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SIGNIFICANT GENERAL PERMITS

Statewide Policies and Significant General Permits: The Policies and Permits Table stores and displays information about on-going planning, policy development, and permitting efforts by the State and Regional Water Boards. The table includes timelines, milestones, and other important information. The Statewide Policies and Significant General Permits report can be accessed at

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DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

Permitting and Enforcement Branch

Water Right Petitions and Licensing: Between April 1, 2026, and June 30, 2026, the Division of Water Rights completed 32 petitions, detailed in the following table:

Primary Owner	Application ID	Petition Type	Date Completed	Brief Description
SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT	A023393	Minor Change	4/1/2026	Approved change to the maximum amount of water requested for diversion each year.
CITY OF REDDING	A006716, A008884, A015197	Minor Change	4/13/2026	Approved change in location of point of diversion 0.3 mile upstream of licensed location to allow construction of new intake with fish-screen.
MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT	A001224	Temporary Transfer	5/4/2026	Approved the temporary transfer for the reservoir release of 25,000 AF of surface water for use on lands within Merced, Mariposa, and Madera counties.
US BUREAU OF RECLAMATION	A015764, A009364, A009363, A005626, A005628, A013370, A013371, A015374, A015375,	Change	5/8/2026	Approved the addition of the Los Banos Creek Detention Dam and three downstream points on Los Banos Creek as points of rediversion to all 12 permits. These changes allow restorage of up to 8,000 acre-feet per year of Central Valley Project water

	A016767, A017376, A017374			in the Los Banos Creek Detention Reservoir to improve water supply reliability and enhance drought resilience for managed wetlands.
NORTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT	A012574	Change	5/8/2026	Approved petition for change to the point of diversion and place of use.
USDA FOREST SERVICE, LAKE TAHOE BASIN MANAGEMENT UNIT	A019269	Change	5/8/2026	Approved a petition for change to dedicate water for instream use in a tributary to Angora Creek and issued an amended license.
USDA FOREST SERVICE, TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST	A008493	Change	5/13/2026	Approved a petition for change to dedicate water for instream use in a tributary to Oregon Creek and Middle Fork Yuba River and issued an amended license.
USDA FOREST SERVICE, TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST	A012054	Change	5/13/2026	Approved a petition for change to dedicate water for instream use in a tributary to Bear Creek and Middle Fork Yuba River and issued an amended license.
USDA FOREST SERVICE, LAKE TAHOE BASIN MANAGEMENT UNIT	A010956	Change	5/19/2026	Approved a petition for change to dedicate water for instream use in a tributary to Upper Truckee River and issued an amended license.
SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY	A012919A, A015736, A015737, A019351	Temporary Urgency Change	5/20/2026	Approved the temporary urgency change to ensure the water supply conditions and corresponding minimum instream flow requirements in the Russian River watershed are aligned with the actual watershed hydrologic conditions.
GARDEN HIGHWAY	A001699	Temporary Transfer	5/26/2026 (withdrawn)	Withdrew petition for temporary transfer of 6,000 acre-feet via groundwater

MUTUAL WATER COMPANY				substitution for use within service areas of State Water Project Contractor Agencies.
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY	A006241	Change	5/29/2026	Approved petition to remove seven points of diversion to comply with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license requirements for the Bucks Creek Hydroelectric Project.
USDA FOREST SERVICE, TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST	A016691	Change	6/15/2026	Approved a petition for change to dedicate water for instream use in a tributary to Fulda Creek and North Fork American River and issued an amended license.
USDA FOREST SERVICE, TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST	A013627	Change	6/24/2026	Approved a petition for change to dedicate water for instream use in a tributary to Organ Creek and North Fork Yuba River and issued an amended license.
USDA FOREST SERVICE, TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST	A009114	Change	6/26/2026	Approved a petition for change to dedicate water for instream use in a tributary to Blue Canyon Creek and North Fork American River and issued an amended license.
USDA FOREST SERVICE, TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST	A017304	Change	6/26/2026	Approved a petition for change to dedicate water for instream use in a tributary to Powderhorn Creek and Rubicon River and issued an amended license.

Bay Delta, Hearings, and Special Projects Branch

Water Quality Certification, Flow, Data, and Administrative Branch

Sites Reservoir Project: The Division of Water Rights released for public comment a [draft water quality certification](#) for the Sites Reservoir Project (Project) on May 26, 2026. The comment period ended on June 26, 2026. The Division received comments from Sites Project Authority, T&M King Farms LLC, and Communities United for Water Protection. The Division will consider all comments when developing a final water quality certification. The Project, proposed by the Sites Project Authority is a new water surface reservoir that would divert water from the Sacramento River at Red Bluff and Hamilton City, to store up to 1.5 million acre-feet of water. The Project would be located in rural, unincorporated areas of Glenn and Colusa counties. Details are available on the Board's Project [webpage](#).

Balch Hydroelectric Project: The Executive Director issued a water quality certification for PG&E's Balch Hydroelectric Project (Project) on July 1, 2026. PG&E is seeking to relicense the Project with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). In addition to continued operations, the Project includes replacement and rehabilitation of existing recreation facilities, designation of existing roads and trails as Project roads and trails, decommissioning of Black Rock Creek and Weir Creek feeder facilities, modification of the FERC Project boundary, and implementation of new protection, mitigation, and enhancement plans and measures. The Project is located on the North Fork Kings River in Fresno County. Details are available on the Board's Project [webpage](#).

Scott River and Shasta River Watersheds: The Board's 2025 [Emergency Regulation](#) remains in effect under [Assembly Bill 263](#) and curtailments have been reinstated in both watersheds as described below. Additionally, the Division of Water Rights is working on a variety of long-term flow-related items for the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds as directed by Board [Resolution No. 2024-0036](#).

- **Scott River Watershed Curtailments:** On June 9, 2026, Addendum 12 to Orders [WR 2024-0024-DWR](#) and [WR 2026-0005-DWR](#) reinstated curtailments for all surface water rights in the Scott River Watershed. On June 10, 2026, [Order WR- 2026-0008-DWR](#) imposed curtailments and required reporting for groundwater pumping under schedule C of the Scott River Adjudication and overlying groundwater diversions associated with parcels listed in attachment A of the Order. On July 2, 2026, [Addendum 1](#) conditionally suspended curtailments for groundwater rights. On July 4, 2026, the suspension ended because minimum flows dropped below the July minimum flow requirement (50 cfs) at the [USGS Fort Jones gage](#). A large portion of the farming and ranching communities that irrigate with groundwater in the Scott River Watershed have submitted proposals requesting groundwater local cooperative solutions (LCS) in lieu of curtailment. For the 2026 irrigation season, the Division of Water Rights received 50 LCS proposals that cover approximately 19,350 irrigated acres in the Scott Valley; this represents approximately 109 percent of groundwater irrigated acreage in the Scott River Watershed.

- **Shasta River Watershed Curtailments:** Diversions impact the flow of the Shasta River, causing water levels to rise or fall based on amount of water being diverted. On June 16, 2026, [Addendum 6](#) to [Order 2024-0006-DWR](#) reinstated conditional curtailments for junior water rights in the Shasta River watershed. Conditional curtailments set additional requirements that must be met before junior water rights can divert, including increased coordination with the State Water Board and/ or the Watermaster. As of July 15, flows at the [USGS Yreka gage](#) continue to fluctuate around the May 1 - September 15 flow requirement of 50 cfs. Similar historic water years indicate curtailment, and increased coordination will be necessary for much of the irrigation season. The Division of Water Rights will continue to monitor flows, flow forecasts, precipitation and temperature forecasts, and watershed conditions regularly to determine if adjustments to the curtailments are appropriate.
- **Shasta River Watershed Groundwater-Surface Water Model:** On May 7, 2026, the Division of Water Rights released a [Notice](#) of Opportunity for Public Comment and Virtual Meetings for the Draft Groundwater-Surface Water Model of Shasta River Watershed, related Draft Model Report, and a schematic of major water resources and diversions in the Shasta River Watershed. The Division hosted virtual informational workshops on May 28 (General Model Overview for Public) and June 3 (General Technical Training on Model for Modelers). The public comment period closed on June 30, having received comments from 17 individuals and entities. As background, the State Water Board developed the Groundwater-Surface Water Model to help inform establishment of baseline minimum flows, and any later efforts regarding water year-specific (e.g., wet, dry, average) flows that addresses changing climate and hydrology.

New Bullards Bar Dam Atmospheric River Control Spillway Project: On May 14, 2026, the Executive Director issued a water quality certification for Yuba County Water Agency's New Bullards Bar Dam Atmospheric River Control Spillway Project (Project). The Project's purpose is to support flood risk reduction in the Yuba-Feather River system by enhancing reservoir release capacity and operational flexibility, particularly during high-flow events. The Project is located in Yuba County at New Bullards Bar Dam and involves construction and operation of a new spillway. The Project certification was requested as an amendment to Yuba County Water Agency's existing Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license for its Yuba River Development Project. Additional information can be found on the Board's Yuba River Development Project [webpage](#) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/yubariver_ferc2246.html).

Supply & Demand Assessment

The Division of Water Rights continues to develop water supply models, water demand datasets, and water allocation tools for select watersheds across California. These tools, once completed, will provide predictions of surface water supplies and demands to aid state and local water management decisions during periods of water shortage.

Putah Creek Draft Model Report: Public review and comment on the draft Model Development Report for the Putah Creek watershed closed on July 10, 2026. The Division is reviewing the comments received and will incorporate feedback into the final model and model report. Once complete, the model files and the final model report will be posted and accessible online for public use.

Engagement Efforts: In July 2026, the Division met with the Russian River Water Sharing Program regarding the Russian River watershed and with Sonoma County Water Agency and the United States Geological Survey regarding ongoing hydrologic modeling efforts in the Russian River watershed.

More information is available on the Supply and Demand Assessment Program webpage (www.waterboards.ca.gov/sda)

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

Surface Water Regulatory Branch

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System: A

[draft statewide General Permit](#) is currently available for review and comment. State Water Board staff hosted workshops on July 29 and July 30, 2026. On August 19, 2026, the State Water Board will hold a public hearing to present the draft permit and hear public comments on the draft. To ensure consideration by the Board, comments must be received by noon on September 2, 2026. Additional instructions on submitting comments can be found within the [Public Notice](#). More information is available on the [Phase II Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Program webpage](#).

Once-Through Cooling Policy – Interim Mitigation Draft Determinations: State Water Board staff prepared draft determinations and calculated the interim mitigation payments for the October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024 operating period for eight power plants that use ocean waters for once-through cooling. The State Water Board released the draft determinations for public comment on July 27, 2026, and will accept written public comments on the draft determinations through noon on August 17, 2026. Subscribe online to receive email updates on [Ocean Issues – Once-Through Cooling](#) (see the **Water Quality** topics section).

The State Water Board's Water Quality Control Policy on the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling (Once-Through Cooling or OTC Policy) requires owners or operators of existing power plants to implement measures to mitigate interim impingement and entrainment impacts resulting from their cooling water intake structures. The interim mitigation period commenced on October 1, 2015, and continues up to and until owners or operators achieve final compliance with the OTC Policy. More information is available on the [Once-Through Cooling Policy Interim Mitigation Measures webpage](#).

Review of State Water Quality Control Plans and State Policies for Water Quality

Control: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has released for public review and comment a Draft Staff Report and Workplan for the Review of State Water Quality Control Plans and State Policies for Water Quality Control (Review of State Plans and Policies). On August 18, 2026, the State Water Board will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the Review of State Plans and Policies, including the Draft Staff Report and Work Plan. Additionally, staff is planning to host a public workshop the evening of August 25, 2026, to provide an overview and receive comments. The purpose of the Review of State Plans and Policies is to assess the adequacy of state plans and policies, as well as applicable water quality standards, to help guide the State Water Board's priorities for future projects to establish or amend state plans and policies. The public comment period for the Review of State Plans and Policies will close at noon on Tuesday, September 1, 2026. More information is available on the [Review of State Water Quality Control Plans and Policies for Water Quality Control webpage](#).

Utility Wildfire General Order: Public notice of the final draft Utility Wildfire General Order, responses to comments and related Environmental Impact Report was issued on July 17 in advance of proposed consideration of State Water Board adoption on August 19. This general order consistent with Senate Bill 901 (Dodd, 2018) will provide a more efficient permitting pathway for electric utility permitting across the state by establishing baseline best management practices for a range of electric utility activities with the potential to discharge waste to waters.

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

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 June 2026.

Drinking Water

Drinking Water Funding Agreements Executed (June 2026)

PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount	SAFER Status
CA2410010	Winton Water & Sanitary District	2410010-001P	Winton Water and Sanitary District	Winton Water and Sanitary District (CA2410010) has been on the SAFER Failing list since May 9, 2018, due to 1,2,3-Trichloropropane (TCP) maximum contaminant level (MCL) violations. This project will restore a well, which has been inactive for many years due to elevated concentrations of hydrogen sulfide and manganese this will improve water resiliency for the small severely disadvantaged community of Winton.	\$525,000	Failing
CA4000554	Green River Mutual Water Co.	4000554-001C	Green River Mutual Water Company	The Recipient's water system has been on the State Water Board's failing list due to selenium Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) violations since November 8, 2022. The funding under this Agreement will be used to address Citation for exceeding the	\$4,065,100	Failing

**Drinking Water Funding Agreements Executed
(June 2026)**

PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount	SAFER Status
				selenium MCL by constructing pipeline, installing a new storage tank and booster pumping facilities.		
CA5400616	Lemon Cove Water Co.	5400616-001C	Lemon Cove Sanitary District	The Lemon Cove Sanitary District water system has been on the State Water Board's failing list due to nitrate maximum contaminant level (MCL) violations since January 1, 2017. Funding under this Agreement will be used to address exceeding nitrate MCL by abandoning the existing system, constructing a pipeline and two groundwater wells, and installing a new storage tank, hydropneumatic tank, and duplex booster pump system.	\$5,878,229	Failing
CA5800832 CA5810002	Castlewood Mobile Home Park; Linda County Water District	5810002-002C	Linda County Water District	The funding under this Agreement will be used to fully consolidate Castlewood MHP with the Recipient's water system via the installation of a water transmission main to resolve the issue of methane contamination in Castlewood MHP's well as well as provide safety and overall system reliability.	\$1,618,203	Not-At-Risk Not-At-Risk
CA1200553	Weott C.S.D.	EDWG-1200553-001C	Weott Community Services District	The Weott Community Services District water system has been on the State Water Board's failing list since December 11, 2025. The funding under this Agreement will be used to	\$4,112,430	Failing

**Drinking Water Funding Agreements Executed
(June 2026)**

PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount	SAFER Status
				construct a new welded steel water storage tank and demolish an existing concrete masonry unit tank.		
CA1500096; CA1500344; CA1510031	City of Bakersfield; Old River Mutual Water Company; South Kern Mutual Water Company	EDWG-1510031-001C	Bakersfield, City of	The South Kern Mutual Water Company and Old River Mutual Water Company water systems have been on the State Water Board's failing list due to uranium and/or 1,2,3-trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP) since 2017. The funding under this Agreement will be used to consolidate Old River Mutual Water Company and South Kern Mutual Water Company with the Recipient's water system.	\$6,813,373	Failing Failing Not Assessed
CA3100038; CA3110035	Heather Glen Community Service District; Weimar Water Company	EDWG-3110005-099C	Placer County Water Agency	The project will construct a pipeline consolidating Heather Glen Community Services District to the Placer County Water Agency Weimar water system and address disinfection byproducts exceedances (HAA5 and TTHM).	\$16,000,000	Not-At-Risk Not-At-Risk
CA4400758; CA4410017	Renaissance High School; Soquel Creek Water District	EDWG-4400758-001C	Pajaro Valley Unified School District	The project will consolidate Renaissance High School's existing water system with Soquel Creek Water District's water system. The project consists of installing domestic water pipeline, a booster pump station, and a backup generator. The project will address the School's elevated hexavalent chromium concentrations	\$2,857,000	At-Risk Not-At-Risk

**Drinking Water Funding Agreements Executed
(June 2026)**

PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount	SAFER Status
				in their single groundwater well, and return the School to compliance.		
CA4500290; CA4510008	Fall River Valley CSD; Pine Grove Mobile home Park	EDWG-4510008-002C	Fall River Valley Community Services District	The Pine Grove Mobile Home Park has been exceeding manganese levels since 2018. The funding under this Agreement will be used to extend municipal water service from Fall River Valley Community Services District to Pine Grove Mobile Home Park and twelve surrounding properties.	\$3,906,500	Failing Not-At-Risk
CA4700513	Hornbrook C.S.D.	EDWG-4700513-005C	Hornbrook Community Services District	The Recipient has been on the State Water Board's failing list due to a violation of the California Waterwork Standards since May 1, 2024. The funding under this Agreement will be used to correct water system's deficiencies in water storage, treatment, and distribution.	\$16,000,000	Failing

**Drinking Water Funding Agreements Amended
(June 2026)**

PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Amendment Type	Amendment Purpose	SAFER Status
CA1510054	Pinon Pines MWC	1510054-001C	Pinon Pines Estates Mutual Water Company	Time Extension	Construction Completion date extended from 12/31/2025 to 12/31/2026	Failing
CA3310017/ CA1900827	South Mesa WC/ Hillcrest Mobile Home Park	3310017-001C	South Mesa Water Company	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Project funding increase from \$10,236,913 to \$14,766,906 and Completion of Construction Date extended from 2/28/2026 to 12/31/2027	Not-At-Risk/ Not Available
CA4010028	SLO CSA NO. 16 - Shandon	4010028-001P	San Luis Obispo, County of	Time Extension	Work Completion Date extended from 12/31/2025 to 12/31/2026	Not-At-Risk
CA5510013	TUD - Columbia Water System	5510013-010C	Tuolumne Utilities District	Final Budget Approval (FBA)	Completion of Construction Date extended from 1/1/2026 to 12/31/2026	Not-At-Risk

Wastewater

**Wastewater Funding Agreements Executed
(June 2026)**

Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount
8587-210	Chester Public Utility District	An improvement project is needed in response to the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs), Notice of Violations (NOVs), and Cease-and-Desist Order (CDO) to bring the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) into full compliance with water quality objectives. The improvements needed are to the biological treatment, disinfection facility, and support facilities.	\$19,081,000
8827-110	Guadalupe, City of	The City is enrolled in the General Permit, which includes more stringent monitoring, and effluent limitations. Based on increasing regulatory	\$542,500

**Wastewater Funding Agreements Executed
(June 2026)**

Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount
		requirements, an aging plant, and limited City resources, the City is interested in exploring opportunities to consolidate with nearby communities. The City has identified the City of Santa Maria as a potential consolidation partner and is requesting funding to pursue planning work in an effort to facilitate this consolidation or another feasible alternative to aid the City in maintaining regulatory compliance.	

**Wastewater Funding Agreements Amended
(June 2026)**

Project Number	Project Recipient	Amendment Type	Amendment Purpose
8400-110	Chester Public Utility District	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Grant increase from \$499,970 to \$663,061 and Work Completion Date extended from 12/1/2025 to 6/30/2028
8403-210	Rio Dell, City of	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Project funding increase from \$1,490,550 to \$2,238,479 and Completion of Construction date of 12/31/2026 to 3/31/2027
8550-110	Huron, City of	Time Extension	Work Completion Date extended from 12/31/2025 to 12/31/2026
8558-110	Crescent City, City of	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Project funding increase from \$951,243 to \$2,108,000 and Work Completion date extended from 8/31/2025 to 11/30/2027

Administrator Summary

No new Administrator agreements or amendments were executed in June 2026.

Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Summary

No O&M agreements or amendments were executed in June 2026.

Technical Assistance (TA) Summary

TA Recipient	PWS Benefitting	Project Number	Project Description	Funding Amount or Increase
RCAC	Statewide	D2517005	RCAC will assist water systems in providing a safe, adequate and affordable supply of drinking water to communities in both the near and long terms through a circuit rider program to build TMF capacity for underperforming water systems, technical assistance for capacity development of water systems, and workshops and other training events addressing water system issues.	\$11,708,050.00

TA Work Plans

DFA is providing Technical Assistance to 341 Drinking Water Systems (200 Failing and 55 At-Risk systems) and to 57 Wastewater Systems. 47% of all Failing systems are receiving TA. The table below summarizes the TA work plans executed in the month of June 2026.

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	5700-M	Bonny Doon School	CA4400751	Full planning project to replace failing storage tanks and system evaluation	UEI	DW	\$673,678 (\$19,992 Increase)	Failing	Source Capacity
Work Plan Amendment	5918-B	Cazadero Water Company	CA4900508	Full planning to resolve corrosion control treatment and coliform	RCAC	DW	\$369,961 (\$229,205 Decrease)	Failing	Surface Water Treatment Rule

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA Provider*	TA Type**	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation***
				compliance orders.					
Work Plan Amendment	6089-F	Phillipsville Community Services District	CA1200541	Full planning project to evaluate system conditions and analyze alternatives to improve drinking water supply	UEI	DW	\$482,256 (No Change)	Potentially At-Risk	N/A
Work Plan Amendment	6115-C	Apple Valley	CA3600012	Full planning project to address Flouride violation.	UEI	DW	\$307,907 (No Change)	Failing	Fluoride
Work Plan Amendment	6166-F	Ramona MWC	CA3710019	Community outreach and full planning to extend service from Ramona MWD to the Acres Community.	RCAC	DW	\$574,704 (No Change)	Not At-Risk	N/A
Work Plan Amendment	6319-D	Higuera Apartments	CA4000563	Assistance with a construction application	UEI	DW	\$306,990 (\$167,012 Increase)	Failing	Nitrate

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA Provider*	TA Type**	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation***
				for consolidation with the City of San Luis Obispo					
Work Plan Amendment	6376-E	Fall River Valley CSD	CA4510008	Assistance with drilling a test well.	UEI	DW	\$862,503 (\$27,862 Decrease)	Not At-Risk	N/A
Work Plan Amendment	6483-E	Winterhaven Mobile Estates	CA1900961	Full planning project to address arsenic violations.	UEI	DW	\$867,737 (\$213,331 Increase)	Failing	Arsenic
Work Plan Amendment	6601-E	Higuera Apartments	No PWSID (Wastewater)	Full planning project to consolidate with the Higuera Apartments.	UEI	WW	\$321,396 (\$34,634 Increase)	Failing	Nitrate
Work Plan Amendment	6655-C	Willowside Terrace	CA3701995	Full planning project for regional consolidation .	UEI	DW	\$420,005 (\$18,000 increase)	Failing	Combined Uranium
Work Plan Amendment	6810-C	McCoy Rd #5 Hacienda Apartments	CA2701040	Full planning project to address nitrate compliance issues.	RCAC	DW	\$386,578 (\$130,683 Increase)	Failing	Nitrate

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	6843-D	Las Deltas Community	CA1000054	Updating 2016 PER, Rate study, CEQA, LAFCO application, and DWSRF Construction App	SHE	DW	\$771,649 (\$99,979 Increase)	Failing	TTHM
Work Plan Amendment	6988-C	Daleville	No PWSID (Wastewater)	Transfer Wastewater work plan from Prop 1, continuing work started in Prop 1 Work Plan	SHE	WW	\$203,014 (\$35,586 Decrease)	N/A	N/A
Work Plan Amendment	7023-C	San Ardo Water District	No PWSID (Wastewater)	Rate Study	RCAC	WW	\$132,186 (\$18,065 Increase)	Not At-Risk	N/A
Work Plan Amendment	7066-B	Vineyard Avenue Acres	CA5602120	Regional consolidation with Vineyard Avenue Acres, Strickland Acres, and Rio Mesa High School with Ventura	RCAC	DW	\$1,895,498 (\$492,451 Increase)	N/A	N/A
			CA5610029					Failing	Nitrate
			CA5602117					At-Risk	N/A
			CA5602407					At-Risk	N/A

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA Provider*	TA Type**	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation***
				County taking over					
Work Plan Amendment	7122-B	Redwood Heights MWC	CA4900639	UDWN application	RCAC	DW	\$17,975 (No Change)	Failing	Surface Water Treatment Rule
Work Plan Amendment	7164-C	Perry Colony	N/A	Water Sampling, Well sounding, Outreach gauging support for consolidation	SHE	DW	\$157,348 (\$12,965 Decrease)	N/A	N/A
Work Plan Amendment	7200-B	Sonora Estates MHP	CA5500086	Consolidation feasibility study	GHD	DW	\$707,026 (\$579,567 Increase)	Potentially At-Risk	N/A
Work Plan Amendment	7221-B	San Ardo WD	CA2700728	Audited financials, rate study, complete TMF documents	RCAC	DW	\$130,722 (\$20,690 Increase)	Not At-Risk	N/A
Work Plan Amendment	7273-C	Little Lake MHP	CA2300705	Feasibility Study for a collapsed well	P&P	DW	\$513,901 (\$71,647 Increase)	N/A	N/A
New Work Plan	7337-A	H & J Water Company	CA3700073	Feasibility Study for iron MCL exceedance	NV5	DW	\$127,623 (New Work Plan)	Failing	Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)

Work Plan Type	Work Plan No.	TA Recipient	PWSID	Project Description	TA Provider*	TA Type**	Total Amount Approved	SAFER Status	Primary MCL Violation***
New Work Plan	7352-A	El Rio Villas	CA5700615	Feasibility Study	GHD	DW	\$130,474 (New Work Plan)	Potentially At-Risk	N/A
New Work Plan	7372-A	FCWWD 40 - Shaver Springs	CA1000042	Feasibility Study	GHD	DW	\$253,943 (New Work Plan)	Failing	Combined Uranium
New Work Plan	7383-A	MD-08 North Fork Water System	CA2000561	Feasibility Study/ER	P&P	DW	\$134,484 (New Work Plan)	Failing	Arsenic
New Work Plan	7384-A	MD-58 Sierra Highlands	CA2000865	Feasibility Study/ER	P&P	DW	\$141,451 (New Work Plan)	Failing	Iron
New Work Plan	7385-A	MD-73 Quartz Mountain	CA2000690	Feasibility Study/ER	P&P	DW	\$143,386 (New Work Plan)	Failing	Iron
New Work Plan	7389-A	Amezcua-Garcia Water	CA3301990	Full planning consolidation project	GHD	DW	\$349,001 (New Work Plan)	Failing	Arsenic
New Work Plan	7400-A	MD-28 Ripperdan Water System	CA2000553	Feasibility Study/ER	P&P	DW	\$66,324 (New Work Plan)	Failing	1,2,3-Trichloropropane

* 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 water outage violations.

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)

PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Description	Funding Amount or Increase	Category
Regional Interim Solutions Program in the Kaweah Subbasin Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District	D2517017	The project will expand the number of households whose private domestic wells are tested for multiple co-contaminants and implement solutions that ensure domestic well users have access to safe and affordable drinking water for those domestic wells that contain contaminants of concern (COC) other than nitrate.	\$5,146,812	SADW

Emergency Repair Funding Programs

There were no emergencies approved in June 2026.

Schools Grant Programs

Bottled Water for Schools Grant Program

District Name	School Name	Water System Name	PWSID	SAFER Status	Type of Approval	Duration	Number of Students/ Staff
Chatom Union School District	Mountain View Middle School	Mountain View Elementary School	5000255	Failing	Renewal	6/8/2026 - 12/31/2026	190
Byron Union School District	Excelsior Middle School	Excelsior Middle School	706029	Failing	Renewal	6/8/2026 - 5/22/2028	458
Pope Valley Union Elementary School District	Pope Valley Elementary School	Napa County Schools: Pope Valley	2800840	Failing	Renewal	6/8/2026 - 6/30/2028	70
Mountain Empire Unified	Potrero Elementary School	Potrero Elementary School	3700963	At-Risk	New	6/25/2026 - 6/30/2028	230

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. As of July 3, 2026, 100% of eligible water systems (1,106 of 1,106) are registered to be sampled and 3,370 wells out of the 3,375 scheduled have been sampled.

Loans and Grants Branch (L&G)

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

Drinking Water

Drinking Water Funding Agreements Executed (June 2026)

PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount	SAFER Status
CA0910002	South Tahoe PUD - Main	0910002-031C	South Tahoe Public Utility District	The Project will improve potable water service by rehabilitating critical mainlines. Construction will be completed in three phases that aim to replace existing pipeline that has reached its useful life. Additionally, the project will look to correct fire hydrant spacing deficiencies by repositioning hydrants as necessary to meet local ordinance.	\$13,244,439	Not-At-Risk
Emerging Contaminants						
CA3301630	Blythe - Hidden Beaches	3301630-001C	Blythe, City of	Project necessary to address SWRCB Division of Drinking Water compliance order and legally enforceable deadlines associated with order. Package storage, treatment and filtration system designed to address manganese levels.	\$4,617,600	Failing
CA3610005	Lake Arrowhead CSD	3610005-001C	Lake Arrowhead CSD	This project will return the system to compliance with the PFAS MCL by installing ion exchange vessels at Bernina Water Treatment Plant and at Cedar Glen Water Treatment Plant.	\$15,952,000	At-Risk

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

Clean Water

Clean Water Funding Agreements Executed (June 2026)

Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount
8798-110	Merced, City of	The Merced Wastewater Treatment Facility Phase VI Improvements Project replaces aging infrastructure that are at the end of their useful life and at risk of failure. The new processes will be designed to handle seismic forces and designed to current California Building Code standards.	\$50,000,000
Water Recycling			
8063-110	Los Angeles, City of	The funding under this Agreement shall be used to decrease reliance on imported water supplies and increase recycled water use city-wide.	\$15,000,000
8659-110	Sacramento Area Sewer District	Plan, design and construct facilities, in the southern portion of Sacramento County, to provide tertiary-treated recycled water for agricultural irrigation and habitat restoration to provide multiple benefits including reduced groundwater pumping, improve flows in Cosumnes River and providing near-term benefits to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.	\$15,000,000
8803-110	Eastern Municipal Water District	The new Advanced Water Purification Facility, utilizing reverse osmosis, will remove 700 tons of salt per year from the San Jacinto groundwater basin. The project will stabilize and enhance groundwater quality ensuring compliance.	\$65,000,000
8803-210	Eastern Municipal Water District	The new conveyance pipeline and blending facility will provide 4,000 acre-feet per year (AFY) of blended purified and tertiary recycled water (RW) for low total dissolved solids (TDS) groundwater recharge into the San Jacinto groundwater basin for new local potable supply.	\$42,872,219
8871-110	Scotts Valley, City of	The funding under this Agreement shall be used to investigate and improve recycled water resources in the City's service area. A	\$218,750

		comprehensive Wastewater and Recycled Water Facility Planning Study will be developed to evaluate the feasibility of improving reliability of and expanding recycled water use in the City of Scotts Valley.	
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Clean Water Funding Agreements Amended (June 2026)			
Project Number	Project Recipient	Amendment Type	Amendment Purpose
8608-110	La Mesa, City of	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Project funding amount increase from \$7,000,000 to \$9,618,582 and a Completion of Construction date from 1/15/2025 to 12/1/2026
Water Recycling			
8619-110	West Bay Sanitary District	Funding Increase	Project funding increase from \$66,600,000 to \$76,600,000
8629-110	Irvine Ranch Water District	Funding Increase	Project funding increase from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000

Environmental Review

Future Significant Events

- Environmental Section staff, in coordination with EPA Region 9, continue consultations with the State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to complete Programmatic Agreements (PAs) for the Clean Water and Drinking Water SRF Programs. These PAs will expedite SRF project reviews for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Anticipated completion: December 2026.

- Environmental Section staff, in collaboration with EPA Region 9, are updating the State Environmental Review Processes (SERP) for the Clean and Drinking Water SRF Programs. The purpose of these updates is to align SERP procedures with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. These updates will streamline DFA's environmental review processes, reduce review time, and expedite funding for critical drinking water and wastewater projects.

Anticipated completion: September 2026.

Environmental Reviews Completed

Below is a tally of CEQA Lead Agency and Responsible Agency environmental reviews completed by DFA Environmental Section staff between January 1, 2026 and June 30, 2026 for both funding and water supply permit projects.

Types of CEQA Reviews	Division of Financial Assistance (Funding)	Division of Drinking Water (Water Supply Permit)
Lead Agency	1 wastewater and 5 drinking water	51
Responsible Agency	22 wastewater and 47 drinking water	23

Administration/Operator Certification Branch

Office of Operator Certification Program Activity

The State Water Board, Office of Operator Certification, which is comprised of the Drinking Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Program, provides support to approximately 40,000 operators and new applicants entering the water industry.

Completed Events

From April 23 - 24, 2026, the Office of Operator Certification attended the California State University (CSU) Water Conference as an exhibitor to engage with water professionals and share information regarding the State Water Board's Operator Certification programs. The Annual CSU Water Conference brings together water professionals from across California to discuss critical aspects of the water industry including workforce development, water infrastructure challenges, agency partnerships, water resources, and community engagement.

On April 28, 2026, the Wastewater Operator Certification Program held its semi-annual Advisory Committee Meeting at the CalEPA building. This meeting was attended by wastewater industry professionals and provided an opportunity for their input and feedback on topics concerning the program, including proposed fee changes for the program.

From May 5 - 7, 2026, the Office of Operator Certification attended the Association for California Water Agencies (ACWA) 2026 Spring Conference as an exhibitor to engage with water professionals and share information regarding the State Water Board's Operator Certification programs. The ACWA Conference brings California's water leaders together to address current challenges and shape the future through intentional dialogue, discussion forums and informational sessions spanning state and federal policy, finance, legal issues and more.

On May 13, 2026, the Drinking Water Operator Certification Program held its semi-annual Advisory Committee Meeting at the CalEPA building. This meeting was attended by drinking water industry professionals and provided an opportunity for their input and feedback on topics concerning the program.

On June 16, 2026, at a board meeting, the Board approved a Resolution to authorize the Executive Director, the Chief Deputy Director, or the Deputy Director of the Division of Administrative Services to enter into a contract, and any amendments thereto, for computer-based examinations for the Wastewater and Drinking Water Operator Certification Programs.

On July 7, 2026, at a board meeting, the Board approved a Resolution to adopt amendments to the Drinking Water Operator Certification Program Fees in the California Code of Regulations, title 22, division 4, chapter 13 (commencing with section 63750.10).

On July 7, 2026, at a board meeting, the Board approved a Resolution to adopt amendments to the Wastewater Operator Certification Program Fees in the California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 26 (commencing with section 3670).

Future Significant Events

Fall 2026, both Drinking Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Programs will hold semi-annual Advisory Committee Meetings at the CalEPA building. These meetings will be attended by water industry professionals and provides an opportunity for their input and feedback on topics concerning the programs.

In December 2026, the Office of Operator Certification staff will present an informational item at a Board meeting to provide a status update on the Drinking Water Operator Certification Program and Wastewater Operator Certification Program.

Both Drinking Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Programs are working with the State Water Board's Division of Information Technology to continue development of an interactive online application portal for applicants to submit drinking water and wastewater operator applications for examinations, certifications, and certification renewals. The applicants will be able to update, edit, and monitor their applications. The ability for applicants to submit drinking water and wastewater certification applications electronically through the portal is anticipated to be operational in 2027.

DISTRIBUTION DRINKING WATER		
	2025 1/1/2025-6/30/2025	2026 1/1/2026-6/30/2026
Applications received (exam, cert, renewals)	6,752	6,414
Certificates issued (new and renewals)	3,093	2,847
TREATMENT DRINKING WATER		
	2025 1/1/2025-6/30/2025	2026 1/1/2026-6/30/2026
Applications received (exam, cert, renewals)	4,574	4,323
Certificates issued (new and renewals)	2,351	2,159
WASTEWATER		
	2025 1/1/2025-6/30/2025	2026 1/1/2026-6/30/2026
Applications received (exam, cert, renewals)	1,770	3,155
Certificates issued (new and renewals)	956	1,189

DISTRIBUTION – NUMBER OF VALID CERTIFICATES						
Grade	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	June 2026
1	3,908	3,912	3,923	3,923	3,896	3,906
2	9,906	9,944	9,990	9,981	9,953	10,037
3	4,356	4,359	4,355	4,359	4,358	4,358
4	1,969	1,965	1,973	1,972	1,978	1,991
5	1,312	1,322	1,326	1,328	1,330	1,335
Total	21,451	21,502	21,567	21,563	21,515	21,627

TREATMENT NUMBER OF VALID CERTIFICATES						
Grade	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	June 2026
1	2,325	2,335	2,348	2,354	2,364	2,363
2	8,504	8,505	8,537	8,617	8,686	8,680
3	2,048	2,038	2,042	2,030	2,031	2,013
4	1,073	1,069	1,073	1,076	1,074	1,074
5	528	526	532	527	528	533
Total	14,478	14,473	14,532	14,604	14,683	14,663

WASTEWATER NUMBER OF VALID CERTIFICATES						
Grade	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	June 2026
OIT	723	721	719	720	708	699
1	780	785	791	795	805	801
2	1,534	1,538	1,543	1,554	1,566	1,573
3	1,885	1,883	1,886	1,888	1,890	1,899
4	429	430	431	430	432	431
5	1,127	1,130	1,133	1,138	1,143	1,146
Total	6,478	6,487	6,503	6,525	6,544	6,549

**Treatment Grade 5 examinations are oral exams administered twice a year
(Not conducted via computer-based testing)**

TREATMENT GRADE 5 ORAL EXAM PASS/FAIL				
Reporting Period: Winter 2025				
2/17/2025 – 2/21/2025 (South) and 2/24/2025 – 2/28/2025 (North)				
Grade	Examinees	Pass Count	Fail Count	Pass Percent
Treat. Grade 5	25	9	16	36%

TREATMENT GRADE 5 ORAL EXAM PASS/FAIL Reporting Period: Winter 2026 2/23/2026 – 2/27/2026 (North) and 3/2/2026 – 3/6/2026 (South)				
Grade	Examinees	Pass Count	Fail Count	Pass Percent
Treat. Grade 5	42	13	29	31%

COMPUTER-BASED TESTING PASS/FAIL Reporting Period 1/1/2025- 6/30/2025				
Grade	Examinees	Pass Count	Fail Count	Pass Percent
Dist. Grade 1	590	382	208	65%
Dist. Grade 2	928	586	342	63%
Dist. Grade 3	379	232	147	61%
Dist. Grade 4	162	99	63	61%
Dist. Grade 5	73	38	35	52%
Treat. Grade 1	300	170	130	57%
Treat. Grade 2	649	400	249	62%
Treat. Grade 3	179	114	65	64%
Treat. Grade 4	69	32	37	46%
WW Grade 1	203	110	93	54%
WW Grade 2	201	96	105	48%
WW Grade 3	182	69	113	38%
WW Grade 4	39	6	33	15%
WW Grade 5	87	25	62	29%

COMPUTER-BASED TESTING PASS/FAIL				
Reporting Period 1/1/2026 - 6/30/2026				
Grade	Examinees	Pass Count	Fail Count	Pass Percent
Dist. Grade 1	551	351	200	64%
Dist. Grade 2	981	669	312	68%
Dist. Grade 3	364	216	148	59%
Dist. Grade 4	177	100	77	56%
Dist. Grade 5	92	47	45	51%
Treat. Grade 1	286	170	116	59%
Treat. Grade 2	690	423	267	61%
Treat. Grade 3	151	86	65	57%
Treat. Grade 4	100	56	44	56%
WW Grade 1	176	101	75	57%
WW Grade 2	201	91	110	45%
WW Grade 3	170	72	98	42%
WW Grade 4	39	11	28	28%
WW Grade 5	98	34	64	35%

CUMULATIVE COMPUTER-BASED TESTING PASS/FAIL				
Reporting Period: 2/20/2021 (CBT Inception) – 6/30/2026				
Grade	Examinees	Pass Count	Fail Count	Pass Percent
Dist. Grade 1	5,443	3,521	1,922	65%
Dist. Grade 2	9,225	6,140	3,085	67%
Dist. Grade 3	3,504	2,177	1,327	62%
Dist. Grade 4	1,638	941	697	57%
Dist. Grade 5	765	433	332	57%
Treat. Grade 1	2,800	1,720	1,080	61%
Treat. Grade 2	6,426	4,119	2,307	64%
Treat. Grade 3	1,691	1,105	586	65%
Treat. Grade 4	753	447	306	59%
WW Grade 1	1,989	1,097	892	55%
WW Grade 2	2,081	1,121	960	54%
WW Grade 3	1,892	702	1,190	37%
WW Grade 4	518	145	373	28%
WW Grade 5	945	276	669	29%

DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

During the week of July 3, 2026, the Division of Drinking Water was alerted to a sophisticated spear phishing attempt directed toward treatment operators and public water systems.

The Phishing email contained specific water system information (PWS system number, address, etc.) and required a response within 24 hours or operators would lose their licenses. The email included the Water Board's logo and typical information sent from the Board. Reports of the phishing email came from across the state and were not isolated events. In response to the phishing email, both DDW and DFA Operator Certification Unit sent mass emails to public water systems and operators to warn of the phishing email. This information was also shared with U.S. EPA Region 9, who confirmed at least one other state (Maine) experienced a similar attack on their system.

It is suspected that the hackers used the Water Board's public Drinking Water Watch as a resource for information. The Division of Information Technology was alerted of the breach and/or misuse of the Drinking Water Watch database and is currently performing a forensic analysis on the breach.

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 38 permits were processed between June 12, 2026, and July 6, 2026.

Water System	Permit Type	Permit Purpose
PALOMINO LAKES MUTUAL WATER CO.	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	UPDATE PERMIT PROVISIONS
SONOMA SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE PERMIT
CITY OF WILLIAMS	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADD WELLS 8, 9 AND 10
RIPON, CITY OF	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	WELL 19 ACTIVE TO INACTIVE
RANCHO VICTORIA TASTING ROOM	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE FULL PERMIT
COURAGE TO CHANGE	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADD WELL 02, WELL 01 TO STANDBY, DISCONTINUE C12
LONDON COMMUNITY SERV DIST	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADD C12 TO WELLS 02A, 04 & 05

SONOMA WEST HOLDINGS INDUSTRIAL PARK	FULL PERMIT	ADDING A DOMESTIC WELL, ADDITION OF CONTINUOUS CHLORINATION TREATMENT
POWAY, CITY OF	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADDITION OF TWO 4-MG CLEARWELLS
CITY OF FULLERTON	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	NEW WELL AND PFAS TREATMENT FACILITY
RIVER VIEW GRILL & BAR	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE FULL PERMIT
RANCHO GUEJITO VINEYARD	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE FULL PERMIT
SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	REVISE PERMIT CONDITION NO 19
FIRECLAY TILE	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	REVISE PERMIT CONDITION NO 42 (WELL INSPECTION FREQUENCY)
CWS - MULLEN WATER COMPANY	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	UPDATE PERMIT PROVISIONS
FLORIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	UPDATE PERMIT CONDITIONS
SWEETWATER AUTHORITY	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	CHLORAMINE TRT AT BONITA VALLEY RESERVOIR
SONORA ESTATES MOBILE HOME PARK	FULL PERMIT	ADD CI2 TRT, WELL 01 ACTIVE TO STANDBY
RAMS GATE WINERY	FULL PERMIT	INITIAL PERMIT ISSUANCE
CHINESE CAMP SCHOOL	FULL PERMIT	UPDATED PERMIT CONDITIONS
SEQUOIA CREST MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADDITION OF WELL 04 - A NEW SOURCE FOR DISTRIBUTION
COYOTE VALLEY SPORTING CLAYS	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE FULL PERMIT
BEAR RIVER LAKE RESORT	FULL PERMIT	LPA TRANSMITTAL - NEW WATER SUPPLY PERMIT
MANTECA, CITY OF	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	NEW WELL NO. 30 WITH As BLENDING TREATMENT
TURLOCK, CITY OF	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	WELL 39 ACTIVE TO INACTIVE
ST. CLAIR RANCHOS MUTUAL WATER CO.	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE FULL PERMIT

EAST COUNTY TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE FULL PERMIT
WEGIS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE FULL PERMIT
CAL AM - MEADOWBROOK	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE FULL PERMIT
MONROVIA NURSERY - NURSERY	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY PERMIT AMENDMENT
CAMP OLIVER	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE FULL PERMIT
AGAPE MUTUAL WATER SYSTEM	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE FULL PERMIT
CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN LARKFIELD (PUC)	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADDITION OF STORAGE TANK
TELELI GOLF CLUB	FULL PERMIT	UPDATE PERMIT CONDITIONS
GREEN VALLEY CWD	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADD WELL 13
FIREFALL RANCH WATER SYSTEM	FULL PERMIT	ADDITION OF CONTINUOUS CHLORINATION, AN IRON AND MANGANESE TRT SYSTEM, UPDATE CURRENT OPS
GWSC – SAN DIMAS	PERMIT AMENDMENT	PERCHLORATE BLENDING
CARMICHAEL WATER DISTRICT	PERMIT AMENDMENT	NEWLY CONSTRUCTED LA SIERRA WELL

Violations & Enforcement Actions

Violations include whether a water 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 include issuance of citations and compliance orders.

The following enforcement actions were documented from June 15, 2026, and July 13, 2026.

Public Water System	Violation	Contaminant or Rule
BRAVO FARMS TRAVER	MCL	E. COLI
CACHEVILLE SERVICE DIST	Monitoring	RTCR

CAL-TRANS WILEY WELL REST STOP	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE CO. - DOMINGUEZ	Monitoring	COLIFORM
CALTRANS, WHITEWATER REST AREA	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
CAMP ROSS RELLES	Monitoring	RTCR
CEDAR VALLEY MUTUAL WATER CO	MCL	ARSENIC
CEDAR VALLEY MUTUAL WATER CO	Other	VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION
CEDAR VALLEY MUTUAL WATER CO	Other	VIOLATION OF A WATERWORKS STANDARD
CHAMISAL WA	Other	VIOLATION OF A WATERWORKS STANDARD
CHEMEKETA PARK MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	MCL	HAA5
CHEMEKETA PARK MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	MCL	TTHM
CLARKSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL	Monitoring	RTCR
COLUSA CO. WWD #1 - GRIMES	Monitoring	LCR
COPCO LAKE MWC	Treatment Technique	LT2ESWTR
CORDA RD WS	Other	OPERATOR CERTIFICATION LEVEL
CORRECTIONAL TRAINING FACILITY - SOLEDAD	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
DINKEY CREEK INN	Monitoring	RTCR
EAST WILSON ROAD WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	RTCR
EAST WILSON ROAD WATER COMPANY	Other	OPERATOR CERTIFICATION LEVEL
FAMILY TREE FARMS	Other	1,2,3 TCP
FAMILY TREE FARMS	Other	VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION

FIDDLETOWN COMMUNITY SERVICE	Monitoring	COLIFORM
GONZALES GAS STATION WS	Monitoring	RTCR
GSA CALEXICO PORT OF ENTRY	Reporting	LT2ESWTR
HALLELUJAH JUNCTION MARKET	Monitoring	RTCR
HOLLISTER SDA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	Other	OPERATING WITHOUT A VALID PWS PERMIT
HOLLISTER SDA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	Public Notification	PUBLIC NOTICE
HOLLISTER SDA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	Reporting	FAILURE TO SUBMIT COMP PLAN
HOOT OWL CREEK/ALEX. VALLEY VINEYARDS JV	Monitoring	E. COLI
HUME LAKE CHRISTIAN CAMPS, INC	Monitoring	FAILURE TO COLLECT MTH/QRT GW RAWB MJ
HUME LAKE CHRISTIAN CAMPS, INC	Monitoring	RTCR
JACKS RANCH- RESERVATION ROAD WS	MCL	E. COLI
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES - KINGDOM HALL	Monitoring	COLIPHAGE (FOR GWR)
LA HACIENDA DEL TORO	Monitoring	RTCR
LAKE DON PEDRO CSD	Other	CCR §64554 – SRC CAPACITY
LASSEN COUNTY WATER WORKS DISTRICT #1	MCL	IRON
LASSEN COUNTY WATER WORKS DISTRICT #1	MCL	MANGANESE
MARIPOSA DISTRICT FAIRGROUND	Monitoring	NITRATE

MCWANE PLANT AND INDUSTRIAL, LLC	Other	VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION
MEADOWBROOK OAKS	MCL	E. COLI
MOONLIGHT PACKING CO. LLC - PLANT 8	Monitoring	RTCR
PINE HILLS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	MCL	IRON
PRIMEX FARMS WATER SYSTEM	MCL	ARSENIC
PRIMEX FARMS WATER SYSTEM	Other	VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION
SUNNYSLOPE CAMPGROUNDS	Other	OPERATOR CERTIFICATION LEVEL
SUTTER PINES MHP	Other	VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION
THE BARN	MCL	NITRATE
THE BARN	Variance/Exemption	NITRATE
VISTA DEL TORO WS	Monitoring	RTCR
WILSON ROAD WATER COMMUNITY	Other	OPERATOR CERTIFICATION LEVEL
YOLO CO CENTRAL LANDFILL	Monitoring	RTCR
YOSEMITE FORKS EST MUTUAL	MCL	ARSENIC
YOSEMITE FORKS EST MUTUAL	Other	VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION
YOSEMITE FORKS EST MUTUAL	Other	VIOLATION OF A WATERWORKS STANDARD
YOSEMITE SPRING PARK UTIL CO	Monitoring	LCR
Total Enforcement Actions	56	

Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP)

ELAP ACCREDITATIONS ISSUED		
	June 12 – July 10	Year-To-Date
New Accreditations	1	8
Renewed Accreditations	20	92
Reciprocity Accreditations	9	23
Amended Accreditations	17	88
Total	47	211

ELTAC Subcommittee Meeting

On July 8, ELAP hosted the first subcommittee meeting on Artificial Intelligence (AI) use in Laboratories, where the Environmental Laboratory Technical Advisory Committee (ELTAC) is working on a framework and guidance for laboratories in determining where AI should or should not be utilized. The first meeting established a framework and frequency of meetings. This framework consists of levels of risk, and guidelines for each level. The committee will meet on Wednesdays at 10 AM once every three weeks starting on July 8, 2026, with the next meeting scheduled on July 29, 2026.

Progress and Performance Unit

ELAP evaluates laboratory performance through proficiency testing to help ensure the reliability of analytical data and compliance with applicable standards. The following proficiency test results were reviewed between June 12 and July 13, 2026.

	July	Year-to-Date
Review of Blind Proficiency Tests	2,334	23,407

Program Development, Research and Enforcement Unit

ELAP Enforcement received eight new referrals between June 12, 2026, through July 10, 2026, and performed six on-site visits. Three corrective actions were approved that resulted in return to compliance. Additionally, ELAP presented at the monthly DDW training event on the basics of ELAP accreditation as well as key data for microbiology and nitrate laboratory analyses.

Lead and Copper Workshop

On June 11, 2026, the Division of Drinking Water held a staff-led workshop and accepted public comments regarding the proposal for incorporating the federal Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) into California regulations and an outline of the policy handbook implementing Assembly Bill 1096. The workshop was provided in English and Spanish, in coordination with the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs (OPEETA). The Zoom workshop had 1,038 registrants and was webcast on CalEPA Live Public Meeting platform in English and Spanish. The registrants were primarily from childcare, education and water system professions. Presentation materials and videos are available on the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements [website](#). Public comments were received through June 22, 2026.

DDW-SAFER

The SAFER Clearinghouse Summary Results for July 2026 (on 7/6/2026)

Summary Results			
Failing Systems	428	Removed Failing Systems	7

Water Systems Removed from the Failing List in July 2026

PWS ID	System Name	Last Status Change	County	Population
2300705	LITTLE LAKE MOBILE HOME PARK	06/15/2026	MENDOCINO	38
3700041	BARRETT LAKE MH AND RV LLC	06/24/2026	SAN DIEGO	300
1500455	WILLIAM FISHER MEMORIAL WATER COMPANY	06/26/2026	KERN	20
5500124	MONO VISTA RANCH MHP	06/29/2026	TUOLUMNE	105
5402047	GLEANINGS FOR THE HUNGRY	06/30/2026	TULARE	31
1000299	THREE PALMS MOBILEHOME PARK	07/01/2026	FRESNO	347
4900720	MOBILE HOME ESTATES	07/02/2026	SONOMA	210

Water Systems Added to the Failing List in July 2026

PWS ID	System Name	Last Status Change	County	Population
4700551	COPCO LAKE MWC	06/15/2026	SISKIYOU	181
1810003	LASSEN COUNTY WATER WORKS DISTRICT #1	06/25/2026	LASSEN	450
3700905	PINE HILLS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	06/25/2026	SAN DIEGO	760
5510008	LAKE DON PEDRO CSD	06/29/2026	TUOLUMNE	3,240
1900155	WILSONA GARDENS MUTUAL	07/01/2026	LOS ANGELES	129

Completed Consolidations

The following water system consolidations were completed during July 2026.

Name	Type	Pop.	Conn.	Notes
Three Palms	C	347	105	Consolidated to City of Fresno, State funded.
Monrovia Nursery - Office	NC	28	4	Consolidated to Monrovia Nursery, privately funded.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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

Staff held the following stakeholder meetings to discuss FY 2026-27 fees: July 30 – Water Quality and Water Rights and July 31 – Drinking Water and ELAP. Staff is scheduled to take proposed FY 2026-27 Drinking Water, ELAP, Water Quality and Water Rights fee schedule changes to the State Water Board for consideration at the September 15 board meeting.

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement Related Press Releases

[Central Valley Water Board penalizes unpermitted growers:](#) J. S. Batth, Inc. and Jagpal S. Batth agreed to pay penalties of \$5,000 each for failing to enroll 72 and 124 acres of cropland, respectively, under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP). Although modest, the penalties underscore the importance of compliance and serve as a warning to other growers who remain outside the program. The ILRP establishes waste discharge requirements for commercial irrigated lands, and growers can comply either by joining a local water quality coalition or by obtaining individual permit coverage.

Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaints Issued

No ACL complaints issued in June 2026

ACL Orders Issued

Region	Discharger/ City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
1	Eureka City/ Eureka	Mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs) for 5 exceedances of the maximum daily effluent limit (MDEL) for fecal coliform.	\$15,000 (MMP – all to Cleanup and Abatement and Account (CAA))	6/18/2026
2	California Pacific Bank/ Oakland	Failed to comply with the self-monitoring report (SMR) program and provision D.5 of Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) No. R2-2024-0001 to monitor groundwater during the first semiannual period of 2025.	\$83,880 (all to Waste Discharge Permit Fund (WDPF))	6/17/2026
4	Sentinel Peak Resources California LLC/ Los Angeles	MMPs for 3 exceedances of the MDEL for total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH)	\$9,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	6/24/2026

Investigative Orders

Region	Discharger/ City	Description	Date Issued
2	Varian Medical Systems, Inc./ Palo Alto	13267 Investigative Order requires a completion report for the polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) investigation conducted at 3100-3130 Hansen Way in Palo Alto.	6/2/2026

4	Auto Hub Collision Center Inc., et al./ Pacoima	13267 Order No. R420260155 requires a technical report and subsurface assessment work plan for suspected discharges from industrial activities at the Branford Business Park Unit J in Pacoima.	6/4/2026
4	Chiquita Canyon LLC/ Castaic	Investigative Order No. R420260156, issued under 13267 and 13383, requires Waste Connections, Inc. and Chiquita Canyon, LLC to provide additional information on potential surface and groundwater impacts at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill in Castaic.	6/12/2026
5R	Danny R. Byrd/ Red Bluff	13267 Investigative Order requires a site assessment report on grading impacts to Oat Creek from earthwork on Tehama County Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 037-140-002-000.	6/12/2026
5R	Steven Al Lassen Property/ Red Bluff	13267 Investigative Order requires a site assessment report on grading impacts to Oat Creek from earthwork on Tehama County APN 037-140-003-000.	6/12/2026
5R	Timothy and Reba Young/ Red Bluff	13267 Investigative Order requires a site assessment report on grading impacts to Oat Creek from earthwork on Tehama County APNs 037140005000 and 037120058000.	6/12/2026
8	GKN Aerospace Transparency Systems Inc/	13267 Order No. R8-2026-0040 requires a response to the May 21, 2026 methyl methacrylate (MMA) tank overheating incident that caused an unauthorized discharge to the Anaheim Barber City Channel. Requires five years of records, a stormwater monitoring plan, and an investigation of MMA presence.	6/11/2026

Cleanup and Abatement Orders

Region	Discharger/ City	Description	Date Issued
1	Direct Drilling, Inc., et al., LLC/ Redway	CAO No. R1-2026-0038 for unauthorized discharge of drilling waste into Redwood Creek and requires a discharge characterization report, corrective action plan, and cleanup.	6/17/2026

Other Enforcement Actions Taken

Region	No. of Actions	Region	No. of Actions
1	1	5S	31
2	15	6T	2
3	1	6V	1
4	23	7	1
5F	12	8	6
5R	3	9	3
		SWRCB	1

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

Freshwater and Estuarine Harmful Algal Bloom Program

Memorial Pre-holiday Assessment

Each year the [SWAMP Freshwater and Estuarine Harmful Algal Bloom \(FHAB\) Program](#) organizes pre-holiday assessments at high recreation sites before major holiday weekends including Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day to monitor harmful algal blooms. The FHAB Program funds most of the laboratory analyses and enlists assistance for the monitoring from Regional Boards, tribes, counties, irrigation districts, homeowners' associations, non-profits, and federal and state partners. For the Memorial Day pre-holiday assessment, 116 sites were monitored. A few sites monitored already exceeded the highest advisory level of danger advising the public to stay out of and off the water.

Statewide Pilot Benthic Cyanobacteria Ambient Monitoring Study

The [SWAMP Freshwater and Estuarine Harmful Algal Bloom \(FHAB\) Program](#) convened a technical advisory committee consisting of researchers, and state and national experts over the winter to begin designing an ambient benthic cyanobacteria monitoring program for the state. As new monitoring is occurring for benthic cyanobacteria, often found in rivers and streams, cyanotoxins are being detected, which often include deadly neurotoxins. To better understand the spatial extent, timing of occurrence, and cyanotoxins detected in different parts of the state, the FHAB Program has made significant investments to design and implement a pilot study this summer. Multiple sites will be monitored focusing on spatial representation including southern California, Sierra Nevada mountains, Central Valley, and northern California. This is the first year of a multi-year planned study working with contractors at the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, FHAB Program staff from State Board, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Regions 1, 6, and 9, and volunteers from Ventura County.

Tribally-centered Freshwater Harmful Algal Bloom (FHAB) Monitoring Training Series

The [SWAMP Freshwater and Estuarine Harmful Algal Bloom \(FHAB\) Program](#), in partnership with [California Tribal FHAB Monitoring experts](#), are offering a [tribally-centered FHAB Monitoring Training Series](#) in 2026.

The fifth course in the series was offered on May 27: FHAB Sample Collection Protocols & Processing. For the first five courses, over 60 individuals representing 35 California Tribes or Tribal organizations with interests in all nine Water Board Regions registered for and/or attended one or more courses in the series. All course recordings and slides are available on the [Training Series Webpage](#).

Upcoming Courses

We're taking a break from delivering courses over the summer, but we will be back with more courses this Fall/Winter. Dates and registration for those courses will be shared approximately 1 month before they are offered.

Training Date & Time	Course Title	Supporting Documents
Oct/Nov 2026 TBD	SWAMP FHAB Data Analysis & Interpretation	Dates and registration for courses will be shared approximately 1 month before they are offered.
Nov/Dec 2026 TBD	FHAB Mitigation, Research & Case Studies	

Training Series Logistics

- **This training series is only open to representatives from California Tribal Environmental Departments (or equivalent Tribal programs).**
- All courses will be held virtually over Zoom, and instruction will be recorded for posting online, as appropriate.
- All courses are free to attend.
- Each course will be less than 3 hours in length.
- Course announcements and updates will be shared via the California Water Board's [Tribal Matters](#) and [CCHAB Network](#) email lists.

For more information, please see the [Training Series Webpage](#).

For questions, please reach out to the FHAB Training Series Lead, Anna Holder, at: Anna.Holder@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 341-5096

OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND PERFORMANCE

Water Conservation

The response rate for the **May 2026** Urban Water Conservation Report is 94% as of the writing of this report (379 reports submitted). The estimated total production (accounting for missing reports) is 164.7 billion gallons (505.3 thousand acre-feet), and the statewide residential use is 78 gallons per capita per day.

The [Save Water](#) site received 260 water waste reports in June.

Staff held a public webinar on July 1, 2026, about the alternative compliance pathways for the Urban Water Use Objective. The recording is available on the conservation webpage here: [Alternative Compliance Webinar Recording - July 1, 2026](#) as well as the slides: [Making Conservation a California Way of Life: Alternative Compliance](#).

International Collaboration

On June 25, 2026, ORPP, CalRecycle, CalEPA, and California Energy Commission colleagues met with a delegation from Germany, focused on the intersection of AI infrastructure development, energy, and the environment.

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

Water Quality Petitions Currently Under Consideration for Review by the State Water Board (as of July 1, 2026)

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
	No active petitions for review of regional water quality control board actions or failures to act were received by the State Water Board between April 2 and July 1, 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, Tribal affairs, and internal workforce equity.

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.

Tribal Consultations

The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs serves as the State Water Board's central coordinating body for Tribal consultations, providing guidance, tools, and oversight to ensure that consultations are conducted consistently, respectfully, and in alignment with state and federal requirements. The Office supports regions, divisions, and offices by facilitating early engagement, promoting cultural humility, and strengthening government-to-government relationships that uphold Tribal sovereignty and informed decision making.

This overview provides a summary of current consultation opportunities and reflects the California Water Boards' commitment to early, transparent, and meaningful government-to-government engagement with California Native American Tribes. Open consultation opportunities are listed below.

Project Title	Region, Division, Office
Request for Consultation on the Draft Guidance on Designating Tribal Beneficial Uses	Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs
Invitation for Tribal Consultation on a Basin Plan Amendment to Support Nutrient Reductions	R2-San Francisco Bay R2-San Francisco Bay
Azteca Milling L.P., Azteca Madera Masa Plant, Madera County	R5-Central Valley
Former Mecca Chevron/Proposed Mecca Senior Center, 91200 Highway 195 (66th Avenue) Mecca, Riverside County, Geotracker Global Id No. T0000003076	R7-Colorado River

Tribal Beneficial Uses & Water Rights Workshop

On May 22, 2026, OPEETA facilitated a statewide Tribal Beneficial Uses and Water Rights informational briefing with statewide stakeholders to provide background information regarding:

- Development of Tribal Beneficial Uses designations;
- Existing Basin Planning processes;
- Relationship between beneficial uses and water quality protections;
- Potential questions and considerations related to water rights interests.

The briefing was well attended and represents an important milestone in expanding statewide education, transparency, and stakeholder awareness regarding the ongoing development and implementation of Tribal Beneficial Uses.

Tribal Nations Summit Participation

On April 13, 2026, OPEETA attended the Tribal Nations Summit and conducted Tribal outreach focused on Tribal water solutions, environmental priorities, and statewide Water Boards resources available to Tribal governments and communities.

Key themes and takeaways from the event included:

- Continued Tribal concerns regarding drinking water reliability and infrastructure;
- Growing interest in culturally informed environmental planning and stewardship;
- Importance of relationship-based engagement approaches;
- Need for clearer pathways to technical assistance and funding opportunities;
- Strong interest in collaboration related to climate resilience, watershed protection, and community health.

The summit provided valuable opportunities for direct engagement with Tribal leadership, Tribal professionals, and interagency partners.

Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

On May 5-7, 2026, OPEETA participated in the Tribal Advisory Committee meeting taking place on the ancestral lands of the Kootzaduka'a and the homelands of the Bishop Paiute Tribes. Day one of the meeting was hosted within the Mono Indian and Lee Vining community overlooking the Mono Lake Basin and included discussions focused on:

- Kootzaduka'a history and cultural perspectives;
- Tribal Beneficial Uses and water protections;
- Land back and stewardship efforts;
- Food sovereignty initiatives;
- Regional environmental and watershed concerns.

The meeting also included field visits and tours that highlighted the environmental, cultural, and historical significance of the Mono Basin and Owens Valley regions. Tribal leaders, community members, and local experts shared perspectives regarding water management, cultural preservation, environmental justice, and ongoing restoration efforts affecting Tribal communities.

Tribal Geographic Information System (GIS) Summit

On May 22, 2026, OPEETA, in collaboration with the Division of Drinking Water (DDW), presented during the Tribal GIS Summit on Tribal drinking water systems, Water Boards authorities and nexus, historical context, and current statewide efforts supporting federally recognized Tribes.

Presentation topics included:

- Tribal drinking water challenges and opportunities;
- Water Boards roles and responsibilities;
- Public water system coordination;
- Funding and technical assistance pathways;
- Tribal engagement approaches and current statewide initiatives;
- Importance of mapping, data accessibility, and GIS tools in supporting Tribal water planning and environmental protection efforts.

The presentation supported broader education and awareness about Tribal drinking water issues, available support resources, and opportunities to improve coordination through data-informed, community-centered approaches.

Tribal Beneficial Uses (TBU) Guidance Document & Workshop

The Tribal Beneficial Uses guidance document was released for public comment and Tribal consultation on June 10, 2026. The Tribal Consultation period and public comment period began on June 10, 2026, and will conclude on August 31, 2026. The State Water Board will host a workshop to review the draft Guidance on Designating Tribal Beneficial Uses and gather feedback from Tribal representatives and other partners.

This guidance document explains how Tribal Beneficial Uses are incorporated into water quality control plans established by the State Water Board and the nine Regional Water Boards and covers the overall water quality control planning process. The guidance document covers the following: the history and development of Tribal Beneficial Uses, how water quality protections apply to CUL (cultural uses) and T-SUB (Tribal subsistence uses), the steps for Tribal designation requests, how water quality objectives are evaluated and enforced, and ways Tribes and supporters can get involved in the process.

Several Tribes have actively engaged with the Water Boards in developing the Tribal Beneficial Uses guidance document, helping ensure that its content honors Tribal knowledge, aligns with Tribal priorities, and supports consistent statewide implementation. For over two years, Water Boards staff have engaged with the TBU Tribal Strategic Caucus, a Tribal-led effort coordinated by the California Indian Environmental Alliance. Tribal feedback has shaped the guidance document's structure, clarified procedural pathways, strengthened protections for cultural information, and ensured that the guidance reflects the values, priorities, and lived experiences of Tribal communities.

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.

SAFER Advisory Group

On May 28, 2026, the SAFER Advisory Group held its second quarterly meeting. The meeting was held in person with a remote option for some Advisory Group members who joined virtually. The agenda included a presentation by the Division of Drinking Water on the upcoming Annual Needs Assessment Dashboard and a presentation by the Division of Financial Assistance on the development and anticipated funding of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Fund Expenditure Plan. Advisory Group members participated in breakout sessions to discuss funding priorities and potential solutions to eligibility challenges experienced in the current fiscal year's Fund Expenditure Plan. Advisory Group members also received an update on the Point of Use and Point of Entry Pilot Program from the Division of Drinking Water.

Allensworth Drinking Water Engagement

In May 2026, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs published a Spanish-English bilingual factsheet to address questions in plain language about the current drinking water quality and ongoing water system improvements in Allensworth Community Services District. This factsheet, developed in collaboration with the Division of Drinking Water and the Division of Financial Assistance, addressed both foundational questions commonly voiced by SAFER drinking water project communities and specific community concerns voiced by Allensworth residents.

In May 2026 and June 2026, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs presented its factsheet to the Allensworth community by attending the existing public meetings of the Allensworth Community Services District Board and the Allensworth Progressive Association, respectively.

Potential Consolidation of Tract 349 Mutual Water Company and Tract 180 Mutual Water Company

In February 2026, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs coordinated a public meeting to share information and gather input on the potential consolidation of Tract 349 Mutual Water Company and Tract 180 Mutual Water Company. Consolidation is used to address water quality or water supply challenges by merging smaller systems with one another or with nearby water systems. For this project, the State Water Board is evaluating potential consolidation options involving Tract 349 MWC, Tract 180 MWC, or neighboring systems including Golden State Water Company (Bell/Bell Gardens), the City of South Gate, and the City of Huntington Park.

The meeting provided an overview of past and current drinking water conditions in both communities and explained the consolidation process. Attendees also had an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. Public comments were accepted through February 16, 2026.

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

At the April 7, 2026, Board Meeting, the State Water Board voted to return the Delta-Mendota subbasin to the Department of Water Resources' jurisdiction and adopted resolutions to exclude most groundwater pumpers in the Tulare Lake and Tule subbasins who extract 20 acre-feet or less annually from Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) reporting and fee requirements. The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs provided Spanish and Punjabi translation and interpretation services and supported public participation for these agenda items. OPEETA also supported equitable outreach related to SGMA reporting, including in-person office hours in Lemoore, Corcoran, Porterville, and Allensworth to assist groundwater pumpers with submitting their reports.

Racial Equity Action Plan Annual Update

In May, divisions and offices presented the 2025 Racial Equity Action Plan annual update to the State Water Board, highlighting progress made during the past year, reflecting on the entire 3-year term of the plan, and identifying opportunities for continued improvement. The update summarized accomplishments across divisions and offices, reviewed the status of REAP actions, and informed the development of the next phase of the REAP to ensure the Board continues advancing equitable policies, programs, and services for California's communities.

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 April and June 2026, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs coordinated 24 interpretation service requests for meetings and conversations between staff and members of the public. Meetings and programs included the regional water board meetings, the agricultural expert panel series, SGMA Delta Mendota Board Meeting Action Item, CalEPA Vapor Intrusion Workshop, and the Salton Sea Workshop. Twenty-three interpretation services were provided in Spanish, and one in Punjabi.

Written Translation of Documents

Between April and June 2026, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs delivered 140 translations of written documents for various regions, 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 Sustainable Groundwater Management, SAFER Drinking Water, Groundwater Protection, Watersheds & Wetlands, Surface Water Protection and others. These translations were provided in a total of 6 languages to meet the community needs: Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Laotian, Korean, Hmong, and Punjabi.

IRRIGATED REGULATORY LAND PROGRAM

Appendix A

July 2026

This month's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) update provides a summary of significant activities of State Water Board staff for the month of June 2026. This update also covers the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Valley Water Board) compliance and outreach activities from May 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026. 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 June 1, 2026, to July 31, 2026.

State Water Board staff completed work to convene 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* (Central Coast Ag Water Quality Order). The Final Expert Panel Recommendations Report (Final Report), addressing the [Panel charge questions](#), was approved by panelists at the final plenary meeting held on June 5, 2026. The Final approved Report is available on the Panel's FTP site listed below. The Final Report will be posted to the [Expert Panel webpage](#) once the document is remediated for accessibility.

FTP URL: <https://ftp.waterboards.ca.gov/>

Username: agpaneldocs-ftp

Password: AgriculturalExpertPanel2!

State Board staff and Panel Chair, Dr. Daniel Geisseler, presented an informational item at the June 12, 2026, Board meeting. Staff presented an overview of the Panel process and Dr. Geisseler presented an overview of the Panel's final recommendations. The Board also received several public comments from interested parties regarding the Final Report.

Staff encourages the public to sign up for the email list located on the main [Agriculture webpage](#) for ILRP updates, including information on future public meetings and engagement opportunities.

Central Valley Water Board staff provides regular bimonthly updates on compliance and outreach accomplishments and other key activities. The following table provides summary information on the Central Valley's ILRP compliance and outreach activities. More information can be found on the Central Valley Water Board's [Executive Officer's Reports website](#). The start date for the first 6 items of the table is May 1, 2026. The end date for all items is June 30, 2026.

Outreach Activity Type	Number
Reminder Letter for Late Report (INMPSR)	563
Notice of Violation for Late Report (INMSR)	0
Water Code Section 13260 Dropped Member Directives	0
Water Code Section 13260 Directives	0
Notice of Violation for Failure to Respond to Directive	117
Reminder to Sample Postcards	0
Number of Drinking Water Wells Sampled	14,728
Drinking Water Well Samples	26,722
Drinking Water Well Notifications Required	4,635
Drinking Water Well Notifications Received	4,577
Indicated Only Member or Family User	2,179
Indicated Replacement Water Provided	1,257
Number of Wells Potentially Needing Replacement Water	1,199

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 an 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.

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".

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