



# **State Water Resources Control Board**



## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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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)

CalWATRS enhancement planning has initiated system improvements based on feedback from water right holders and agents who used the system to submit annual reports. A major enhancement update to CalWATRS will be released in September 2026 in preparation for the 2025/26 water year reports opening in October 2026. The Division of Water Rights and the Division of Information Technology's Chief Information Officer delivered a presentation on CalWATRS at the recent ESRI Chief Information Officer (CIO) Summit in April. A recording of this presentation can be viewed at [https://mediaspace.esri.com/media/t/1\\_ra9hjjbh/405549442](https://mediaspace.esri.com/media/t/1_ra9hjjbh/405549442).

#### Telemetry Pilot Project

**Russian River Telemetry Study:** Fifty-six volunteer stations are enrolled in the Division of Water Rights Russian River Telemetry Study, as of April 14, 2026. Discussions are underway for another 35 potential sites. The Division sent consultation letters to Native American tribes identified on the Native American Heritage Commission contact list as having historical stewardship in the project area and received two requests for consultation, which is underway. Three tribes have expressed interest in volunteering sites, and the Division is working with tribal volunteers to update contract terms to reflect tribal sovereignty. Permitting is complete for the study. Approval was received from North Coast Regional Board California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and United States Army Corps of Engineers. Initial equipment installation will begin once tribal consultation is complete.

#### 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.

**Navarro River Watershed Model Released:** On April 1, 2026, the Division announced the release of the final Navarro River watershed hydrologic model. The model files and model development report are available for download on the Supply & Demand Assessment Program's [Navarro River webpage](#).

**Engagement Efforts:** During the past month, the Division met with the Russian River Water Sharing Program regarding the Russian River watershed. More information is available on the Supply and Demand Assessment Program webpage ([www.waterboards.ca.gov/sda](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sda)).

## DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

### Permitting and Enforcement Branch

**Water Right Petitions and Licensing:** Between January 1, 2026, and March 31, 2026, the Division of Water Rights completed 20 petitions and minor change requests and issued one new license. See table below for more details of the completed petitions and license.

Primary Owner	Application ID	Petition Type	Date Completed	Brief Description
FN VITICULTURE LLC	A023896	Minor Change	1/7/2026	Approved changes to the locations of the points of diversion and the location of the place of use.
KLEIN FOODS, INC.	A030800	Minor Change	1/14/2026	Approved changes to the point of diversion location and description and corrected the place of use.
EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT	A030503, A031799	Minor Change	1/15/2026	Approved addition of existing point of diversion authorized under A031791.
YUBA COUNTY WATER AGENCY	A005632	Long Term Transfer	1/21/2026	<b>See brief description below.</b>
YUBA COUNTY WATER AGENCY	A005632	Temporary Transfer	1/23/2026 (Withdrawn)	<b>See brief description below.</b>
SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT	A018030, A018031, A018038, A018039, A019629	Change and Extension of Time	2/11/2026	Cancelled petitions for change and extension of time following petitioner request to revoke the water rights.
NORTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT	A012574, A017149	Change	3/18/2026	Approved petition for change to place of use and issued license (A017149). Approved petition for change to the point of diversion and place of use.
NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT	A025062, A025079	Minor Change	3/27/2026	Approved addition of existing point of diversion authorized under A013965B.

**Yuba County Water Agency Transfers:**

On January 21, 2026, following a hearing before the Board's Administrative Hearing Office hearing, the State Water Board adopted Order WR 2026-0001 approving Yuba County Water Agency's petition for long-term transfer to extend the Lower Yuba River Accord Water Transfer Program (Yuba Accord Transfer Program) through December 31, 2050. The approval authorizes continued transfer of up to 200,000 acre-feet per year under Permit 15026 to allow implementation of the Yuba Accord Transfer Program. The order requires Yuba Water to meet flow standards, comply with Decision 1641, comply with biological opinions for Delta exports, account for carriage-water, and meet reservoir-refill criteria that were in the previous long-term transfer approval order. On January 23, 2026, following State Water Board approval of the long-term transfer petition, Yuba County Water Agency withdrew its temporary transfer petition that was originally filed on October 1, 2025.

**Enforcement:** On May 1, 2026, Enforcement will issue approximately 266 Notices of Deficiency to water rights holders and claimants who failed to file their annual diversion and use reports as of May 1, 2026 (reports are due each year by February 1<sup>st</sup>). A final list of recipients will be posted to Enforcement's webpage:

[https://waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/enforcement/compliance/notices/index.html](https://waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/enforcement/compliance/notices/index.html)

**Water Quality Certification, Flow, Data, & Administrative Branch****Completion of Peer Review for Ventura River Watershed Groundwater-Surface**

**Water Model:** The Board completed the external scientific peer review of the Ventura River Watershed (VRW) Groundwater-Surface Water (GW-SW) Model Report. The VRW GW-SW Model was developed to simulate groundwater-surface water interactions across the Ventura River watershed and serve as a scientific tool to support water management decision-making. The Ventura River watershed is one of five watersheds identified as part of the State's California Water Action Plan effort to enhance instream flows. The peer review was conducted through the California Environmental Protection Agency's [External Scientific Peer Review Program](#). The Model Report was updated to reflect input received as part of the peer review process. All peer review documents and the updated Model Report are available on the State Water Board's

[Ventura River Watershed webpage](#).

**Installation of Scott River Gage:** Under contract with the Board, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) installed a new streamflow gage on the mainstem Scott River at the Highway 3 overpass near Fort Jones. The gage continuously monitors flow, water temperature, dissolved oxygen, and pH, transmitting real-time readings to the [USGS webpage](#). Data from the gage will be a valuable resource in supporting long-term instream flow management efforts in the Scott River watershed.

**2026 Local Cooperative Solutions:** The deadline for submitting petitions for a groundwater local cooperative solution was April 15. This year, we received a record 48 applications, covering about 17,450 acres, which is the highest number of submissions and acreage since the LCS program began in 2022.

**McCloud-Pit Hydroelectric Project:** On April 7, 2026, State Water Board staff released for public review and comment a [draft subsequent environmental impact report](#) (draft SEIR) for relicensing of the McCloud-Pit Hydroelectric Project (Project). The Project is located on the McCloud River, Iron Canyon Creek, and Pit River, in Shasta and Siskiyou Counties. The draft SEIR augments the Board's previous Initial Study/Negative Declaration from 2019. The draft SEIR evaluates the Project and Project alternatives for potential impacts to aquatic biological resources, hydrology/water quality, and tribal cultural resources. Comments on the Draft SEIR are due by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2026. Additional information on the Project and the draft SEIR can be found on the State Water Board's [McCloud-Pit Hydroelectric Project webpage](#) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/water\\_quality\\_cert/mccloudpit\\_ferc2106.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/mccloudpit_ferc2106.html)).

**Kerckhoff Hydroelectric Project:** On April 10, 2026, State Water Board staff released for public review and comment a [draft environmental impact report](#) (draft EIR) for the relicensing of the Kerckhoff Hydroelectric Project (Project). The Project is located on the San Joaquin River in Fresno and Madera Counties. Comments on the draft EIR are due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2026. Additional information on the Project and the draft EIR can be found on the State Water Board's [Kerckhoff Hydroelectric Project webpage](#) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/water\\_quality\\_cert/kerckhoff\\_hydroelectric\\_ferc96.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/kerckhoff_hydroelectric_ferc96.html)).

**Draft Range of Flows for Shasta River Watershed for Evaluation in Scientific Basis Report and Economic Analysis:** On March 13, 2026, Board staff released a Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment and Virtual Meeting for a proposed range of baseline flows for the Shasta River watershed. A Zoom meeting was held on April 9, 2026, at which time staff received requests for an extension to the public comment period. The public comment period was extended to April 30, 2026 in an [updated notice](#). As background, the Board is identifying range of flow options that can be analyzed as part of the scientific basis report, economic analyses, and future peer review by independent third parties. The scientific basis reports and economic analysis are informational documents and do not independently establish flows. Rather, the scientific basis reports and economic analysis will provide technical analysis of a limited range of potential baseline minimum flow regimes. Information in the scientific basis reports and economic analysis may be used to inform voluntary or regulatory actions by the State Water Board or other parties.

**Mono Lake Model Release:** The UCLA Center for Climate Science Mono Lake Water Budget Model was made available to the public in April 2026. The model, which analyzes how varying climate change and water export scenarios impact Mono Lake, was commissioned by the Division of Water Rights in 2023 after drought conditions significantly lowered Mono Lake levels, threatening critical habitats and reducing air quality. Instructions for accessing the model and related model reports are available on the Board's Mono Lake [webpage](#).

## DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

### Second Interagency Summit on Advancing Restoration

On March 10 –11, 2026 staff from across the Water Boards participated in the Second Interagency Summit on Advancing Restoration along with staff from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The summit was a follow-up from the first summit held in 2023 and was facilitated by several members of the California Landscape Stewardship Network. The Second Summit focused on building upon shared purpose and continual improvements to restoration permitting across agencies. The participants developed and presented several recommendations to agency leadership to help institutionalize regulatory efficiencies, advance restoration, and improve upon the Cutting the Green Tape tools developed by the Water Boards and CDFW.

### Wastewater and Recycled Water Volumetric Annual Reporting

The Volumetric Annual Report of Wastewater and Recycled Water requires the entry of volumes in acre-feet per month of influent, effluent, and if applicable, recycled water use from wastewater and recycled water treatment facilities to track progress toward the state's recycled water goals. The 2025 report opened for data submittal in January 2026 and data is due April 30, 2026. Reporting is accessed through the [GeoTracker Electronic Submittal of Information \(ESI\) portal](#).

Additional information, including data, infographics, an interactive map for the 2019-2024 data sets, as well as a help guide and webinar training for submitting the Volumetric Annual Report can be found on the [Volumetric Reporting Webpage](#).

### Updates on Surface Water Quality Assessments in the Integrated Report

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act requires each state to identify waterbody segments that do not meet or are not expected to meet water quality standards and to prioritize those waterbody segments for development of a total maximum daily load or other appropriate corrective action. Section 305(b) of the Clean Water Act requires each state to report on the overall condition of its surface waterbodies (commonly referred to as the "305(b) report"). California combines its 303(d) list and 305(b) report into one "Integrated Report." Each integrated report consists primarily of assessments from three Regional Water Quality Control Boards ("Regional Water Boards"). Every two years, the three Regional Water Boards are rotated, and data for waterbody segments within each Regional Water Board are fully assessed once every six years.

- **2026 Integrated Report:** On February 3, 2026, by [Resolution No. 2026-0005](#), the State Water Board adopted the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Water Quality Limited Segments Portion of the 2026 California Integrated Report and the report was submitted on time to USEPA Region 9 on March 24, 2026. The 2026 Integrated Report included on-cycle assessments of readily available data from waterbody segments within the boundaries of the Colorado River Basin, Lahontan, and North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Boards. Data and information from waterbody segments within the San Joaquin River sub-area of the Central Valley Region and a limited number of waterbody segments in the

Central Coast and San Diego regions were also included as high priority off-cycle assessments.

- **2028 Integrated Report:** Staff is in the process of evaluating and assessing data for waterbody segments within the boundaries of the Central Coast, the Sacramento – San Joaquin River Delta and Tulare Lake Basin of the Central Valley Region, and San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Boards. Data and information from a limited number of waterbody segments within North Coast, Los Angeles, and Santa Ana regions will also be included as high priority off-cycle assessments. The Draft 2028 Integrated Report is expected to be available for public review and comment in Spring of 2027.
- **2030 Integrated Report:** On April 10, 2026, the State Water Board staff released a public notice to solicit surface water quality data and information for the 2030 California Integrated Report. Surface water quality data and information requested are specific to waterbody segments within the boundaries for San Francisco Bay, Los Angeles, and Santa Ana Regional Water Boards, and for the Sacramento River sub-area of the Central Valley Regional Water Board. The data solicitation period is scheduled to end August 10, 2026, at noon.

Please see the [Surface Water Quality Assessment Program | California State Water Resources Control Board](#) webpage for an [Interactive Map](#) of surface water quality and other information, or email [WQAssessment@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:WQAssessment@waterboards.ca.gov).

### **Completion of DDT Research Projects and Community Outreach**

In 2022, Senate Bill 154 appropriated \$5,600,000 to the State Water Board to provide financial assistance for Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT) research and community outreach near southern California. The State Water Board awarded the funding in a grant to California Sea Grant for scientific research focused on the environmental and ecological impacts of DDT, human exposure and health risks, and site characterization. California Sea Grant, in coordination with University of Southern California Sea Grant, funded four research projects which successfully met their objectives in March 2026:

- Foundational Research for Deep Ocean Dumping of DDT+ Wastes: How much is out there, where is it, and what is it doing today? (Valentine, University of California Santa Barbara)
- The production and mobility of DDT metabolites within sediments as controlled by the local diagenetic environment. (Berelson, University of Southern California)
- Hazard assessment of deep ocean DDT disposal: Defining biomagnified DDT+ chemical profiles and investigating the health impacts on sentinel wildlife species and humans. (Hoh, San Diego State University)
- Assessment of Highly Mobile Coastal Elasmobranchs as Vectors of DDT to Low-Income Communities. (Lowe, California State University Long Beach)

Between 2023 and 2026, California Sea Grant hosted four community meetings featuring research updates and providing information related to the impacts of DDT on

human health and the environment. Attendees included researchers, state and federal agency representatives, nonprofit directors, California Native American tribes and communities, and members of the public, totaling 593 participants across all meetings.

California Sea Grant will publish a final report summarizing this research by June 2026. For more information, including details on each of the research projects, please refer to California Sea Grant's DDT research [webpage](#).

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### **Wastewater Needs Assessment (WWNA) Project Update**

The State Water Board entered into a contract with the University of California, Los Angeles – Luskin Center for Innovation (lead), California State University, Sacramento – Office of Water Programs, University of California – Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the University of Massachusetts – Amherst (collectively, the WWNA project team) to support a statewide effort to assess wastewater needs, improve sanitation access, and advance the human right to sanitation services in California.

The four-year contract (2023–2027) is structured in two sequential two-year phases. Phase 1 began on July 1, 2023.

Phase 1 of the WWNA focused on establishing a qualitative baseline of sanitation conditions statewide by compiling data and developing a framework to assess inadequacy, risk, potential solutions, and associated costs. The WWNA project team coordinated with the Regional Water Boards on the proposed list of permitted facilities and respective violations and developed a framework to model solutions and estimate costs for inadequate facilities. The WWNA project team also developed a community-based outreach survey on wastewater needs, followed by a Field Campaign in March of 2025. The [Phase 1 report](#), submitted in June and posted on the WWNA website in November 2025, represents a key milestone.

The WWNA project team is in the process of implementing Phase 2, which focuses on identifying inadequate and at-risk wastewater systems, recommending technical solutions and cost estimates, and outlining potential funding sources to support these improvements. The next major milestone is completion of the inadequate and at-risk system lists by July 2026, with the Final WWNA Report scheduled for July 2027.

The Advisory Group (AG), composed of diverse organizations from across California, held its kickoff hybrid meeting on July 26, 2024. Since then, the WWNA project team has facilitated eight AG meetings and provided support for Office Hours. The April 24 AG meeting included discussions on Unsewered Areas and Mapping Data Gaps (Task 2B), updates for the Inadequate and the At-Risk Facilities Lists (Task 2C) as well as Solutions and Cost (Task 2D). More information is on the WWNA Webpage:

[Wastewater Needs Assessment | California State Water Resources Control Board](#)

**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 March 2026.

#### Drinking Water

#### Drinking Water Funding Agreements Executed (March 2026)

PWSID	PWS Benefiting	Project Number	Project Recipient	Project Description	Funding Amount	SAFER Status
CA2700771/ CA2700773/ CA2710020	Pajaro Community Services District; Springfield MWC; Sunny Mesa Water System	EDWG-2710020-001C	Pajaro/Sunny Mesa Community Services District	The Project will consolidate the District's Springfield (CA2700771) and Sunny Mesa (CA2700773) water systems into the District's Pajaro (CA2710020) water system. Additionally, the funding will conduct the complete design for Phase 2, which includes the extension of service to domestic wells. The Project will address water quality, reliability, and sustainability issues, ensuring safe and reliable water service for over 765 connections across the consolidated system.	\$33,528,245	Failing/  At-Risk/  Not-at-Risk
CA5200562	Sky View CWD (AKA	EDWG-5200562-001C	Sky View County Water District	This is a split funded project. Phase 1 of the project includes replacing leaking pipes and two water	\$14,069,572	At-Risk

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

<b>PWSID</b>	<b>PWS Benefiting</b>	<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Recipient</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>SAFER Status</b>
	Ponderosa Sky Ranch)			storage tanks with a 0.1MG new tank. The Phase 2 of the project aims to enhance water infrastructure by constructing a new well building positioned above the 100-year floodplain, complete with upgraded pump and controls to safeguard the single source of water against potential flooding and water source contamination.		

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

<b>PWSID</b>	<b>PWS Benefiting</b>	<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Recipient</b>	<b>Amendment Type</b>	<b>Amendment Purpose</b>	<b>SAFER Status</b>
CA1010025	City of Parlier	1010025-001C	City of Parlier	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Project funding increase of \$2,296,071 and Construction Completion Date of 12/31/2024 to 12/31/2025	NA
CA1010035	Del Rey Community Services District	1010035-006C	Del Rey Community Services District	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Project funding increase of \$716,090 and Construction Completion Date of 1/1/2026 to 1/1/2027	Failing
CA1200701	Orick CSD	1200701-001C	Orick Community Services District	Time Extension	Construction Completion Date of 2/28/2026 to 9/1/2028	Potentially-at-Risk
CA1510014	Mojave PUD	1510014-004C	Mojave Public Utility District	Funding Increase	Project funding increase of \$4731622	Not-at-Risk

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

CA2000785	Valley Teen Ranch	2010008-003C	County of Madera(MD10A - Madera Ranchos)	Time Extension	Completion of Construction Date 2/28/2026 to 6/30/2027	NA
CA2000150	Liberty High School					
CA201008	Madera County MD #10A - Madera Ranchos					
CA4710011	City of Yreka	4710011-003C	City of Yreka	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Project Funding increase of \$4,346,559 and Construction Completion Date 12/31/2024 to 12/31/2027	Potentially-at-Risk
CA5000408	Westley CSD	5000408-001C	Westley Community Services District	Funding Increase	Project Funding increase of \$128,369	Potentially-at-Risk
CA5700788	North Davis Meadows	5700788-003C	County of Yolo	Time Extension	Completion of Construction Date 2/28/2026 to 9/1/2028	Failing
NA	NA	EDWG-1000057-001C	City of Fresno	Time Extension	Project Completion Date 1/1/2026 to 1/1/2028	NA
CA1000187	Indianola School	EDWG-1000187-001C	Selma Unified School District	Final Budget Approval (FBA)	Project Completion Date 12/31/2025 to 2/1/2027	Failing
CA1010024	CWS - Selma					Not-at-Risk
CA1000204	American Union School	EDWG-1000204-001C	Washington Unified School District	Time Extension	Project Completion Date 2/1/2026 to 11/28/2028	Failing
CA1800512	Clear Creek CSD- Westwood	EDWG-1800512-001C	Clear Creek Community Services District	New Funding Fund Shift & Time Extension	Project Funding increase of \$5,590,874 and Project Completion Date 2/28/2027 to 12/31/2028	Not-at-Risk
CA3200078	FRCCSD-Old Mill Mutual	EDWG-3200078-001C	Feather River Canyon Community Services District	Time Extension	Project Completion Date 2/28/2026 to 2/28/2029	Not-at-Risk

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

CA5100107	Sutter Co. WWD#1 (Robbins)	EDWG-5100107- 009C	Golden State Water Company - Robbins System	Time Extension	Project Completion Date 3/1/2026 to 6/30/2027	Failing
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Wastewater

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

<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Recipient</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
8708-110	Arbuckle Public Utility District	The Project will evaluate, design, and develop documents necessary to address the District's capacity issues at its Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) as well as inflow and infiltration (I/I) issues from the collection system.	\$833,896
8776-110	County of San Bernardino	County Service Area (CSA) 70 BL (Bloomington) (San Bernardino County) is implementing the CSA 70 Bloomington Septic-to-Sewer System Expansion Project (Project), a multi-benefit project that improves the environmental and public health by installing infrastructure to convert from septic-to-sewer. The improvements are located within and will directly benefit a Disadvantaged Community (DAC) area.	\$1,050,000

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

<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Recipient</b>	<b>Amendment Type</b>	<b>Amendment Purpose</b>
8360-110	Lost Hills Utility District	Time Extension	Work Completion Date 6/1/2024 to 6/1/2027
8373-110	Laytonville County Water District	Time Extension	Work Completion Date 9/1/2025 to 6/1/2027
8378-310	Calaveras Unified School District	Final Budget Approval (FBA)	Project Funding increase of \$7,618,755 and Construction Completion Date 6/30/2026 to 6/30/2028

<b>Wastewater Funding Agreements Amended (March 2026)</b>			
8403-110	City of Rio Dell	Time Extension	Work Completion Date 9/1/2025 to 3/31/2028
8428-110	Trinity County Waterworks District #1	Time Extension	Work Completion Date 9/1/2024 to 6/1/2028
8430-110	City of Weed	Time Extension	Work Completion Date 3/31/2023 to 12/1/2027
8457-110	Sacramento Area Sewer District	Final Budget Approval (FBA)	Project funding increase \$2538785 and Completion of Construction Date 12/31/2025 to 6/30/2026
8534-110	Happy Camp Sanitary District	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Project funding increase of \$150,986 and Completion of Construction Date 12/31/2025 to 6/30/2026
8686-210	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District	Final Budget Approval (FBA)	Project Funding increase of \$4,761,533 and Completion of Construction Date 12/31/2025 to 9/1/2028
8687-110	City of Arvin	Final Budget Approval (FBA)	Completion of Construction Date 12/31/2025 to 12/31/2026
D2318107	Community Water Center	Time Extension	Work Completion Date 1/31/2026 to 1/31/2029

**Administrator Summary**

No new Administrator agreements or amendments executed in March 2026.

**Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Summary**

No new O&M agreements or amendments executed in March 2026.

**Technical Assistance (TA) Summary**

No TA Master Agreements or amendments were executed in March 2026.

TA Work Plans

DFA is providing Technical Assistance to 353 Drinking Water Systems (193 Failing and 66 At-Risk systems) and to 65 Wastewater Systems. 47% of all Failing systems are receiving TA. The table below summarizes the TA work plans executed in the month of March 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	6180-G	CSA 62/122	CA3301577	DWSRF Construction Application	RCAC	DW	\$43,175 (No Change)	Failing	Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)
Work Plan Amendment	6330-E	Meadow Pointe/Upper Lake County Water District	CA1700595	Full planning project to connect Meadow Pointe with Upper Lake CWD.	UEI	DW	\$1,244,263 (\$53,049 Increase)	Not At-Risk	N/A
		Meadow Pointe/Upper Lake County Water District	CA1710009						
Work Plan Amendment	6668-C	Napa County Schools - Pope Valley Elementary	CA4900644	Planning Pilot test to make changes to surface water treatment system	UEI	DW	\$508,704 (\$94,000 Increase)	Failing	Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)
Work Plan Amendment	6872-D	Olivehurst PUD	CA5810003	Feasibility study to evaluate consolidation with private homeowners in the Arboga region	RCAC	DW	\$819,326 (\$238,670 Increase)	At-Risk	N/A
Work Plan Amendment	6883-C	Hacienda Apartments	N/A	Feasibility study for consolidation with City of Soledad	RCAC	WW	\$526,517 (No Change)	Failing	Source Capacity

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	6971-B	Division of Drinking Water SAFER Section	CA5500353	Point of Use/ Point of Entry Phase 1 Pilot Projects	Stantec	DW	\$2,529,477 (\$284,257 Increase)	Failing	Manganese
Work Plan Amendment	6980-B	County of San Luis Obispo Airport	N/A	feasibility study to evaluate water supply alternatives that include treatment and consolidation	Stantec	DW	\$452,843 (No Change)	Failing	Treatment Technique
Work Plan Amendment	6983-C	Pierce Street Community	N/A	Assistance with environmental package for the Pierce St DW/WW PUCDC projects.	UEI	DW	\$1,146,340 (\$1,058,140 Increase)	At-Risk	N/A
Work Plan Amendment	7055-B	Walnut Avenue Area	CA0400021	Potential consolidation project with City of Greenfield	CWC	DW	\$437,556 (\$122,354 Increase)	Failing	Nitrate
Work Plan Amendment	7222-C	San Lucas Water District	CA3700963	Community Outreach	RCAC	DW	\$168,424 (\$53,555 Increase)	At-Risk	N/A (IRON)
Work Plan Amendment	7233-B	Olivehurst PUD	N/A	Full planning application for STS consolidation with nearby homes.	RCAC	WW	\$148,258 (No Change)	At-Risk	N/A
New Work Plan	7139-A	Avenue 76 Community	N/A	Full Planning project for consolidation with CVWD.	UEI	DW	\$345,798 (New Work Plan)	Failing	Perchlorate

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	7320-A	River Groves MWA	CA4400621	Feasibility Study	CUWA	DW	\$99,470 (New Work Plan)	Not At-Risk	N/A
New Work Plan	7315-A	Weott CSD	CA1200553	Hydrogeologic Study and Test Well Design	UEI	DW	\$92,833 (New Work Plan)	Failing	Nitrate
New Work Plan	7327-A	Packwood School	CA5400850	Engineering Report	SHE	DW	\$92,954 (New Work Plan)	Failing	1,2,3-Trichloropropane
New Work Plan	7340-A	Myoma Dunes Mutual Water Company	CA2700577	Feasibility Study for Cr6 exceedance	NV5	DW	\$243,092 (New Work Plan)	At-Risk	N/A

\* 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)**

There were no new agreements or amendments executed in March 2026.

### **Emergency Repair Funding Programs**

There were no emergency projects approved in March 2026.

### **Cleanup and Abatement Account Projects**

There were no new Tier 1 CAA requests from Regional Boards approved in March 2026.

Following the March 17, 2026 State Water Board adoption of Resolution No. 2026-0009, which designated \$15 million and \$725,000 of uncommitted CAA funds for use by the Regional Water Boards and DWQ, respectively, for Tier 2 – Secondary Urgency projects via grants and contracts consistent with the CAA statutes and Funding Program Guidelines, DFA’s Deputy Director approved funding on March 27, 2026 in total of:

- \$2,608,675 towards the Statewide Chemistry Contract (requested by Regions 1, 2, 6, 7, 9 and DWQ),
- \$525,000 towards the San Jose State University Research Foundation Contract (requested by Regions 2 and 7), and
- \$100,000 towards the UC Davis Contract (requested by DWQ).

Approved funding would go towards the contracts above to continue analytical testing of sampling conducted by various Regional Water Boards for a variety of locations, ranging from cleanup sites (e.g., historic mine, landfill, other sites as spills occur) to specific waterbodies (e.g., Russian River Watershed, Petaluma River, tributaries to Alameda Creek, Wiest Lake, Tijuana River Estuary, San Pablo Reservoir) to broader regionwide monitoring.

### **Schools Grant Programs**

#### *Drinking Water for Schools Round 2 Grant Program*

There were no schools approved in March 2026. The program ended in February, and the last approvals have been documented.

#### *Bottled Water for Schools Grant Program*

There were no schools approved in March 2026.

## **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 April 8, 2026, 100% of eligible water systems (1,111 of 1,111) are registered to be sampled and 3,347 wells out of the 3,399 scheduled have been sampled.

**Loans and Grants Branch (L&G)**

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

Drinking Water

**Drinking Water Funding Agreements Executed  
(March 2025)**

<b>PWSID</b>	<b>PWS Benefiting</b>	<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Recipient</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>SAFER Status</b>
CA0910002	South Tahoe PUD - Main	0910002-032C	South Tahoe Public Utility District	The Project will improve reliability of domestic water access and enhance fire protection capabilities by installing waterline in the Pioneer Trail area. The Project will also replace existing single feed pipelines with new pipelines to improve water system efficiency and fire flows. Three new pressure reducing valve (PRV) stations will be installed to improve safety and functionality. Eight fire hydrants will be installed where they are deficient or non-existent within the Project area of the City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County. Six water service connections will also be replaced.	\$4,979,649	Not-at-Risk
CA3810001	San Francisco Regional Water System	3810001-003C	San Francisco, Public Utilities Commission of the City and County of	SFPUC Sunol Valley Water Treatment Plant (SVWTP) has experienced more seasonal algal blooms and taste and odor events in recent years. This project will install ozone treatment facilities as a long-term solution to control these events in the raw water sources from San Antonio and Calaveras Reservoir.	\$50,000,000	Not Assessed

**Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)**

Clean Water

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

**Water Recycling**

<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Recipient</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
8868-110	National Water Research Institute (NWRI)	The California Validation (CalVal) Uniform Guidance	\$1,400,000

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

**Wastewater**

<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Recipient</b>	<b>Amendment Type</b>	<b>Amendment Purpose</b>
7767-210	Stratford Public Utility District	Time Extension	Construction Completion Date 11/30/2024 to 7/15/2028
8117-110	Anderson Valley Community Services District	Time Extension	Work Completion Date 12/31/2025 to 12/31/2026
8431-210	Hi-Desert Water District	Final Budget Approval (FBA)	Completion of Construction Date 12/31/2025 to 12/31/2026
8514-110	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District	Funding Increase & Time Extension	Project funding increase of \$13,459,063 and Construction Completion Date 12/31/2025 to 5/31/2027

## **Administration/Operator Certification Branch**

### **California Water Environmental Association**

The Program Support Unit participated as exhibitors at the California Water Environmental Association (CWEA) on April 8-9, 2026, at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center in Sacramento. CWEA empowers the wastewater professionals who protect California's most essential resource: water. By exhibiting, we had the chance to meet and connect with drinking and wastewater operators who make a real difference every day, and to be part of a community driving the future of water

We connected face-to-face with a diverse audience of leaders, innovators, and rising stars from every part of the water sector. We had the opportunity to share ideas, inspire action, and build relationships with professionals who are shaping the future of water in California.

## DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

### Permits

Permits are issued when a public water system undertakes action that may impact public health (e.g., 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 March 16, 2026, and April 14, 2026.

<b>Water System</b>	<b>Permit Number</b>	<b>Permit Purpose</b>
MENDOCINO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS	FULL PERMIT	CORRECTED OWNER - REISSUED
FIRECLAY TILE	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	APPROVE POU ARSENIC TREATMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS
COACHELLA VWD: COVE COMMUNITY	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	INACTIVATE - WELL 5668-1; & CHANGE STATUS TO INACTIVE - WELLS 4565-1, 5667-1 AND 5673-1
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ION EXCHANGE TREATMENT FACILITY T AND U WELLS FOR PFAS REMOVAL
HEALDSBURG, CITY OF	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADDITION OF SWTR FILTRATION FOR DRY CREEK WELL FIELD (WELLS 01, 02, 03, 04 & 05)
SEQUOIA WATER COMPANY	FULL PERMIT	NEW WATER SYSTEM
CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	CHANGE OF STATUS FOR ACTIVE WELL 3A AND INACTIVE ASSOCIATED CHLORINATION AND FLUORIDATION FACILITY
CORONA, CITY OF	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	WELL 27 - INACTIVATION
STAGECOACH TRAILS RV RESORT	FULL PERMIT	SAN DIEGO LPA SYSTEM NOW UNDER DDW JURISDICTION
GOLDEN STATE WC - WEST ORANGE COUNTY	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	CLAIR WELL CHANGE OF STATUS TO ACTIVE
GSWC-SAN DIMAS	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	HIGHWAY RESERVOIR NITRATE BLENDING
TUD-WARDS FERRY RANCHES	FULL PERMIT	REVISE LEGAL OWNER AND PERMIT CONDITIONS

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	PERCHLORATE TREATMENT PLANT GAC ADDITION FOR VOCS REMOVAL, VOC BLENDING TREATMENT REMOVAL, SIX WELLS DISINFECTION FACILITY ADDITION, AND TRI-CHLOR CHLORINATORS REPLACEMENT
DIEKMANN'S GENERAL STORE	FULL PERMIT	ISSUE REVISED PERMIT
NICASIO VALLEY RANCH MUTUAL	FULL PERMIT	ISSUE REVISED PERMIT
YOSEMITE RIVERSIDE INN	FULL PERMIT	ADDITION OF CONTINUOUS CHLORINATION
CHINO HILLS, CITY OF	FULL PERMIT	ISSUE REVISED PERMIT
VILLA ROBLES WATER SYSTEM	FULL PERMIT	NEW CENTRALIZED REVERSE OSMOSIS NITRATE TREATMENT
CAL AM - BASS LAKE	FULL PERMIT	UPDATED PER TRACER STUDY FOR NEW PALL MEMBRANE PLANT
U.S. COAST GUARD TRAINING CENTER	FULL PERMIT	TREATMENT REMOVAL
CAL AM - WEST SAN MARTIN	FULL PERMIT	ISSUE REVISED PERMIT
SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADDITION OF THE COUNTRY CLUB WELL 2
CAL-WATER SERVICE CO.- CHICO	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	INACTIVE WELL 19-01
REDWOODS RIVER RESORT & CAMPGROUND	FULL PERMIT	ISSUE REVISED PERMIT
RIEBLI MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	FULL PERMIT	ISSUE REVISED PERMIT
AUJLA GUSTINE LLC	FULL PERMIT	NEW WATER SYSTEM
CORNER MARKET AND DELI	FULL PERMIT	CAL CODE EXEMPTION AND REGULATED BY COUNTY HAS EXPIRED
CAL AM WATER COMPANY - MONTEREY	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	SAND CITY RO DESALINATION PLANT UPDATE AND ADDITION OF PFAS REMOVAL, REVERSE OSMOSIS PLANT PERMIT AMENDMENT UPDATE
CHOWCHILLA CITY WATER DEPT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ADD NEW WELL 15 WITH CONTINUOUS CHLORINATION

DELAWARE NORTH PARKS SERVICES TENAYA	FULL PERMIT	ADDITION OF NEW STORAGE TANK, 50 CABINS AND UPDATE CURRENT OPERATIONS
VILLAGE APARTMENTS	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	INSTALL CONTINUOUS CHLORINATION TO WELL 02
CALPELLA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	FULL PERMIT	ISSUED REVISED PERMIT
UPPER LITTLE BEAR MOUNTAIN CLUB	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	PROVIDE CORROSION CONTROL TREATMENT

### 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 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 issuance of citations and compliance orders.

The following enforcement actions were documented between March 15 and April 14, 2026.

Public Water System	Violation	Contaminant or Rule
A1 WINSTONS MOBILE HOME PARK	MCL	E. COLI
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	ALKALINITY, BICARBONATE
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	ALKALINITY, CARBONATE
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	ALUMINUM
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	CALCIUM
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	CHLORIDE
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	COLOR
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	CONDUCTIVITY @ 25 C UMHOS/CM
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	COPPER, FREE

AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	FOAMING AGENTS (SURFACTANTS)
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	HARDNESS, TOTAL (AS CaCO3)
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	HYDROXIDE AS CALCIUM CARBONATE
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	IRON
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	MAGNESIUM
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	MANGANESE
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	METHYL TERT-BUTYL ETHER
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	NITRATE
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	ODOR
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	PH
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	SILVER
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	SODIUM
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	SULFATE
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	TDS
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	THIOBENCARB (BOLERO)
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	TURBIDITY
AUBURN VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE DIS	Monitoring	ZINC
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	1,1,1-TRICHLOROETHANE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	1,1,2,2-TETRACHLOROETHANE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	1,1,2-TRICHLOROETHANE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	1,1-DICHLOROETHANE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	1,1-DICHLOROETHYLENE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	1,2,4-TRICHLOROBENZENE

BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	1,2-DICHLOROETHANE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	1,2-DICHLOROPROPANE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	1,3-DICHLOROPROPENE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	BENZENE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	CARBON TETRACHLORIDE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	CHLOROBENZENE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	CIS-1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	DICHLOROMETHANE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	ETHYLBENZENE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	METHYL TERT-BUTYL ETHER
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	NITRATE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	O-DICHLOROBENZENE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	P-DICHLOROBENZENE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	STYRENE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	TETRACHLOROETHYLENE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	TOLUENE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	TRANS-1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	TRICHLOROETHYLENE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	TRICHLOROFLUOROMETHANE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	TRICHLOROTRIFLUOROETHANE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	VINYL CHLORIDE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	XYLENES, TOTAL
BELMONT TERRACE MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	MCL	MANGANESE
BERRYESSA BREWING COMPANY	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
BLU-IN CAFE	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
BOGLE FAMILY LIMITED PARTNER	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
BOGLE VINEYARDS TASTING ROOM	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
CABAZON WATER DISTRICT	Monitoring	CHROMIUM, HEX
CACHE CREEK CANYON-MIDDLE SITE	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
CAMP STEVENS	MCL	IRON
CAMP STEVENS	Monitoring	IRON
CAMP STEVENS	Monitoring	MANGANESE
CAMP STEVENS	Other	VIOLATION OF A PERMIT CONDITION

CAMP STEVENS	Reporting	RECORD KEEPING, WITHOUT RULE CODE
CAPAY OPEN SPACE PARK	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
CEJA-REYES INC	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
CENTER OF THE WORLD	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
CHEMEKETA PARK MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	MCL	HAA5
COLLEGE PARK MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	MCL	IRON
COLLEGE PARK MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	MCL	MANGANESE
COYOTE VALLEY MUTUAL WATER CO	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
DIAMOND A MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	MCL	IRON
DIAMOND VALLEY MARKET WATER	Monitoring	NITRATE
ELKHORN REGIONAL PARK	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
GOATHOUSE BREWING AGUA	Monitoring	NITRATE
GRASSLAND PARK HOST WELL (OLD YOLO BOWME	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
HALFWAY HOUSE CAFE	Monitoring	RTCR
HARRIS FARMS HEADQUARTERS	MCL	HAA5
HILLENBRAND FARMHAUS BREWERY	Monitoring	NITRATE
HUSICKS	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
LOCH HAVEN MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	MCL	MANGANESE
OCOTILLO MUTUAL WATER CO	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
OCOTILLO RV RESORT	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
OCOTILLO WELLS SVRA - HQ	Monitoring	RTCR
ODD FELLOWS RECREATION CLUB	MCL	IRON

OLD SUGAR MILL WINERY	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
PINE GROVE MOBILEHOME PARK	MCL	IRON
PINE GROVE MOBILEHOME PARK	MCL	MANGANESE
PINE TREE LANE MUTUAL WATER CO	Monitoring	RTCR
RANCHERITOS #2	Monitoring	LCR
RINCON VALLEY MOBILE ESTATES	MCL	MANGANESE
RIO BRAVO GREELEY SCHOOL WATER SYSTEM	Other	CCR §64554 – SRC CAPACITY
SAN ANTONIO CANYON MSC	Monitoring	HAA5
SAN ANTONIO CANYON MSC	Monitoring	TTHM
SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAIN PURE WC	Monitoring	NITRATE
SIDEWINDER CHEVRON	Reporting	FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL REPORT
SNOWFLOWER	Monitoring	NITRATE
SONOMA RANCH MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	MCL	IRON
SONOMA RANCH MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	MCL	MANGANESE
SPARTAN VETERINARY SERVICES	Monitoring	NITRATE
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
TERRACE VIEW WATER SYSTEM	MCL	MANGANESE
USFS HELL HOLE	Monitoring	NITRATE
VALLEY SPRINGS PUD	Monitoring	E. COLI
VINEHILL VISTAS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	MCL	IRON
VINEHILL VISTAS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	MCL	MANGANESE
YOLO FRUIT STAND - WATER	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION
ZACA LAKE RETREAT	Monitoring	NITRATE
<b>Total Violations</b>	<b>110</b>	

## Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP)

ELAP ACCREDITATIONS ISSUED – 2026		
	March 12 – April 15	Year-to-Date
New Accreditations	1	3
Renewed Accreditations	12	43
Reciprocity Accreditations	2	7
Amended Accreditations	14	41
Total	29	94

### Certification Officer Training

Several ELAP staff members attended the EPA Drinking Water Laboratory Certification Officer training in Cincinnati, Ohio. This certification is essential for evaluating the quality of data generated by drinking water laboratories. Staff who complete this training strengthen ELAP’s capacity to effectively support and oversee drinking water laboratories throughout California.

### Stakeholder Engagement on Full TNI Accreditation Option

ELAP conducted a stakeholder listening session to gather input on the implementation of a full TNI accreditation option alongside the existing TNI-2 framework. The session was well attended and generated valuable feedback from the community. In addition, ELAP convened a targeted stakeholder meeting with representative laboratories to further evaluate considerations associated with offering a full TNI accreditation option for California laboratories.

### Enforcement

The ELAP Enforcement team delivered a presentation at the annual LPA Workshop. The session included a comprehensive overview of ELAP and an introduction to the review of laboratory reports, with a focus on identifying potential red flags and the process for submitting referrals to ELAP. The presentation was well received by attendees and, as a result, led to an increase in enforcement referrals—demonstrating the value of the workshop and the ongoing engagement with stakeholders.

Currently, the volume of enforcement referrals to ELAP remains high. As of this year, ELAP has issued 12 partial suspensions to laboratories. These actions reflect our

continued commitment to upholding laboratory standards and ensuring regulatory compliance.

**Presentation at CWEA Annual Conference**

ELAP presented at the California Water Environment Association (CWEA) annual conference in Sacramento, providing the laboratory community with general ELAP updates and an opportunity to engage with stakeholders. This update focused on existing regulatory requirements and providing guidance to address frequently asked questions from laboratories.

**DDW-SAFER**

The SAFER Clearinghouse Summary Results for April 2026 (on 04/14/2026)

Summary Results			
Failing Systems	417	Removed Failing Systems	5

Water Systems Removed from the Failing List in April 2026

PWS ID	System Name	Last Status Change	County	Population
5010009	KEYES COMMUNITY SERVICES DIST.	03/10/2026	STANISLAUS	5,672
1910019	CERRITOS - CITY, WATER DEPT.	03/20/2026	LOS ANGELES	47,475
1500546	HARVEST MOON MUTUAL WATER CO	03/25/2026	KERN	138
1710010	LOWER LAKE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	03/27/2026	LAKE	1,326
3601015	IRONWOOD CAMP	03/31/2026	SAN BERNARDINO	210

Water Systems Added to the Failing List in April 2026

PWS ID	System Name	Last Status Change	County	Population
4300517	CHEMEKETA PARK MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	03/18/2026	SANTA CLARA	346
1502229	RIO BRAVO GREELEY SCHOOL WATER SYSTEM	03/23/2026	KERN	1,219
4500290	PINE GROVE MOBILEHOME PARK	03/31/2026	SHASTA	53
3700906	CAMP STEVENS	03/25/2026	SAN DIEGO	78
2000551	MD 07 MARINA VIEW HEIGHTS	04/01/2026	MADERA	200
3301107	CARVER TRACT MUTUAL WATER COMP	04/01/2026	RIVERSIDE	600

## **DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Staff is planning to meet with stakeholders on May 6 to discuss possible changes to the FY 2026-27 Water Quality Certification (WQC) fees. This will be the third WQC fees stakeholder meeting. Staff is also planning to hold the following general stakeholder meetings to discuss FY 2026-27 fees: June 11 – Drinking Water and ELAP and June 12 – Water Quality and Water Rights.

## OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT

### Enforcement Related Press Releases

N/A

### Other Enforcement Related Updates

N/A

### Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaints Issued

Region	Discharger/ City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Complaint Amount	Date Issued
8	Wajhat Ahmed (K2 Minerals Inc)/ Fontana	Failure to respond to directive to obtain Industrial General Permit (IGP) coverage	\$8,400	3/16/2026

### ACL Orders Issued

Region	Discharger/ City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
2	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission/ San Francisco	Mandatory minimum penalty (MMP) for exceedance of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for total residual chlorine.	\$3,000 (MMP – all to Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP))	3/9/2026
2	Napa Sanitation District/ Napa	MMP for exceedance of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for total residual chlorine.	\$3,000 (MMP – all to SEP)	3/10/2026
2	Intuitive Surgical Inc./ Sunnyvale	MMPs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceedance of the maximum daily effluent limit (MDEL) for benzene</li> <li>• Exceedance of the MDEL for toluene</li> </ul>	\$6,000 (MMP – all to Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA))	3/10/2026
2	IQHQ ELCO Yards LP (ELCO Yards)/ Redwood City	MMPs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 exceedances of the MDEL for tetrachloroethene</li> <li>• 4 exceedances of the MDEL for cis-1,2-dichloroethene</li> <li>• Exceedance of the MDEL for toluene</li> </ul>	\$18,000 (MMP – all to the CAA)	3/13/2026
2	IQHQ ELCO Yards LP (Veterans Sewer)/ Redwood City	MMP for exceedance of the MDEL for methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE)	\$3,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	3/13/2026

2	Cedar Fair Entertainment Company (Great America)/ Santa Clara	MMP for exceedance of both the average monthly effluent limit (AMEL) and the MDEL for copper.	\$6,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	3/16/2026
2	Chevron Environmental Management Company/ Port Costa	MMP for exceedance of the AMEL for copper.	\$3,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	3/20/2026
5S	J. S. BATTH, INC./ San Joaquin County	Failure to obtain coverage under the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for Discharges from Irrigated Lands within the Central Valley Region or to join the San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition.	\$5,000 (all to CAA)	3/27/2026
7	Calexico City/ Calexico	MMPs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 exceedances of the average weekly effluent limit (AWEL) for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)</li> <li>• 5 exceedances of the AMEL for BOD</li> <li>• Exceedance of the percent removal effluent limit for BOD</li> <li>• 5 exceedances of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for enterococci</li> <li>• Exceedance of the AMEL for enterococci</li> <li>• Exceedance of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for fecal coliform</li> <li>• Exceedance of the AMEL for fecal coliform</li> <li>• 7 exceedances of the instantaneous maximum effluent limit for Escherichia coli (E. coli)</li> <li>• 2 exceedances of the AMEL for E. coli</li> </ul>	\$81,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	3/24/2026
9	Poseidon Resources (Channelside) LP Co./ Carlsbad	MMP for exceedance of the AML for total suspended solids (TSS)	\$3,000 (MMP – all to SEP)	3/24/2026

### Investigative Orders

Region	Discharger/ City	Description	Date Issued
2	@Home, LLC/ Mountain View	Directive 13267 requires the submittal of an Indoor Air Mitigation and Performance Monitoring Work Plan and associated reports to address the presence of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including tetrachloroethene (PCE) and trichloroethene (TCE), in indoor air. It also requires an Investigation Work Plan to delineate the extent of soil, groundwater, and soil gas impacts both on- and offsite at the location of a former dry cleaner at 1313–1347 El Camino Real in Mountain View.	3/17/2026
4	Wilson Capital, LLC and William & Teresa Velasco Revocable Trust/ Glendale	13267 Order No. R420260097 requires the submittal of a subsurface investigation work plan to assess the extent of VOC impacts—specifically total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH); benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes (BTEX); and PCE—in subsurface soil and groundwater at the former Regency Cleaners site located at 1434 West Glenoaks Blvd. in Glendale.	3/2/2026

### Cleanup and Abatement Orders

Region	Discharger/ City	Description	Date Issued
2	David Fuata/ San Mateo	Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) No. R2-2026-0008 requires the submittal of a workplan to investigate and remediate PCE contamination to soil, groundwater, soil vapor, and indoor air for former drycleaner Clipper Cleaners located at 911 North Amphlett Blvd. in San Mateo.	3/18/2026
9	Lockheed Martin Corporation, Et al./ San Diego	CAO No. R920260023 requires the cleanup of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and mercury in bay sediments to specified cleanup levels, or the removal of all contaminated sediments from the former Tow Basin and the former Marine Terminal and Railway Facilities, located at 3380 North Harbor Drive and 1160 Harbor Island Drive, to the East Basin or Harbor Island in San Diego Bay.	3/11/2026

**Health and Safety Code section 25296.10**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Discharger/ City</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>
4	Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Young Hwang, Et al./	The Order requires the submittal of a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) with a feasibility study proposing the most viable option to remediate MTBE and tertiary butyl alcohol (TBA) in impacted groundwater beneath the former Lynwood Dairy located at 12306 South Atlantic Ave. in Lynwood.	3/13/2026
4	Dakota Properties LLC/ Long Beach	The Order requires the submittal of a Preliminary Site Assessment, Soil and Water Investigation, Corrective Action Plan Implementation, and Verification Monitoring to address elevated concentrations of total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline (TPH-g) and diesel (TPH-d), benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylene, TBA, and naphthalene in groundwater and to assess soil vapor intrusion at Pacific International Cold Storage located at 3100 East 29th Street in Long Beach.	3/24/2026

**Cease and Desist Orders**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Discharger/ City</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>
5R	City of Alturas/ Alturas	Cease and Desist Order (CDO) R5-2026-0002 rescinds R5-2020-0005 and extends the interim limit for aluminum and the compliance schedule. The Discharger received a grant from our Division of Financial Assistance to convert to a land discharge.	3/13/2026

**Other Enforcement Actions Taken**

<b>Region</b>	<b>No. of Actions</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>No. of Actions</b>
1	8	5S	68
2	0	6T	1
3	6	6V	6
4	25	7	1
5F	89	8	133
5R	16	9	5
		SWRCB	1

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

**Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program**

**The Northern Chumash Tribal Council Invites the Clean Water Team to Help Develop New Water Quality Monitoring Resources**

In early March the Clean Water Team (CWT) visited Lompoc (In Region 3) to provide assistance and onsite support for the [Northern Chumash Tribal Council's](#) (NCTC) community monitoring development activities addressing both water quality and habitat assessment, and environmental outreach. NCTC is working to develop tribal resources to help create stream teams. This action builds on the NCTS's legacy of [environmental stewardship](#), including their leadership on the [Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary](#) nomination and designation. Locally these efforts will support restoration and water quality improvement efforts in the Santa Ynez River Watershed. The resources, tools, and experiences gained will be made available for use by other California Native American Tribes and Tribal organizations. The CWT will provide technical support as needed throughout program development and implementation.

**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 fourth course in the series was offered on Apr 23: SWAMP FHAB Monitoring Design & Intro to Data Quality and Management. For the first four courses, over 50 individuals representing 27 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

<b>Training Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Supporting Documents</b>
Wed. May. 27, 2026 9 am – 12 pm PT	SWAMP FHAB Sample Collection Protocols & Processing	<a href="#">Registration Link</a>
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](mailto:Anna.Holder@waterboards.ca.gov) or (916) 341-5096

## **New Printable Outreach Resources & Activities from Clean Water Team**

Meeting the need for low-cost/no-cost resources for outreach, this Earth Month (April 2026) the Clean Water Team released a [special set of resources](#).

Through the years our Clean Water Team has produced fun activities for students and has participated in many outreach activities with watershed partners across the state. A library featuring some of these printable outreach resources and activities can now be found online. These handouts and activities can complement ongoing environmental outreach efforts and Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) programs.

## OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND PERFORMANCE

### Water Conservation

The response rate for the **February 2026** Urban Water Conservation Report is 94% as of the writing of this report (381 reports submitted). The estimated total production (accounting for missing reports) is 111 billion gallons (341 thousand acre-feet), and the statewide residential use is 64 gallons per capita per day.

The [Save Water](#) site received 181 water waste reports in March 2026.

The Conservation team continues to conduct outreach and education to the regulated community, including participation at the quarterly California Water Efficiency Partnership plenary on March 17th.

## OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

### Water Quality Petitions Currently Under Consideration for Review by the State Water Board (as of April 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](mailto:waterqualitypetitions@waterboards.ca.gov).

PETITION NUMBER AND LINK TO PETITION	PETITION INFORMATION	DATE PETITION RECEIVED	DEADLINE FOR STATE WATER BOARD TO GRANT REVIEW
<a href="#">A-2929</a>	Petition of Gillibrand Industrial Sands, LLC for Review of Water Code Section 13383 Order No. R4-2025-0192 for 5810 Bennett Road, Simi Valley, California, County of Los Angeles; Issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board	01/14/2026	04/14/2026
<a href="#">A-2933</a>	Petition of Jennifer Sullivan for Review of No Further Action and Termination of Monitoring and Reporting Program Letter dated January 21, 2026, for Former Masonite Wood Preserving Facility, Highway 101, Cloverdale, Sonoma County; Issued by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board	2/13/2026	5/14/2026
<a href="#">A-2938</a>	Petition of Chiquita Canyon, LLC for Review of Water Code sections 13267 and 13383 Order No. R4-2024-0010-A01 for Chiquita Canyon Landfill, 29201 Henry Mayo Drive, Castaic, Los Angeles County; Issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board	3/13/2026	6/11/2026

<a href="#">A-2936</a>	Petition of California Coastkeeper for Review of Waste Discharge Requirements No. R3-2026-0001 for Pacific Gas and Electric's Diablo Canyon Nuclear Powerplant, San Luis Obispo County; Issued by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board	3/26/2026	6/24/2026
<a href="#">A-2937</a>	Petition of Committee to Bridge the Gap, Santa Lucia Chapter of the Sierra Club, and San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace for Review of Order No. 34024WQ31, Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification for Diablo Canyon Power Plant, San Luis Obispo County; Issued by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board	3/27/2026	6/25/2026

**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 consultation is 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.

Region, Division, Office	Project Title
North Coast – Region 1	Consultation Request for Native American Culture Beneficial Uses Project
	North Coast Water Board is undertaking the issuance of a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the Scott River Restoration Farmers Ditch Project (Project)
	Smith River Ranch Restoration Plan Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification
San Francisco – Region 2	Notice to Engage – Proposed Fireworks Permit Reissuance
	Amendment To The SF Bay Basin Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) (Basin Plan Amendment) That May Impact The Area Your Tribe Is Traditionally And Culturally Affiliated With

Central Coast – Region 3	The Joint National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Issuance For Monterey
	The Reissuance of Waste Discharge Requirements for the City of Paso Robles Annual Flood Control and Fire Fuel Load Reduction Program (Order No. R3-2026-0004)
Central Valley – Region 5	Waste Discharge Requirements General Order For Fruit And Vegetable Packers
	Modesto Management Zone Prepared A Proposed Implementation Plan
	Golden Valley Pistachio Company, LLC; Golden Valley Pistachio Processing Facility; Madera County
	Notification Of Determination That A Project Application Is Complete Or Decision To Undertake A Project, And Notification Of Consultation Opportunity; Basalite Building Products, LLC; Basalite Concrete Products
Lahontan – Region 6	Investigation And Remediation Of Volatile Organic Compounds And Petroleum Hydrocarbons, 11357 Deerfield Drive, Truckee, Nevada County
	Amendment of Waste Discharge Requirements for Mountain Pass Mine, San Bernardino County
	Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency (TTSA) Wastewater Treatment Facility In Truckee, California
State Water Board Division of Water Quality (DWQ)	Opportunity To Coordinate On Evaluation Of Water Quality Data From Federally Recognized Tribal Land Excluded From The California Integrated Report
State Water Board Division of Water Rights (DWR)	Helms Uprate Project
State Water Board Office of Sustainable Groundwater Management (OSGM)	Process regarding whether to return the Chowchilla Groundwater Subbasin to the Department of Water Resources' jurisdiction under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

**Tribal Consultation Dashboard Launch**

In February 2026, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs launched a public-facing Tribal Consultation Dashboard designed to enhance transparency, accessibility, and coordination of consultation activities statewide. The dashboard provides a centralized, real-time view of active and upcoming consultation opportunities, including key timelines and access to consultation materials, supporting early and information participation by California Native American Tribes. This effort reflects the Water Boards continued commitment to open, transparent, and meaningful government-to-government

engagement, while strengthening internal consistency and public accountability in the administration of Tribal consultations.

To view the dashboard, and learn more: <https://bit.ly/4sPR3da>

### **2026 Tribal GIS Summit – Planning & Participation**

The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs continues to support the planning of the 2026 California Native American Tribal GIS Summit, themed: “Mapping Resilience: GIS for Climate, Culture, and Community.”

This event represents a growing statewide effort to elevate tribal data sovereignty, cultural mapping, and climate resilience strategies through geospatial technologies. The Tribal GIS Summit, scheduled for May 21–22, 2026 at the University of Redlands, provides an important platform for Tribal Nations, state agencies, and partners to exchange knowledge and build capacity in areas such as environmental monitoring, land stewardship, and data governance.

To learn more or register for the summit: [GIS Summit/Agenda](#)

### **Tribal Contacts Update Campaign (February 2–13, 2026)**

Maintaining accurate tribal contact information is foundational to effective consultation and engagement. In February, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs conducted its annual Tribal Contacts Update Campaign, resulting in approximately 40 verified updates to the 2026 Tribal Contact List.

This effort was completed over a two-week period through coordinated outreach and follow-up. The campaign focused on verifying key contacts, including Tribal chairs, consultation officials, Tribal Historic/Heritage Preservation Officers, and environmental staff. This work strengthens the integrity of the Water Boards’ consultation process and helps ensure that tribal governments receive timely and accurate information regarding projects, policies, and opportunities.

### **CalEPA Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) – Directors Meeting**

The California Environmental Protection Agency Tribal Advisory Committee held its annual directors meeting, on February 10, 2026. The meeting provided a meaningful opportunity for agency leadership and Tribal representatives to engage in dialogue, share updates, and strengthen relationships. Attendees included State Water Board Executive Director Eric Oppenheimer and Board Chair Joaquin Esquivel, reflecting strong executive-level participation and commitment.

A key component of this meeting was the tour of the Todd Valley–Colfax Tribal Cultural Preserve, located in the foothills. This site visit offered leadership and staff a deeper understanding of:

- The importance of cultural preservation and land stewardship
- The connection between natural resources and cultural practices
- The role of state agencies in supporting tribal self-determination

This experience reinforced the value of place-based learning and highlighted the importance of engaging with tribes in ways that are grounded in culture, history, and lived experience.

### **Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) Engagement**

On March 5, 2026, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs along with the Office of Information Management and Analysis participated in a site visit to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to explore opportunities for collaboration between the Water Boards and federal research institutions.

The visit included Tribally focused presentations and discussions on:

- Isotope hydrology and groundwater science
- Energy and carbon management research
- Environmental monitoring and advanced analytical tools
- Tribal partnerships on orphaned well identification and remediation

Participants toured the Center for Accelerator Mass Spectrometry and engaged with LLNL scientists on how these technologies can support water quality analysis, climate resilience, and environmental protection. The visit also highlighted opportunities to expand STEM education pathways for tribal youth, emphasizing long-term capacity building.

This engagement reflects a forward-looking approach to integrating advanced science and technology into Water Boards efforts, while ensuring that these tools are applied in ways that are accessible, relevant, and beneficial to Tribal Nations.

### **Tribal Beneficial Uses (TBU) Guidance Document**

To support the Tribal Beneficial Uses designation process, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs has been engaging Tribes to develop a Guide to Designating Tribal Beneficial Uses.

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 and T-SUB, 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 on the development of the Tribal Beneficial Uses guidance document, helping to 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.

The Tribal Beneficial Uses guidance document is anticipated to be released for public comment and Tribal consultation in 2026. The creation of Tribal Beneficial Uses reflects ongoing collaboration with Tribes and provides a clearer framework for considering Tribal water uses in water quality planning and decision-making throughout California.

### **Tribal Outreach Summary – UC Davis Big Time Event**

- Event Location: University of California, Davis
- Event Name: Big Time (California Native cultural gathering)
- Date/Time: April 3, 2026 | 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs engaged in Tribal outreach during a UC Davis Big Time event, a culturally significant gathering that centers ceremony, dance, song, and community connection among California Native peoples. The setting provided an intentional cultural space that supported respectful engagement, relationship-building, and visibility of Tribal Affairs efforts. The UC Davis Big Time environment created a strong foundation for authentic engagement. Water Boards outreach table offered information and education on opportunities to join Water Boards advisory groups, internship opportunities, and employment pathways. Cultural protocols, community presence, and the ceremonial nature of the event contributed to trust-building and meaningful dialogue. Outreach in this setting proved effective for connecting with individuals already engaged in cultural practice and community life.

### **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**

The SAFER Advisory Group held an onboarding meeting for six newly appointed and three re-appointed members on February 12, 2026. The agenda included an overview of the Water Boards, the SAFER Drinking Water Program, including the annual needs assessment, the fund expenditure plan, and the SAFER Advisory Group member roles and responsibilities.

The SAFER Advisory Group held a second meeting on March 12, 2026. The agenda for the meeting included a discussion on the Fund Expenditure Plan (FEP), led by the Division of Financial Assistance, followed by quarterly program updates on metrics from the Division of Drinking Water and the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs.

### **San Lucas County Water District Consolidation**

On February 26, 2026, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs coordinated a public meeting to share information and gather input on a potential consolidation between the San Lucas County Water District and California Water Service's King City District.

In June 2025, the San Lucas County Water District board voted to pursue a managerial consolidation with Cal Water. The State Water Board followed with a letter in September 2025 outlining the consolidation process, which includes a period for both agencies to negotiate voluntarily. The February 2026 meeting provided customers with an opportunity to learn about the potential consolidation and to provide public comments.

### **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 (MWC) 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**

The Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs supported equitable outreach related to Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) reporting requirements in the Tulare Lake and Tule subbasins, including online trainings to support reporters and Spanish translation of key materials.

### **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 January and March 2026, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs provided 21 interpretation services for meetings and conversations between staff and members of the public. Meetings and programs included the SAFER Advisory Group meeting, irrigated lands program annual agriculture order reporting assistance workshops, regional water board meetings, the agricultural expert panel series, Tract 349 Mutual Water Company & Tract 180 Mutual Water Company public meeting, and the Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella revised waste discharge requirements public engagement meeting. Eight-teen interpretation services were provided in Spanish, one in Hmong, one in Cantonese, and one in Mandarin.

### **Written Translation of Documents**

Between January and March 2026, the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs delivered 114 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 Site Cleanup, Sustainable Groundwater Management, SAFER Drinking Water, Groundwater Protection, Irrigated Lands, Surface Water Protection and others. These translations were provided in a total of 5 languages to meet the community needs: Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Vietnamese, and Punjabi.

# IRRIGATED REGULATORY LAND PROGRAM

## Appendix A

April 2026

This month's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) update provides a summary of significant activities of State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff for the month of March 2026; and the North Coast, San Francisco Bay, Central Coast, Los Angeles, Lahontan, Colorado River Basin, Santa Ana, and San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) from February 1, 2026, to March 31, 2026. Next month's report will cover the Central Valley Regional Water Board's recent ILRP program activities and up-to-date data on compliance and outreach efforts.

**State Water Board** staff continued work to implement 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). Staff held a Panel Working Group Meetings on March 11, 2026, to facilitate Panel deliberations on issues relevant to the [Panel charge questions](#). The Panel's Draft Recommendation Report was released for a 30-day public comment period on March 30, 2026. 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.

**North Coast Regional Water Board** hosted a public workshop for [the Draft General Waste Discharge Requirements for Commercial Lily Bulb Operations in the Smith River Plain](#) (Draft Lily Bulb Order) and an accompanying Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on February 18, 2026, in-person in Del Norte County and via Zoom. The Draft EIR identified potentially significant environmental impacts to agricultural resources with no feasible mitigation due to implementation of Streamside Area setbacks. The North Coast Water Board expects to consider certification of a Final EIR and adoption of a proposed Lily Bulb Order in August 2026.

**San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board's** individual invoices have been received by growers. Staff is helping to resolve any grower concerns about invoices, including rectifying discrepancies, updating enrollment records, and working with State Water Board fee staff as appropriate.

**Los Angeles Regional Water Board** staff met with U.S. EPA Non-Point Source Pollution (NPS) liaison and Ventura County Resource Conservation District (VCRCD) staff on February 3, 2026, to discuss U.S. EPA 319(h) NPS grants directed at addressing nutrient and sediment discharges and improved irrigation efficiency by growers in the region. Los Angeles Water Board staff, VCRCD staff and the U.S. EPA liaison conducted site visits at locations that had received funding.

On February 12 and February 25, 2026, staff attended an Irrigation and Nutrient Management Report (INMR) Workshop led by the Ventura County Agricultural Irrigated Lands Group (VCAILG) for growers in Oxnard to help answer questions about the nitrogen reporting requirements. Staff also conducted office hours to help with any additional Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) related questions.

Staff investigated a discharge complaint and determined discharge was not originating from the nearby agricultural operation. The complaint was then forwarded to staff at CalGEM to investigate the neighboring oil and gas production facility.

Staff met with State Water Board staff who gave a demonstration of the capabilities of GeoTracker, and how it may be utilized for the program in the region in the future. Staff also met with the new attorney assigned to the groundwater section for the region. Staff introduced the attorney to the ILRP program and discussed future actions for historically un-enrolled operations.

**Lahontan Regional Water Board** received Annual Reports, due January 15, 2026, summarizing each ranch's best management practices for improving water quality as required by the [Bridgeport Grazing Waiver](#) (Order No. R6T-2017-0033). Eight of nine enrollees submitted the 2025 Annual Report by the due date. The remaining enrollee submitted their report in mid-February. All enrollees are now in compliance with the Bridgeport Grazing Waiver requirements.

In late February, a region-wide grazing update was posted on the Lahontan Regional Water Board webpage as part of the [January 2026 Executive Officer's Report](#). The update includes a summary of Bridgeport Valley activities and progress from February 2025 through January 2026.

**Colorado River Basin Regional Water Board** staff met with approved third-party leadership on March 4, 2026, for quarterly discussions, including drinking water well compliance and annual monitoring report changes.

On March 19, 2026, staff attended an Imperial Valley Farm Tour that included multiple facilities in the area. Staff met with local farm approved third-party members, Imperial Valley Farm Bureau leadership, local agency leadership, law enforcement, and congressional delegations to discuss local challenges due to recent world events. Staff reinforced the community's need for water in the event the Colorado River is no longer able to supply the region.

**Santa Ana Regional Water Board** issued a Notice of Termination on March 04, 2026, as required by the [Santa Ana Agricultural Order](#) (Order No. R8-2023-0006).

The **Central Coast** and **San Diego Regional Water Boards** had no significant program updates from February 1, 2026, to March 31, 2026.