments in response to the NOP were due by November 3, 2025; the Board received approximately 120 comments. The comments will be considered in development of an environmental impact report for the Project. Additional information is available on the State Water Board's [Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/potter_valley_ferc77.html) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/potter_valley_ferc77.html).

Yuba River Development Project and Narrows Hydroelectric Project: On October 31, 2025, State Water Board staff released for public comment a [draft water quality certification](#) for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensings of the Yuba County Water Agency's Yuba River Development Project (YRDP) and Narrows Hydroelectric Project (collectively Projects). The Projects are located on the Yuba, North Yuba, and Middle Yuba rivers and on Oregon Creek in Nevada, Yuba, and Sierra counties. Comments on the draft certification for the Projects are due by 5:00 pm on December 1, 2025. All comments will be considered in acting on YCWA's request for certification of the Projects. Additional information is available on the State Water Board's webpages for the [YRDP](#) and [Narrows Hydroelectric Project](#).

Camp Far West Hydroelectric Project: On October 22, 2025, the State Water Board's Executive Director issued an amendment to the water quality certification (certification) previously issued for South Sutter Water District's Camp Far West Hydroelectric Project (Project). The Project is located on the Bear River in Nevada, Yuba, and Placer counties. The certification amendment updated: (1) Condition 2(D) – Evaluation of Flows (to incorporate updated Bay-Delta Plan implementation provisions); and (2) Condition 16 – Auxiliary Spillway Project (to provide for the construction of an auxiliary spillway adjacent to the existing spillway). The Project's certification amendment is available on the State Water Board's [Camp Far West Hydroelectric Project webpage](#).

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

Kern River Aquifer Exemption

The California Geologic Energy Management Division ("CalGEM"), with preliminary concurrence of the State Water Resources Control Board ("State Water Board"), and in consultation with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, is considering recommending that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) approve an aquifer exemption for the hydrocarbon producing portion of the Kern River Reservoir consisting of the Kern River Formation and the Upper Chanac Formation in the Kern River Oil Field.

CalGEM and the State Water Board are inviting comments from the public regarding whether this aquifer exemption proposal meets the criteria for recommendation to the US EPA. A public meeting on the proposal is scheduled to be held in Bakersfield, California on December 9, 2025. The public comment period closes at 5 p.m. on December 22, 2025. For additional information about the aquifer exemption proposal, commenting, and the public meeting, please see the notices and other documents on CalGEM's website.

[Aquifer Exemptions Status](#)

Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Update: The Irrigated Lands Regulatory reports are included in Appendix A of this report.

Statewide Policies and Significant General Permits: The Statewide Policies and Significant General Permits report can be accessed at the [Statewide and Regional Policies / Significant General Permits website](#).

DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Office of Sustainable Water Solutions (OSWS)

Planning/Construction Project Summary

The tables below summarize the planning and construction agreements and amendments executed in the month of October 2025.

Drinking Water

No new drinking water agreements were executed in October 2025.

Drinking Water Funding Agreements Amended (October 2025)

PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Amendment Type	Amendment Purpose	SAFER Status
CA1210015	Willow Creek C.S.D.	1210015-002C	Willow Creek Community Services District	Time Extension	Completion of Construction date of 7/31/2025 to 12/31/2026	Not-at-Risk
CA4600012	Alleghany County W.D.	4600012-008C	Alleghany County Water District	Time Extension	Construction completion date of 2/28/2026 to 2/28/2028	Not-at-Risk

Wastewater

No new wastewater agreements were executed in October 2025.

Wastewater Funding Agreements Amended (October 2025)

Project Number	Project Recipient	Amendment Type	Amendment Purpose
8052-210	Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Funding increase of \$138,694 and Construction completion date of 6/27/25 to 6/27/2026
8410-110	Grenada Sanitary District	Time Extension	Work Completion Date of 5/30/2025 to 9/6/2027

**Wastewater Funding Agreements Amended
(October 2025)**

Project Number	Project Recipient	Amendment Type	Amendment Purpose
8481-110	Seeley County Water District	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Funding increase of \$565,700 and Work Completion Date of 9/30/2023 to 6/1/2026
8572-110	City of Coalinga	Time Extension	Work Completion date of 9/30/2025 to 9/30/2026

Administrator Summary

No administrator projects were executed in October 2025.

Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Summary

No O&M projects were executed in October 2025.

Technical Assistance (TA) Summary

TA Master Agreements & Amendments

No new TA master agreements or amendments were executed in October 2025.

TA Work Plans

DFA is providing Technical Assistance to 347 Drinking Water Systems (195 Failing and 44 At-Risk systems) and to 63 Wastewater Systems. 47.7% of all Failing systems are receiving TA. The table below summarizes the TA work plans executed in the month of October 2025.

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA Provider*	TA Type**	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation***
Work Plan Amendment	6174-G	Kings Canyon High School	CA1000267	Full Planning	SHE	DW	\$215,331 (\$16,139 Increase)	Failing	1,2,3-TCP; dibromochloropropane
		Alta Elementary School	CA1000180						1,2,3-TCP
		Riverview Elementary School	CA1000176						1,2,3-TCP

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA Provider*	TA Type**	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation***
Work Plan Amendment	7163-B	Tombstone Territory	#N/A	Community outreach, legal assistance.	LCJA	DW	\$52,725 (\$8,000 Increase)	N/A	N/A
New Work Plan	7322-A	Countryside MHP	CA5800828	Feasibility Study/ER	P&P	DW	\$117,569 (New Work Plan)	Failing	Iron; Manganese
Work Plan Amendment	6369-E	Gabilan Water Company	CA2700586	Full planning for consolidation with Cal Water Salinas	RCAC	DW	\$1,389,461 (No Change)	Not At Risk	N/A
		Middlefield WS #2	CA2700651					N/A	N/A
		Middlefield WS #3	CA2700652					N/A	N/A
		Middlefield WS #4	CA2700653					N/A	N/A
		Middlefield WS #9	CA2702515					N/A	N/A
New Work Plan	7305-A	Leisure Acres MWC	CA2000534	DWSRF Construction application (environmental package)	NV5	DW	\$83,206 (New Work Plan)	Failing	Arsenic

* TA Providers:

Coleman	SB Coleman, Inc., dba Sanbell Sacramento
CRWA	California Rural Water Association
CWC	Community Water Center
CUWA	California Urban Water Agencies
CWH	Council for Watershed Health
GHD	GHD, Inc.
LCJA	Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability
NV5	NV5
P&P	Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group
RCAC	Rural Community Assistance Corporation
SHE	Self-Help Enterprises
UCD	University of California, Davis
UEI	University Enterprise, Inc (CSU Sacramento)

** DW = drinking water; WW = wastewater

*** Failing system with no primary MCL violation. Failing status due to water source reliability/capacity or

Other Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program Project Summary (includes Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund, Proposition 84 Emergency, General Fund, and CAA Urgent Drinking Water Needs funding sources)

No new SAFER agreements or amendments were approved in October 2025.

Emergency Repair Funding Programs

No updates for October 2025.

Cleanup and Abatement Account Projects

The Lahontan Water Board received approval for Tier 1 Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) funding in the amount of \$83,350 on October 11, 2025. The CAA funding approval is to mitigate public nuisance and human health and environmental threats from an unauthorized release of petroleum products from a residential underground storage tank (UST) located at 3392 East River Park Drive in South Lake Tahoe, CA. The UST owner does not have the means or ability to implement cleanup actions.

The Central Valley Regional Water Board received approval for Tier 1 Clean up and Abatement Account (CAA) funding in the amounts of \$71,565 on October 27, 2025. The CAA funding approval is to support immediate repairs to the East Oroquieta sanitary sewer system. Repairs to the lift station will ensure that the lift station functions properly and that the East Oroquieta residents do not continue to experience sewage backups, which pose significant threats to public health and the environment.

Schools Grant Programs

Drinking Water for Schools Round 2 Grant Program

District Name	School Name	Water System Name	PWSID	SAFER Status	Type of Approval	Duration	Number of Students / Staff	Award
Black Oak Mine USD	Georgetown ES, Golden Sierra Junior/Senior HS, Divide Continuation HS	Georgetown Divide PUD	CA0910013	Not at risk	Access Improvement	5 months	752	\$85,064

District Name	School Name	Water System Name	PWSID	SAFER Status	Type of Approval	Duration	Number of Students / Staff	Award
Julian Union Elementary SD	Julian ES, Julian Junior HS	Majestic Pines Community SD	CA3710041	Not at risk	Access Improvement	5 months	334	\$102,841
Red Bluff Union ESD	Bidwell ES, Jackson Heights ES, Vista Preparatory Academy, William M Metteer Es	City of Red Bluff	CA5210004	Potentially at risk	Access Improvement	5 months	1793	\$61,343

Bottled Water for Schools Grant Program

The following renewals were approved in October 2025.

District Name	School Name	Water System Name	PWSID	SAFER Status	Type of Approval	Duration	Number of Students/ Staff
Junction Elementary School District	Junction Elementary School	Junction Elementary School	CA4700585	Failing	Renewal	Until Feb 2026 or 24 months if program extended	34
Woodville Elementary School District	Woodville Elementary School	Woodville Public Utility District	CA5410025	Failing	Renewal	6 months	450

University Enterprises Incorporated – PFAS Sampling Program

This program provides technical assistance to water systems for collecting and analyzing drinking water well samples for Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) at all wells serving disadvantaged communities and severely disadvantaged communities, as required by State Water Board Order DW 2024-0002-DDW. Sampling and analysis services are provided by University Enterprises Incorporated, Office of Water Programs and their partners at no cost to the water systems. All drinking water wells will be sampled at least once. A second round of sampling will be decided by the State Water Board after the first round of sampling is complete. To date, 100% of eligible water systems (1,132 of 1,132) are registered to be sampled and 3,053 wells out of the 3,511 scheduled have been sampled.

Loans and Grants Branch (L&G)

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

Drinking Water

Drinking Water Funding Agreements Executed (October 2025)

PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount	SAFER Status
CA3710020	City of San Diego	3710020-080C	City of San Diego	This project will abandon steel pipe and replace it with steel transmission pipe and distribution PVC pipe. This project will solve the City's problem with leaks and breaking in its pipe due to exceedance of its useful life.	\$45,000,000	Not Assessed

**Drinking Water Funding Agreements Amended
(October 2025)**

Emerging Contaminants						
PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Amendment Type	Amendment Purpose	SAFER Status
CA3010038	City of Santa Ana	3010038-004C	City of Santa Ana	Time Extension	Completion of Construction date of 12/31/2025 to 12/31/2027	Not Assessed
CA5510016	Sierra Park Water Company	5510016-001C	Sierra Park Water Company, Inc.	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Funding increase of \$1,978,751 and Completion of Construction date of 6/30/2025 to 5/14/2027	Failing

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

Clean Water

**Clean Water Funding Agreements Executed
(October 2025)**

PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount
CA0037621	Sunnyvale, City of	8760-110	Sunnyvale, City of	The project will rehabilitate the City of Sunnyvale's Water Pollution Control Plant's (WPCP's) existing secondary, tertiary, and disinfection facilities to provide reliable treatment and include integration of the existing plant control system.	\$50,000,000

**Clean Water Funding Agreements Amended
(October 2025)**

Project Number	Project Recipient	Amendment Type	Amendment Purpose
8616-110	Susanville Sanitary District	Time Extension	Work Completion date of 10/31/2025 to 5/19/2028

California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC)

Program and Support Unit marketing coordinator participated in two free virtual funding fairs as a member of the California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) virtually on October 21, and 29, 2025. Staff presented information about the Division's financial assistance programs.

The CFCC funding fair provides the opportunity for the public to learn more about available grant, loan, and bond financing options for infrastructure projects from federal, state, and local agencies.

Representatives from water industry professionals, public works, local governments, and California Native American Tribes were invited to attend. This includes city managers and planners, economic development and engineering professionals, officials from privately owned facilities, water and irrigation district managers, financial advisors, and project consultants.

DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

Permits

Permits are issued when a public water system undertakes action that may impact public health (i.e. a new source of supply, modifying treatment or adding a large distribution reservoir), when the original permit has numerous amendments, or following new regulations or conditions that DDW deems necessary for the protection of public health.

The following 33 permits were issued between October 13, 2025, and November 10, 2025.

Water System	Permit Type	Permit Purpose
AKAL TRAVEL PLAZA	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	NITRATE MONITORING REQUIREMENTS
ALLUVIAL FUEL INC.	FULL PERMIT	CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP
B.R. COHN WINERY	FULL PERMIT	CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP
BIG B'S TRAVEL CENTER #2	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	NITRATE MONITORING REQUIREMENTS
CAL AM - WEST PLACER	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	SYSTEM EXPANSION
CAMP LOCKETT MIDDLE SCHOOL	FULL PERMIT	DDW PERMIT AFTER LPA TRANSFER
CITY OF PASO ROBLES WATER DIVISION	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	INACTIVATE BUTTERFIELD WELL 12
CITY OF ROSEVILLE	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ASR WELLS (WELL 9 & 18)
CITY OF SANTA MARIA UTILITIES DEPARTMENT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADD PACKER TO WELL 12S
CITY OF TUSTIN	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	PFAS NIX BLENDING
GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY - EDNA	FULL PERMIT	PERMIT UPDATE, ADD JACK RANCH TANK
GOLETA WATER DISTRICT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	UNIVERSITY WELL FE/MN TREATMENT
KELLY MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	FULL PERMIT	REVISED FULL PERMIT
KUNDE WINERY	FULL PERMIT	CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP
LOMA LINDA, CITY OF	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADD 1.6 MG RESERVOIR
LONE PINE OASIS	FULL PERMIT	NEW PERMIT FOR LONE PINE OASIS (FORMERLY KNOWN AS FOOTHILL MOBILE HOME PARK)

MADERA CO CSA 22C GUNNER RANCH	FULL PERMIT	NEW WATER SYSTEM
MENDOCINO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS	FULL PERMIT	REVISED FULL PERMIT
MID - BAGBY RECREATION AREA	FULL PERMIT	REFLECT CURRENT OPERATIONS
MONROE SCHOOL	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE PERMIT
PICO WD	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	WELL 8 PFAS IX TREATMENT
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY- RAYMUS VILLAGE	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE PERMIT
SHAMROCK MOBILE HOME PARK	FULL PERMIT	REVISED PERMIT
SOUTH COAST WATER DISTRICT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	NEW RESERVOIRS 2B AND 2B1
USFS BEARDSLEY CAMPGROUND	FULL PERMIT	REVISED PERMIT CONDITIONS
USFS BEARDSLEY PICNIC GROUND	FULL PERMIT	REVISED PERMIT CONDITIONS
USFS BLACK OAK CAMPGROUND	FULL PERMIT	REVISED PERMIT CONDITIONS
USFS SANDBAR FLAT CAMPGD	FULL PERMIT	REVISED PERMIT CONDITIONS
VIANSA WINERY	FULL PERMIT	CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADD WELL 18A
WESTWIND MOBILE HOME PARK	FULL PERMIT	REVISED FULL PERMIT
WHISPERING OAKS PROGRAM CENTER	FULL PERMIT	NEW DDW PERMIT FOLLOWING LPA TRANSFER
WOODLANDS DEVELOPMENT	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE FULL PERMIT

Violations & Enforcement Actions

Violations for a water system include whether the system failed to follow established monitoring and reporting schedules, failed to comply with mandated treatment techniques, violated any Maximum Contaminant Levels, or failed to communicate required information to their customers. Enforcement Actions are used to obtain water system compliance with drinking water requirements to provide a safe and reliable supply of water. The Division of Drinking Water's formal enforcement actions involve the use of statutory authority and includes issuance of citations and compliance orders.

The following enforcement actions were documented from October 13 to November 10, 2025.

Public Water System	Violation	Contaminant or Rule
8986 DEEP CREEK ROAD	Monitoring	RTCR
ANZA PETROLEUM INC	MCL	E. COLI
ANZA PETROLEUM INC	Monitoring	FAILURE - CONDUCT REPEAT MONITORING
ANZA PETROLEUM INC	Reporting	RTCR
BAGDAD CAFE	Monitoring	RTCR
BAKER COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Reporting	CCR
BAR "H" MWC	Reporting	CCR
BEAR RIVER SUMMER HOME TRACT	Monitoring	RTCR
BETABEL RV RESORT	Monitoring	RTCR
BIG BEAR ADMINISTRATION	Reporting	CCR
BIG RISE VILLAGE	Monitoring	RTCR
BLU-IN CAFE	Monitoring	RTCR
BODEGA WATER COMPANY	Other	VIOLATION OF A WATERWORKS STANDARD
BOX SPRINGS MUTUAL WC	Monitoring	E. COLI
BROOKSIDE MHP	Reporting	CCR
BUCK MEADOWS LODGE-YOSEMITE WESTGATE	Monitoring	RTCR
CALTRANS CAMP ROBERTS RSRA NB	Monitoring	RTCR
CALTRANS CAMP ROBERTS RSRA SB	Monitoring	RTCR
CAMP LA VERNE	Monitoring	RTCR
CAMP TAHQUITZ	MCL	E. COLI
CARDOZA VILLA CORP	Monitoring	RTCR
CHAMISAL MWC	Reporting	CCR

CIBBETTS FLATS CAMPGROUND	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
CITY OF ANAHEIM	Monitoring	HAA5
CUTLER PUD	Other	VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION
DEL SUR GARDENS TRAILER PARK	Monitoring	NITRATE
DEL SUR GARDENS TRAILER PARK	Monitoring	RTCR
EAST THREE RIVERS MUTUAL WATER CORP	Reporting	CCR
FALLON ROAD LABOR HOUSING	Treatment Technique	FAILURE TO CONDUCT LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT
FOOTHILL APARTMENTS	MCL	NITRATE
FOOTHILL APARTMENTS	Variance/Exemption	NITRATE
GIBSON'S ROADHOUSE CAFE	Monitoring	RTCR
GORDON ACRES WATER CO	Reporting	CCR
GREEN MEADOWS OUTDOOR SCHOOL	Monitoring	RTCR
HI DESERT MWC	Reporting	CCR
HOPE FOUNDATION/MORIAH HEIGHTS	Reporting	CCR
ITALIAN ATHLETIC CLUB	Monitoring	RTCR
JOHN HOVANNISIAN WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	IRON
JOHN HOVANNISIAN WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	TURBIDITY
KEELER COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT	MCL	ARSENIC
KEELER COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT	MCL	MANGANESE
KLAMATH C.S.D.	Monitoring	LCR
LAKE SHASTA PINES RV PARK & CAMPGROUND	Monitoring	RTCR
LAUREL COMMUNITY LEAGUE	MCL	CHLORINE
LEAPIN' LIZARD RV RANCH	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
LITTLEROCK CREEK IRRIGATION DIST.	Monitoring	NITRATE

LOS PRIETOS COMPLEX	Monitoring	LCR
LYTLE CREEK ADMINISTRATION SITE	Reporting	CCR
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	1,1,1-TRICHLOROETHANE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	1,1,2,2-TETRACHLOROETHANE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	1,1,2-TRICHLOROETHANE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	1,1-DICHLOROETHANE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	1,1-DICHLOROETHYLENE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	1,2,4-TRICHLOROBENZENE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	1,2-DIBROMO-3-CHLOROPROPANE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	1,2-DICHLOROETHANE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	1,2-DICHLOROPROPANE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	1,3-DICHLOROPROPENE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	2,3,7,8-TCDD
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	2,4,5-TP
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	2,4-D
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	ATRAZINE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	BENTAZON
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	BENZENE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	BENZO(A)PYRENE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	BHC-GAMMA
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	CARBOFURAN
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	CARBON TETRACHLORIDE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	CHLORDANE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	CHLOROBENZENE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	CIS-1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	DALAPON
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL) ADIPATE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL) PHTHALATE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	DICHLOROMETHANE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	DINOSEB
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	DIQUAT
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	ENDOTHALL
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	ENDRIN
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	ETHYLBENZENE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	ETHYLENE DIBROMIDE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	GLYPHOSATE

MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	GROSS ALPHA PARTICLE ACTIVITY
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	HEPTACHLOR
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	HEPTACHLOR EPOXIDE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	HEXACHLOROBENZENE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	HEXACHLOROCYCLOPENTADIENE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	LASSO
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	METHOXYCHLOR
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	METHYL TERT-BUTYL ETHER
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	MOLINATE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	O-DICHLOROBENZENE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	OXAMYL
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	P-DICHLOROBENZENE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	PENTACHLOROPHENOL
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	PICLORAM
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	SIMAZINE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	STYRENE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	TETRACHLOROETHYLENE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	THIOBENCARB (BOLERO)
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	TOLUENE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	TOTAL POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCB)
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	TOXAPHENE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	TRANS-1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	TRICHLOROETHYLENE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	TRICHLOROFLUOROMETHANE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	TRICHLOROTRIFLUOROETHANE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	VINYL CHLORIDE
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Monitoring	XYLENES, TOTAL
MADERA MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE	Treatment Technique	RTCR
MADERA RANCHOS ASSEMBLY OF GOD	Monitoring	RTCR
MD 37 LA VINA	Monitoring	IRON
MD 37 LA VINA	Monitoring	MANGANESE
MD 37 LA VINA	Monitoring	RESIDUE, FILTERABLE-VOLATILE
MESA DUNES MOBILE HOME ESTATES	MCL	IRON

MOBILAND CAMPER PARK	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
MONROVIA NURSERY - NURSERY	Reporting	CCR
MONROVIA NURSERY - OFFICE	Reporting	CCR
MONROVIA NURSERY - VENICE HILLS	Reporting	CCR
MUSCOY MWC NO. 1	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
NETTO AG INC.	Monitoring	LCR
NEWBERRY MINI MART AND TRUCK STOP	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
NOJOQUI FALLS COUNTY PARK	Monitoring	NITRATE
OAK GLEN DOMESTIC WATER	Reporting	CCR
OAK GLEN RETREAT	Monitoring	RTCR
OAK GROVE COMPLEX	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
OAKOASIS OPEN SPACE PRESERVE	Monitoring	RTCR
PEOPLE'S FOOD AND DELI INC.	Monitoring	RTCR
PINE RIDGE TREATMENT CENTER	Monitoring	RTCR
PRIMM VALLEY GOLF CLUB	Reporting	CCR
SACRED MOUNTAIN INN	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
SAN ANTONIO LAKE PARK SOUTH WS	Monitoring	SWTR
SAN ANTONIO LAKE PARK SOUTH WS	Treatment Technique	TURBIDITY
SANTA CLARA VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER	Monitoring	E. COLI
SANTA CLARA VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER	Monitoring	STATE VIOLATION-M&R (MAJOR)
SLASH X RANCH CAFE	Monitoring	RTCR
SLVWD - FELTON WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	RTCR
SNOW SUMMIT	Reporting	CCR
SNOW VALLEY MOUNTAIN RESORT	Monitoring	RTCR

SOUTH KAWEAH MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	Reporting	CCR
ST FRANCIS MOTEL	Monitoring	RTCR
SUNRISE MUTUAL WATER CO.	Reporting	CCR
SUTTER PINES MHP	Reporting	CCR
TURTLE CREEK WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	RTCR
TWIN LAKES RESORT	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
VIEJA MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	LCR
WAGON TRAIN ROAD LLC	Reporting	CCR
WASUMA SCHOOL	Monitoring	COPPER, FREE
WASUMA SCHOOL	Monitoring	LEAD
YOLO CO CENTRAL LANDFILL	Monitoring	LCR
YOSEMITE ALPINE CSD	Monitoring	RTCR
YOSEMITE TERRACE ESTATES	Monitoring	RTCR
ZAPIEN MARKET	Monitoring	RTCR
Violation Total Count	153	

Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP)

ELAP ACCREDITATIONS ISSUED – 2025		
	October 1 – October 31	Year-to-Date
New Accreditations	0	14
Renewed Accreditations	18	171
Reciprocity Accreditations	2	48
Amended Accreditations	17	146
Total	37	379

CWEA Laboratory Committee Meeting

ELAP's Progress and Performance Unit supervisor addressed CWEA's quarterly Laboratory Committee meeting, reaffirming ELAP's commitment to compliance assistance and maintaining positive relationships with the laboratory community through continued stakeholder engagement.

ELAP Strengthens Coordination with Third-Party Assessors

On November 5, staff from the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) met in person in Pleasanton, CA with multiple individual assessors to improve consistency in laboratory evaluations. The meeting provided a direct forum for questions and dialogue, ensuring that assessors across TPAs apply standards uniformly when reviewing ELAP-accredited laboratories. The effort underscores ELAP's commitment to consistent oversight in laboratory accreditation.

DDW-SAFER

The SAFER Clearinghouse Summary Results for November 2025 (on 11/10/2025)

Summary Results			
Failing Systems	415	Removed Failing Systems	4

Water Systems Removed from the HR2W List in November 2025

PWS ID	System Name	Last Status Change	County	Population
3610055	YUCAIPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	10/07/2025	SAN BERNARDINO	52,010
2810003	NAPA, CITY OF	10/08/2025	NAPA	84,804
5800824	COUNTRY VILLAGE MOBILE HOME PARK	10/14/2025	YUBA	50
1500406	TRADEWIND WATER ASSOC.	10/14/2025	KERN	632

Water Systems Added to the HR2W List in November 2025

PWS ID	System Name	Last Status Change	County	Population
1206002	PALOMINO ESTATES WATER COMPANY	10/06/2025	HUMBOLDT	64
3310025	NORCO, CITY OF	10/07/2025	RIVERSIDE	25,068
4200556	FOSTER ROAD MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	10/07/2025	SANTA BARBARA	150
4400751	BONNY DOON SCHOOL	10/08/2025	SANTA CRUZ	160
4000650	MESA DUNES MOBILE HOME ESTATES	10/23/2025	SAN LUIS OBISPO	600
2700594	HIDDEN VALLEY WA	11/01/2025	MONTEREY	87
1910022	CALIF STATE POLYTECHNIC AL UNIV - POMONA.	11/01/2025	LOS ANGELES	29,854
5400769	FOOTHILL APARTMENTS	11/03/2025	TULARE	41

Notification and Response Level Updates for PFAS Contaminates

The Division of Drinking Water issued revised Notification Levels (NLs) for PFOA and PFOS, lowering the NLs to 4.0 ng/L for both to match the MCL level set by US EPA, and issued a revised Response Level (RL) for PFHxS, lowering it to 10 ng/L, to match the US EPA MCL for that compound. The Division of Drinking Water also issued new NL and RL values for PFHxA at 1 ug/L and 10 ug/L, respectively. For more information and the Issuances documents please see [Drinking Water Notification Levels | California State Water Resources Control Board](#).

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Update on Water Quality, Water Rights, Drinking Water and Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) Fees Stakeholder Process

The FY 2025-26 Water Quality and Water Rights fee regulation changes were approved by the Office of Administrative Law and filed with the Secretary of State on October 29, 2025, and November 3, 2025, respectively. Staff is planning to meet with stakeholders on December 8 to discuss possible changes to the FY 2026-27 Water Quality Certification (WQC) fees. This will be the second WQC fees stakeholder meeting.

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement Related Press Releases

N/A

Other Enforcement Related Updates

N/A

Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaints Issued

No ACL complaints were issued in October 2025.

ACL Orders Issued

Region	Discharger/ City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
3	Jacobs Golden Eagle Trust/ Santa Maria	Failure to submit a report of waste discharge	\$33,987.84 (all to Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP))	10/7/2025
3	Spring Valley Road Watsonville LP/ La Selva Beach	Failure to submit a report of waste discharge	\$42,438 (\$21,218 to Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) and \$21,219 to SEP)	10/7/2025
4	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority/ Los Angeles	Mandatory Minimum Penalties (MMPs) for 3 exceedances of the Maximum Daily Effluent Limit (MDEL) for arsenic.	\$9,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	10/2/2025
4	Cushman & Wakefield U.S., Inc./ Beverly Hills	MMPs for a late self- monitoring report (SMR) that was due on 2/14/2025 but submitted 67 days late on 4/22/2025.	\$6,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	10/2/2025
4	Pincay RE, LLC/ Inglewood	MMP for an exceedance of the MDEL for copper.	\$3,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	10/2/2025
5S	Brentwood City/ Brentwood	MMPs for:	\$84,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	10/24/2025

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 exceedances of the 7-day median effluent limit for total coliform • 4 exceedances of the greater than 23 MPN/100 mL in a 30-day period effluent limit for total coliform 		
9	Jacaranda Group LLC/ Coronado	MMP for a late SMR that was due on 8/30/2024 but was submitted 3 days late on 9/30/2024.	\$3,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	10/2/2025
9	San Diego County Sanitation District and San Diego County Dept of Public Works/ San Diego	Unauthorized discharge of 11,025 gallons of untreated sewage to Sweetwater Reservoir on January 22, 2024.	\$88,200 (\$44,100 to SEP and \$44,100 to Waste Discharge Permit Fund (WDPF))	10/2/2025
9	Moulton Niguel Water District/ Laguna Hills	Unauthorized discharge of 464,700 gallons to a storm drain that discharged to Sulphur Creek on January 10, 2025.	\$553,000 (all to WDPF)	10/8/2025
9	Laguna Beach City/ Laguna Beach	Unauthorized discharge of 152,705 gallons to the Pacific Ocean at Bluebird Beach on November 29, 2023.	\$112,808 (\$58,808 to WDPF and \$50,000 to SEP and \$4,000 for SEP oversight)	10/21/2025

Investigative Orders

Region	Discharger/ City	Description	Date Issued
2	Pacific Gas and Electric Company/ San Francisco	13267 directive Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to submit a Draft Remedial Action Plan (Draft RAP) by December 12, 2025, for San Francisco Bay sediment outside the San Francisco East Harbor Marina.	10/7/2025
2	Pacific Gas and Electric Company	13267 directive requires PG&E to submit a Draft RAP by December 12, 2025, for the San Francisco East Harbor Marina located at 10 Marina Boulevard in San Francisco.	10/7/2025

5R	Chico Airport and City of Chico/ Chico	13267 Investigative Order requires the submittal of a workplan to characterize the nature and extent of the petroleum release from the former UST at the Chico Airport located at 695 Fortress Street in Chico.	10/30/2025
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Water Code section 13260 Orders

Region	Discharger/ City	Description	Date Issued
4	Top O'Topanga Community Association, Inc./ Topanga	Requires the submittal of a complete Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) and Form 200 for the proposed upgrade of the Wastewater Treatment Facility due to age-related deterioration and corrosion of steel components. The submittal must include technical information and a detailed project schedule, including a comprehensive characterization of the wastewater discharge.	10/3/2025
4	Zuma Beach Properties, LLC/ Malibu	Requires the submittal of an updated ROWD and Form 200 for the Trancas Country Market (formerly Trancas Shopping Center), located at 30745 – 30765 Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu.	10/3/2025

Cleanup and Abatement Orders

Region	Discharger/ City	Description	Date Issued
1	Pedro Martinez Garcia/ Laytonville	Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) No. R1-2025-0047 requires the removal of all cannabis-related waste from riparian setbacks and disposal of solid waste and all hazardous waste to the proper facility.	10/15/2025
1	Xavier Zavala/ Laytonville	CAO No. R1-2025-0046 requires the removal of all cannabis-related waste from riparian setbacks, disposal of solid waste and all hazardous waste to the proper facility, and the implementation of erosion and sediment control.	10/17/2025
1	Asael Ortis Reyna/ Laytonville	CAO No. R1-2025-0048 requires the removal of all cannabis-related waste from riparian setbacks and disposal of solid waste and all hazardous waste to the proper facility.	10/17/2025

1	Guillermo Lopez Flores/ Laytonville	CAO No. R1-2025-0049 requires the removal of all cannabis-related waste from riparian setbacks, disposal of solid waste and all hazardous waste to the proper facility, and the implementation of erosion and sediment control.	10/27/2025
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Health and Safety Code section 25296.10

Region	Discharger/ City	Description	Date Issued
5F	Cristobal Ibarra Alatorre, Maria Alatorre Moreno, and Barbara Carr/ Huron	Requires the responsible parties to perform a site assessment in response to an unauthorized release from underground storage tanks (USTs) at the former C&T Service Station property located at 36576 South Lassen Avenue in Huron.	10/16/2025

Other Enforcement Actions Taken^[1]

Region	No. of Actions	Region	No. of Actions
1	90	5S	333
2	395	6T	5
3	209	6V	45
4	1278	7	17
5F	42	8	1030
5R	11	9	501

^[1] A significant portion of the informal actions issued in October 2025 were notices of violation issued at the State Water Board level by the Division of Water Quality's NPDES Industrial and Construction Stormwater Unit.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS and the CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program

The Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) hosted the California Aquatic Bioassessment Workgroup (CABW) and California Chapter of the Society for Freshwater Science Annual Meeting. This year's event took place at the CalEPA Headquarters Building in Sacramento, CA, on October 28-29, 2025, and brought together researchers, students, and professionals dedicated to advancing freshwater science and bioassessment practices. Over two days, attendees explored cutting-edge research, innovative restoration projects, and emerging tools for monitoring and protecting aquatic ecosystems. From keynote presentations on landmark restoration efforts to a data science workshop, the agenda was packed with opportunities to learn, collaborate, and inspire action. CABW 2025 offered a unique platform to connect with peers, share insights, and contribute to the future of freshwater science. The meeting was successful with over 150 attendees, 15 talks, 3 student lightning talks, 15 posters, and 2 workshops! Check out [@CA.SWAMP on Instagram](#) for highlights from the event and give us a follow if you're interested in staying in the loop on all things SWAMP at the Water Boards. Videos of each day are posted on the California Water Quality Monitoring Council's YouTube account and can be found in [this playlist](#).

OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND PERFORMANCE

Water Conservation

The response rate for the **September 2025** Urban Water Conservation Report is 91% as of the writing of this report (369 reports submitted). The estimated total production (accounting for missing reports) is 179 billion gallons (549.5 thousand acre-feet), and the statewide residential use is 100 gallons per capita per day.

The [Save Water](#) site received 204 water waste reports in October.

On October 30, staff hosted a webinar on updates related to the Urban Water Use Objective Report due January 1, 2026. The recording and slides from the webinar are available [here](#).

International Collaboration

Chair Esquivel and State Water Board staff met with Saudi Water Authority President Al-Abdulkarim and others at the CalEPA headquarters on October 2. The meeting's goals were to strengthen cooperation, exchange best practices, and explore opportunities for collaboration in the water sector.

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

Water Quality Petitions Currently Under Consideration for Review by the State Water Board (as of November 1, 2025)

The State Water Board is considering whether to grant review of the following current active petitions for review of regional water quality control board actions or failures to act in accordance with Water Code section 13320. These petitions for review will be dismissed by operation of law if (1) the State Water Board does not issue a letter granting review or (2) the State Water Board does not receive a written request from the petitioner that the petition be held in abeyance, prior to 5:00 p.m. on the corresponding deadline. Any exhibits identified in the petitions are available upon request by emailing waterqualitypetitions@waterboards.ca.gov.

PETITION NUMBER AND LINK TO PETITION	PETITION INFORMATION	DATE PETITION RECEIVED	DEADLINE FOR STATE WATER BOARD TO GRANT REVIEW
A-2920	Petition of the Precision Coil Spring Company for Review of Amendment to Water Code section 13267 Order R4-2023-0038 dated July 28, 2025, for 10107 Rose Avenue, El Monte, Los Angeles County; Issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board	08/27/2025	11/25/2025
A-2924(a)	Petition of California Department of General Services for Review of Water Code section 13267 Order Dated September 16, 2025, for The California Health Care Facility, The N.A. Chaderjian Youth Correctional Facility, and The O.H. Close Youth Correctional Facility, San Joaquin County; Issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board	10/16/2025	01/14/2026
A-2924(b)	Petition of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for Review of Water Code section 13267 Order Dated September 16, 2025, for The California Health Care Facility, The N.A. Chaderjian Youth Correctional Facility, and The O.H. Close Youth Correctional Facility, San Joaquin County; Issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board	10/16/2025	01/14/2026

OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

(Submits Quarterly)

OFFICE OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, EQUITY and TRIBAL AFFAIRS

The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs (OPEETA) ensures the Water Boards decision-making processes involve the public and uplift the voices of environmental justice communities and California Native American tribes. Primary program areas include the SAFER Drinking Water program, public participation and engagement with environmental justice communities, language access, and tribal affairs.

Tribal Affairs

The Tribal Affairs program strengthens the Water Boards' relationships with California Native American Tribes, conducts meaningful government-to-government consultations, deepens the staff's understanding of tribal needs, and supports tribal participation in Water Boards' decision-making processes, meetings, events, and hearings.

California Native American Day

The 58th annual California Native American Day was celebrated on Friday, September 26, 2025, on the west steps of the California State Capitol. First established in 1939, this day has become a time-honored tradition that celebrates the enduring heritage, resilience, and contributions of Native peoples throughout California. The annual event is open to all tribes, tribal communities, and members of the public, and was hosted by the California Tribal Chairpersons Association, the Native American Heritage Commission, and various state agencies.

This year, the State Water Resources Control Board proudly participated as part of the Cultural Heritage Pavilion, a vibrant space dedicated to honoring and learning from traditional practices, materials, and methods of preservation. The Pavilion brought together fourteen cultural practitioners and eight tribal cultural departments representing tribes from across California, each sharing their teachings, languages, and histories with hundreds of attendees. Visitors had the opportunity to engage directly with knowledge holders, learn about traditional ecological practices, and experience living expressions of California's diverse tribal cultures.

In addition, the Water Board hosted an informational exhibitor booth, providing resources on programs, grants, and funding opportunities available to California Native American Tribes. This presence reflected the Board's ongoing commitment to partnership, cultural respect, and meaningful collaboration with tribal communities across the state.

Tribal Consultation Policy & Engagement Protocol Update - September 2025

The State Water Board is moving forward with the revision of its Tribal Consultation Policy and the development of a new Tribal Consultation and Engagement Protocol. Together, these documents will strengthen government-to-government relationships with California Native American Tribes by providing both the guiding principles that explain why consultation matters and the step-by-step procedures that show staff how to conduct

meaningful engagement.

Over the past year, the Water Board successfully completed its early consultation period, directly engaging with five California Native American Tribes. These discussions provided valuable input on several key areas, including the historical and legal context of consultation, roles and responsibilities for staff and leadership, expectations around timelines and communication, and best practices for culturally appropriate engagement. Tribes also shared perspectives on the protection and respectful use of Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Ecological Knowledge.

Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER)

The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs' role within the SAFER drinking water program includes developing and implementing effective community engagement and outreach strategies that ensure Californians who lack safe, adequate, and affordable drinking water receive it as quickly as possible and that the water systems serving them establish sustainable solutions.

The SAFER Advisory Group participated in the third quarterly Advisory Group meeting of the year on September 18, 2025. The presentations included a panel of domestic well programs by SAFER Advisory Group members, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs, and the Office of Enforcement. A quarterly update on metrics for the SAFER program goals was also presented by the Division of Drinking Water.

The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs reviewed 25 applications and will recommend candidates to fill nine (9) SAFER Advisory group seats with terms ending in December 2028. Candidates with terms beginning in January 2026 will be announced in late November.

Northern Tulare County Regional Drinking Water Solutions

In August 2025, the Water Boards held a community workshop as part of a series of events to explore a sustainable regional drinking water approach serving the seven neighboring communities of Cutler, East Oroquieta, Monson, Oroquieta, Seville, Sultana, and Yettem. This workshop included the participation of community members, community-based organizations, and local water system board members representing over 16,000 total residents in the northeast Tulare County area. Each workshop in the series covers a different set of topics that build on one another. The August meeting continued the dialogue across these communities toward visioning a regional drinking water solution and on creating potential joint governance terms.

Public Engagement and Environmental Justice

The Public Engagement and Environmental Justice program promotes inclusive, equitable, and transparent public engagement in Water Boards' decision-making

processes for all Californians, especially for environmental justice and frontline communities.

Sustainable Groundwater Management

On September 17, 2025, the State Water Board continued the February 20, 2025, probationary hearing for the Kern County subbasin. OPEETA provided Spanish and Punjabi translation and interpretation services for the hearing continuation, supporting public participation. This included coordination with nongovernmental organizations to facilitate the remote participation of subbasin residents and a bilingual community panel.

Language Access

The Language Access program ensures that the Water Boards comply with state and federal language access laws by providing all Californians with meaningful and consistent language access services.

Oral Interpretation Services

Between July and September 2025, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs provided 23 interpretation services for meetings and conversations between staff and members of the public. Meetings and programs included the SAFER Advisory Group meeting, Sustainable Groundwater Management board items, regional water board meetings, Northern Tulare County workshop, Central Coast Water Board Alternative Water Supply Program Public Outreach and Engagement workshop, and others. Twenty-two interpretation services were provided in Spanish and one in Punjabi.

Written Translation of Documents

Between July and September 2025, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs delivered 137 translations of written documents for various regional water boards, divisions, and offices. The translations included agendas, public notices, presentations, fact sheets, staff reports, emails, and compliance letters. Programs and projects that utilized translation services include Site Clean-up, Office of Sustainable Groundwater Management, Cannabis Regulatory Enforcement, SAFER Drinking Water, Surface Water, Permitting, Irrigated Lands, and others. These translations were provided in a total of 16 languages to meet the community needs: Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Vietnamese, Hmong, Korean, Punjabi, Arabic, Armenian, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Russian, Tagalog, and Thai.

IRRIGATED REGULATORY LAND PROGRAM

November 2025

This month's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) update provides a summary of significant activities of State Water Board staff for the month of October 2025. This update also covers the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Valley Water Board) compliance and outreach activities from August 16 to October 31, 2025. Next month's report will present activities from the North Coast, San Francisco Bay, Central Coast, Los Angeles, Lahontan, Colorado River Basin, Santa Ana, and San Diego Regional Water Boards from October 1 to November 30, 2025.

State Water Board staff continued implementation of the Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel (Panel), as discussed in [Order WQ 2023-0081](#), *In the Matter of Review of General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands Order No. R3-2021-0040*. Following the first Public Listening Session on October 1, 2025, staff held two Panel Working Group Meetings on October 13 and October 22, 2025 to facilitate Panel deliberations on issues relevant to the [Panel charge questions](#). The Second Plenary Panel Meeting was held on October 31, 2025, and included presentations for the Panel's consideration as they develop initial recommendations. Several more Working Group Meetings will be held throughout the remainder of 2025. Public notices, meeting materials, and other panel documents can be found on the [Expert Panel webpage](#). Staff encourages the public to sign up for the email list located on the main [Agriculture webpage](#), which will be used to distribute panel updates and information on future public meetings.

Staff continued coordination with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and their contractors (Crowe LLP) on the [Regulatory Alignment Study](#). The public comment period for the Draft Final Recommendations and Implementation Steps report ended on October 15, 2025. In November 2025, the final report will be released detailing the regulatory alignment recommendations.

Central Valley Water Board staff provide regular bimonthly updates on compliance and outreach accomplishments and other key activities. The following table provides summary information on the Central Valley Water Board's ILRP compliance and outreach activities. More information can be found in the Central Valley Water Board's [Executive Officer's Reports website](#). The start date for the first 6 items of the table is August 16, 2025. The end date for all items is October 31, 2025.

Outreach Activity Type	Number
Reminder Letter for Late Report (INMPSR)	617
Notice of Violation for Late Report (INMSR)	88
Water Code Section 13260 Dropped Member Directives	165

Water Code Section 13260 Directives	0
Notice of Violation for Failure to Respond to Directive	165
Reminder to Sample Postcards	11,913
Number of Drinking Water Wells Sampled	14,346
Drinking Water Well Samples	25,827
Drinking Water Well Notifications Required	4,534
Drinking Water Well Notifications Received	4,486
Indicated Only Member or Family User	2,118
Indicated Replacement Water Provided	1,215
Number of Wells Potentially Needing Replacement Water	1,182

Compliance and outreach activity descriptions:

Reminder Letters for Late Report (INMPSR) – Informal outreach reminding growers to submit late Irrigation Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Report (INMPSR).

Notice of Violation for Late Report (INMPSR) – Sent to members who did not respond to the reminder letter for submitting their annual Irrigation Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Report (INMPSR).

Water Code Section 13260 Dropped Member Directives – are sent to members dropped from the Coalitions' participant lists and may include members with unpaid dues. The directive requires the recipients to re-enroll with a third-party group within 15 days of receipt of the letter.

Water Code Section 13260 Directives – Sent to owners of parcels who do not respond to our initial outreach package requesting they enroll in the ILRP or claim an exemption. The directive requires the recipients to enroll with a third-party group within 15 days of receipt of the letter.

Notices of Violation for failure to respond to Directive – Sent to owners of parcels who did not respond to the 13260 Directive, informing them that they are in violation of the Directive and failure to respond may result in an Administrative Civil Liability Order.

Reminder to Sample Postcard – Postcard sent to Coalition members reminding them to sample their domestic well for nitrate.

Number of Drinking Water Wells Sampled – Number of on-farm drinking water wells that have been sampled, required by Order No. WQ-2018-0002.

Drinking Water Well Samples – Number of drinking water well samples collected and reported in GeoTracker. Often, more than one sample is collected per well.

Drinking Water Well Notifications Required – Number of members required to notify users and Central Valley Water Board that their drinking water well samples exceeded the drinking water standard.

Drinking Water Well Notifications Received – Number of notification responses received from members whose drinking water well sample results exceeded the nitrate drinking water standard.

Indicated Only Member or Family User – Number of wells with samples exceeding the nitrate drinking water standard where the grower or grower's immediate family is the only user(s) of the well, precluding the grower from indicating if replacement water was provided.

Indicated Replacement Water Provided – Number of notification responses received indicating replacement water is provided. Note that growers are not required to indicate if replacement water is provided; therefore, this may not accurately reflect the number of people receiving replacement water.

Number of Wells Potentially Needing Replacement Water – Number of wells potentially needing replacement water for users beyond immediate family members. This was calculated by subtracting the combination of “Indicated Only Member or Family User” and “Indicated Replacement Water Provided” from the total number of “Notifications Required”.

Central Valley Water Board staff have been actively participating in the Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel process. This has included compiling data and analysis for State Board staff, Panel Members, and external interested parties, as well as providing a staff presentation in August. The presentation focused on the types of data collected by the ILRP and perspectives on the progress made to date on reducing nitrate loading from agricultural operations within the Central Valley.

Additional program information can be found at the [Central Valley Regional Board ILRP website](#).