

**State Water Resources Control Board**  
**March 15, 2022 – Item 9**  
**Executive Director’s Report**

**DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY**

**Issuance of Proposed Statewide Sanitary Sewer Systems General Order**

**Reissuance:** In 2006, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted the first statewide Sanitary Sewer System General Waste Discharge Requirements for consistent statewide regulation of publicly owned sewer systems of one mile or greater in pipeline length. Through the existing General Order, the State Water Board regulates sewage spills and local system management of approximately 1,100 publicly owned sewer systems. The General Order requires public agencies to report sewer spills, develop and update a system-specific Sewer System Management Plan, and conduct internal sewer program audits.

State Water Board staff developed a draft General Order reissuance to update the existing General Order per the State Water Board regulations and resolutions adopted since 2006. On January 31, 2022, the State Water Board released the draft General Order for a 60-day public comment period. Written public comments are due by 12:00 noon on April 8, 2022.

State Water Board staff conducted two virtual staff-level public workshops and provided information regarding the draft General Order on February 23 and February 24, 2022. The purpose of the workshops was to assist interested parties in understanding the key elements of the draft General Order, in preparation for interested parties to provide the State Water Board with:

- Oral comments at the March 15, 2022 Board Workshop, and
- Written comments by the April 8, 2022 due date.

A Board meeting for the State Water Board to consider adoption of a final draft Order will be scheduled at a future date.

The Public Notice, proposed General Order, recordings of February 2022 staff public workshops are available on the [Sanitary Sewer Overflow Reduction Program website](#).

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**Site-Specific Water Quality Objectives for Copper and Zinc:** Division of Water Quality (DWQ) staff is developing a proposed water quality control policy to establish protocols and procedures for Regional Water Quality Control Boards to use when developing site-specific water quality objectives for copper and zinc in fresh surface waterbodies of California. DWQ staff held a CEQA scoping meeting for this project on February 17, 2022, to provide a forum for the public to provide input on the scope and

content of the environmental information to be included in the draft Substitute Environmental Documentation prepared to support the proposed policy. Public comments on the CEQA scoping process were received through March 7, 2022. For additional information please see the [site-specific water quality objectives for copper and zinc webpage](#) or contact the project lead, Chris Beegan, at [Chris.Beegan@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Chris.Beegan@waterboards.ca.gov).

**Volumetric Annual Reporting of Wastewater and Recycled Water:** The Recycled Water Policy requires wastewater and recycled water dischargers (including wastewater dischargers that do not produce any recycled water) to annually report monthly volumes of influent, wastewater produced, and effluent, including treatment level and discharge type. As applicable, dischargers are additionally required to annually report recycled water use by volume and category of reuse. Applicable wastewater and recycled water permittees are required to submit the 2021 Volumetric Annual Report through the volumetric annual report module in GeoTracker by April 30, 2022.

The volumetric annual report module is open for data submittal and can be accessed through the [GeoTracker Electronic Submittal of Information \(ESI\) portal](#), and a reporting reminder was emailed to facilities on February 15, 2022.

Additional information, including the Help Guide and Webinar training for submitting the Volumetric Annual Report, and data and infographics from 2019 and 2020 can be found on the [Volumetric Reporting Webpage](#).

For assistance with submitting the 2021 Volumetric Annual Report or any questions, please email: [recycledwater@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:recycledwater@waterboards.ca.gov).

**The California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program:** On January 19, 2022, the State Water Board adopted amendments to the California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Program Guidelines establishing the Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program (Program). The Program provides debt relief for residential and commercial account wastewater arrearages that accrued during the COVID-19 billing relief period of March 4, 2020 to June 15, 2021. Wastewater treatment providers and wastewater billing entities can apply for wastewater arrearage funding as of February 1, 2022. The deadline to apply for wastewater arrearage funding under the Program is April 22, 2022.

Division of Water Quality and Division of Financial Assistance staff conducted public outreach to over 1,800 collection systems and publicly owned treatment works via phone calls, email reminders, and postcards.

As of March 2, 2022, there are 170 open applications, of which 75 wastewater treatment providers and/or wastewater billing entities submitted a complete application totaling funding requests of \$71 million to the Division of Water Quality.

Division of Water Quality and Division of Financial Assistance staff are reviewing submitted applications and will begin the process to disburse funds to approved applicants in early March 2022.

More information can be found at: [California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program](#).

For assistance with submitting the Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program application or any questions, please email: [WWarrearages@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:WWarrearages@waterboards.ca.gov).

**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 WATER RIGHTS

### ➤ Drought-related Items

**Scott and Shasta Rivers:** Below is a summary of highlights associated with the [Drought Emergency Regulation](#) for the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds.

- *Shasta River.* On February 25, 2022, the Deputy Director for the Division of Water Rights (Deputy Director) issued [Addendum 8](#) to Curtailment [Order WR 2021-0082-DWR](#), which extends the temporarily suspension of all curtailments in the Shasta River watershed through March 15, 2022, contingent on: (1) 135 cubic feet per second (cfs) being sustained at the United States Geological Survey (USGS) [Yreka gage](#); and (2) parties with suspended curtailments working with the Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District to manage flows.
- *Scott River.* On February 25, 2022, the Deputy Director issued [Addendum 14](#) to the three Scott River watershed curtailment orders, which suspended all curtailments in the Scott River watershed through March 4, 2022, so long as the required drought emergency flow for February of 200 cfs is sustained at the [Fort Jones USGS gage](#). In February, the Deputy Director also issued Addenda [10](#), [11](#), [12](#), and [13](#), which extended the suspension of curtailments in roughly one-week increments, when flows were expected to remain above the 200 cfs requirement. Addenda 12 – 14 include a requirement that those diverting more than one (1) cfs provide weekly reports on their diversions to the State Water Board to improve the State Water Board’s information on current winter water demand, and in order to be able to more precisely tailor curtailments in the upcoming weeks, should weather conditions remain dry. Staff continue to monitor forecasts and watershed conditions to determine if further adjustments to curtailments are appropriate.

Staff have also been meeting with stakeholder to discuss possible local cooperative solutions that may be implemented in lieu of curtailments. Additional information on the drought emergency regulation effort is available on the [Scott River and Shasta River Watersheds Drought Response webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/)).

➤ *Permitting and Enforcement Branch*

**BlueTriton Brands Field Hearing:** On February 16 and 17, 2022, enforcement staff participated in a site visit to the San Bernardino Mountains related to the ongoing Administrative Hearing Office proceedings on the draft cease-and-desist order the State Water Board's Division of Water Rights issued against BlueTriton Brands (BlueTriton) in April 2021. During the site visit, Water Board staff, along with representatives from BlueTriton, Department of Fish and Wildlife staff, U.S. Forest Service staff, other interested parties, and the media, had an opportunity to view boreholes and tunnels associated with BlueTriton's diversions. The hearing continues on March 21, 2022, with rebuttal testimony from all parties. All hearing proceedings can be accessed on the [Administrative Hearings Office YouTube Channel](#), and all documents related to the case are available on the AHO's ftp website. To obtain access to the ftp site, follow the instructions at [Availability of AHO ftp Sites \(ca.gov\)](#).

➤ *Delta, Hearings, and Special Projects Branch*

➤ *Water Quality Certification, Public Trust, Cannabis, Administrative, & Reporting Branch*

**McCloud-Pit Hydroelectric Project:** On February 18, 2022, State Water Board staff met with the Winnemem Wintu Tribe pursuant to [Order WQ 2020-0041-EXEC](#), *In the Matter of Petitions for Reconsideration of the Water Quality Certification for the McCloud-Pit Hydroelectric Project*. This interim order directs staff to reinstate consultation with California Native American tribes that requested to be informed of projects in the geographic area of the McCloud-Pit Hydroelectric Project (Project) pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1. The Project is located on the McCloud River, Iron Canyon Creek, and the Pit River, in Shasta and Siskiyou Counties. Additional information is available on the State Water Board's [McCloud-Pit 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) ).

**Wilson Creek Diversion Conduit Regulating Gate Installation:** On February 17, 2022, the Executive Director issued a water quality certification (certification) for the Wilson Creek Diversion Conduit Regulating Gate Installation Project (Project). The Project is located in Nevada County on United States Forest Service lands within the Nevada Irrigation District's Yuba-Bear Hydroelectric Project boundary. The final certification is available on the [State Water Board's water quality certification webpage](#)

**Lower Klamath Project:** On February 25, 2022, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) released a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Hydropower License Surrender and Decommissioning for the Lower Klamath Project (FERC Project No. 14803). Comments on the draft EIS are due by April 18, 2022.

As background, the Lower Klamath Project involves the decommissioning and removal of four dams (J.C. Boyle, Copco No. 1, Copco No. 2, and Iron Gate) and associated facilities on the Klamath River in southern Oregon and northern California. The State Water Board released a final Water Quality Certification for the Lower Klamath Project (FERC Project No. 14803-001) on April 7, 2020. The final water quality certification and related documents can be found on the [Lower Klamath Project webpage \(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/water\\_quality\\_cert/lower\\_klamath\\_ferc14803.html\)](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/lower_klamath_ferc14803.html).

## DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Approvals (February 2022)	
CEQA Lead Agency Documents	
Project No.	Entity - Description
3500927	Enza Zaden Research, Nitrate Removal Project, a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for a categorical exemption (CE) was prepared, and sent to Division of Drinking Water (DDW) District Office to approve and file with the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR).
1500231	Victory Mutual Water Company, Operation of Granular Activated Carbon Treatment System – Water Supply Permit Amendment, an NOE for a CE was prepared, and sent to DDW District Office to approve and file with the OPR.
3410013	California American Water – Lincoln Oaks, Diablo Drive and Roseville Road Well Inactivation, an NOE for a CE was prepared, and sent to DDW District Office to approve and file with the OPR.
3410013	California American Water – Lincoln Oaks, Roseville Road Replacement Well No. 2 Project, an NOE for a CE was prepared, and sent to DDW District Office to approve and file with the OPR.
Clean Water	
8414-110	Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Lower Day Basin Improvement Project, CEQA Determination on a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) as the Responsible Agency approved on February 14, 2022, and a Notice of Determination (NOD) was filed with the OPR on February 14, 2022.

Drinking Water	
3710026-003C	Valley Center Municipal Water District, 2020 Pipeline Replacement Project, CEQA Determination on an MND as the Responsible Agency approved on February 25, 2022, and a NOD was filed with the OPR on February 28, 2022.
Water Supply Permits	
1910239	City of Lakewood Water Department, Operation of Well No. 28, prepared an Environmental Summary Clearance, a CEQA Determination, and an NOE on a CE as the Responsible Agency, and sent to DDW District Office to approve and file with the OPR.

**Office of Sustainable Water Solutions (OSWS)**

Future Significant Events

County-wide and Regional Funding Program Solicitation

On February 22, 2022, the State Water Board released a solicitation for the County-wide and Regional Funding Program, which offers funding for counties to develop programs to address drought related issues and/or water quality issues that impact communities served by state small water systems and/or domestic wells. Types of solutions that could be funded include domestic well testing, bottled water, hauled water, Point-of-Use (POU)/Point-of-Entry (POE) treatment, well repairs/replacement, and connections to existing systems. State Water Board staff, partnering with Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC), will host two webinars on this funding on March 2 and 4, 2022.

Drinking Water Technical Assistance Provider Request for Qualifications

In December 2021, the State Water Board released the Drinking Water Technical Assistance (TA) Provider Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Guidelines (included as Appendix C of the [Policy for Developing the Fund Expenditure Plan for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund](#)). On March 23, 2022, the State Water Board will host a webinar to inform interested parties on the steps and requirements to respond to the RFQ to be considered for placement on the list of qualified drinking water TA providers. Interested parties may submit qualifications to act as a drinking water TA provider and assist drinking water systems by providing any combination of administrative, technical, operations, legal, or managerial, or community engagement services. Drinking water TA providers, once qualified, may submit proposals to the State Water Board to be considered for funding to provide their services to small, disadvantaged communities across the state.

## Planning/Construction Project Summary

The tables below summarize the planning and construction agreements and amendments approved for the month of February 2022.

<b>Drinking Water Projects Funded (February 2022)</b>		
<b>Project #</b>	<b>Recipient – Project Purpose</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
1000063-005C	New Auberry Water Association- The construction project consists of new well treatment systems and replacement of dated equipment.	\$2,789,400
3710036-001C	Borrego Water District- The construction project involves replacement of an existing diesel engine with a new water pump diesel engine and three reservoir tanks located entirely on their existing footprints.	\$2,048,362

<b>Drinking Water Projects Amended (February 2022)</b>	
<b>Project #</b>	<b>Recipient – Amendment Purpose</b>
1500525-001C	Lakeview Ranchos MWC- The purpose of this amendment is to extend completion dates and increase funding by \$928,354. Amendment #4.
1502607-001C	Caliente Union School District- The purpose of this amendment is to add the FBA and increase funding by \$719,408. Amendment #1.

<b>Wastewater Projects Funded (February 2022)</b>		
<b>Project #</b>	<b>Recipient – Project Purpose</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
8155-210	Biola CSD- The project consists of upgrading the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant to an extended aeration activated sludge plant for beneficial groundwater recharge.	\$5,675,000

<b>Wastewater Projects Amended (February 2022)</b>	
<b>Project #</b>	<b>Recipient – Amendment Purpose</b>
8117-110	Anderson Valley CSD- The purpose of amendment is to increase funding by \$182,500. Amendment #3.

## Administrator Summary

The table below summarizes the administrator agreement approved for the month of February 2022.

<b>Administrator Projects Funded (February 2022)</b>		
<b>Project #</b>	<b>Recipient – Project Purpose</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
D2118202	<b>Russian River Utility</b> – The Cazadero Water Company Inc. water system is out of compliance with the surface water treatment rule and has a long history of noncompliance. The project is to provide funding for Russian River Utility to act as a full-scope Administrator and exercise, in a general manager capacity, total and complete managerial control over the Cazadero Water Company.	\$669,652

## Operation and Maintenance

The table below summarizes the operation and maintenance agreement approved alongside the administrator agreement in February 2022.

<b>O&amp;M Projects Funded (February 2022)</b>		
<b>Project #</b>	<b>Recipient – Project Purpose</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
D2118005	<b>Cazadero Water Company Inc.-</b> The project request is to provide funding for system O&M until the Administrator can perform a rate analysis to determine the reliable income the water system can generate, and can create an application for the CPUC, to gain approval for the rates that will be required to provide sufficient funding for O&M.	\$460,415



### Technical Assistance Summary

The following requests for emergency funding under the Self-Help Enterprises Technical Assistance to Implement the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund project were approved in the month of February 2022.

Work Plan Type	TA Recipient	Water System No.	TA Provider	Emergency Type	Total Amount Approved
Emergency Fund	William Fisher	1500455	SHE Emergency Fund (SAFER)	Loss of Water Supply	\$14,753

The following Technical Assistance agreement was executed in the month of February 2022.

Project #	Recipient – Project Purpose	Funding Amount
D1612806	University Enterprises, Inc. - Provide technical assistance to small-disadvantaged communities to develop, fund, and implement their capital improvement projects. Amendment for time extension.	\$11,500,000
D1917008	University Enterprises, Inc. (SAFER) - Provide technical assistance to small-disadvantaged communities to develop, fund, and implement their capital improvement projects. Amendment for time extension.	\$10,000,000

The table below summarizes the Technical Assistance work plans approved in the month of February 2022.

Work Plan Type	AR Number	TA Recipient	Project Description	TA Provider*	TA Type	Total Amount Approved
Amendment	5121-D	Tooleville MWA	Community outreach and legal assistance for consolidation.	LCJA	DW	\$40,975
Amendment	5897-C	Valenzuela WS	Full planning project to address nitrate issues.	RCAC	DW	\$239,132
New Work Plan	5856-B	Alpine Village WC	Full planning project and test well to address uranium exceedances.	RCAC (SAFER)	DW	\$720,745

<b>Work Plan Type</b>	<b>AR Number</b>	<b>TA Recipient</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>TA Provider*</b>	<b>TA Type</b>	<b>Total Amount Approved</b>
New Work Plan	6180-C	Riverside CSA #62	Feasibility study, rate study, and construction application for consolidation.	RCAC (SAFER)	DW	\$37,015
New Work Plan	6383-A	Bonita School	Feasibility study and full planning to address nitrate and TDS.	RCAC (SAFER)	DW	\$279,969
New Work Plan	6562-A	City of Manteca – Nile Garden School	Administration of a construction financing agreement for consolidation.	RCAC (SAFER)	DW	\$21,253
New Work Plan	6593-A	Brite Lake Mutual Water Company	Median Household Income Survey	SHE (SAFER)	DW	\$8,575
Amendment	5728-D	Fuller Acres Mutual Water Company	Engineering report and community outreach	SHE (SAFER)	DW	\$59,000
Amendment	5242-E	Lands of Promise Mutual Water Association	Full Planning for consolidation with Rosamond CSD.	SHE (SAFER)	DW	\$573,900
New Work Plan	6510-A	Chatom Unified School District	Assistance with administering and implementing a planning project funding agreement.	SHE (SAFER)	DW	\$23,819
Amendment	6290-B	Springfield Rd. & Moss Landing MHP	Community outreach and engagement for participation in Springfield Water System consolidation project	CWC	DW	\$120,375

Work Plan Type	AR Number	TA Recipient	Project Description	TA Provider*	TA Type	Total Amount Approved
Amendment	5225-E	Weldon Regional Water District	Community engagement and planning project support for the Weldon regional consolidation project.	SHE (SAFER)	DW	\$340,700
New Work Plan	6462-A	Kernvale Mutual Water Company	Assistance restoring legal status with the Franchise Tax Board	SHE (SAFER)	DW	\$24,006
Amendment	6221-B	West Goshen Community	Outreach, connect residents to existing resources for temporary solutions and assist with alternatives analysis evaluating consolidation and other options.	CWC	DW	\$262,853
Amendment	5341-E	Loma Prieta	Full planning project for a new well to address source contamination	UEI (Prop 1)	DW	\$680,643

\* TA Providers:

CRWA California Rural Water Association  
CWC Community Water Center  
CWH Council for Watershed Health  
LCJA Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability  
PUCDC Pueblo Unido Community Development Corporation  
RCAC Rural Community Assistance Corporation  
SHE Self-Help Enterprise  
UEI University Enterprise, Inc (CSU Sacramento)  
CSUSB University Enterprise (CSU San Bernardino)

\*\* DW = drinking water; WW = wastewater

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

No projects were approved in the month of February 2022.

**Funding Provided for Emergency Drought Response**

DFA Staff continue to coordinate closely with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on their drought funding as well as outreach to set up county-level programs to respond to water shortage issues for those served by state small water systems and domestic wells. Combined, the State Water Board and DWR are working with 15 counties and are in the process of reaching back out to the remaining counties.

**Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA)**

Completed Significant Events

None

Future Significant Events

None

**Drinking Water for Schools Grant Program**

Completed Significant Events

None.

Future Significant Events

None.

**Budget Act of 2021 Allocations**

The following is a summary of significant new allocations from the Budget Act of 2021:

- \$650 million for wastewater infrastructure
- \$650 million for drinking water infrastructure
- \$30-100 million for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) support for water systems
- \$150-350 million for groundwater cleanup and water recycling projects
- \$20 million for Mexico border rivers

## Future Significant Events

### Drinking Water and Wastewater Funding

On March 15, 2022, the State Water Board will consider adoption of amendments to the State Fiscal Year 2021-22 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Intended Use Plans (IUPs). The IUPs will serve as the implementation plans for administering the [Drinking Water \(\\$650 million\)](#) and [Wastewater \(\\$650 million\)](#) allocations from the Budget Act of 2021 (Senate Bill 129 and Senate Bill 170). Targeted amendments to the 2021-22 IUPs are proposed, to streamline funding processes and maximize opportunities for eligible projects.

### PFAS Funding

Through funding made available in the Budget Act of 2021 to go towards per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) support for water systems, State Water Board staff are developing a strategy for funding administration, for the Board's consideration in Spring/Summer 2022. On March 30, 2022, State Water Board staff will be hosting a targeted stakeholder outreach meeting to gather information on PFAS needs and feedback on initial ideas regarding the funding approach.

### California Water and Wastewater Payment Program:

Through \$985 million in federal funding allocated by the state legislature, the State Water Board has created a new program to provide relief to community water and wastewater systems for unpaid bills related to the pandemic. The funding covers water debt from residential and commercial customers accrued between March 4, 2020 and June 15, 2021. DFA is tasked with the review and approval of payment disbursements.

- Drinking Water Payment Program Status
  - 686 applications were received from water systems requesting approximately \$302 million.
  - Program disbursed 582 payments for \$301 million to water systems. The payment disbursements cover the 686 applications received. The difference in funding amount is due to adjustments that were applied for ineligible costs.
  - Program not only met the January 31, 2022 statutory deadline to process payments for applications received, but also successfully submitted the detailed quarterly expenditure and progress information report to the Department of Finance on time, satisfying federal reporting requirements for the State Fiscal Recovery Funds allocations.
- Wastewater Payment Program Status
  - The application is currently open for wastewater treatment providers or wastewater billing entities to apply for funding.
  - Application reviews are starting with disbursement payments beginning the week of February 28, 2022.
- For more information, see: [California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program | California State Water Resources Control Board](#)

## **Underground Storage Tank Cleanup:**

### **Claims Program**

- There are approximately 16 claims waiting to receive a Letter of Commitment, which enables eligible claimants to begin submitting Reimbursement Requests (RR) for eligible cost reimbursement.
- Program staff have activated 122 claims in this fiscal year.
- There are 4,279 active claims that can submit RRs for eligible cost reimbursements. Roughly 80%, or 3,418 of them, are Priority Class D claims.
- For more information, see:  
[https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/cuf\\_report.asp?report=ranking](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/cuf_report.asp?report=ranking)

### **Claims Reimbursements**

- This fiscal year, approximately 1,627 RRs (\$193.6 million) have been submitted through FISCAL for payment processing.
- A waiver was once again granted in August of this fiscal year allowing the payment of RRs for claimants that have exceeded the 5% cap on RRs. Most RRs on hold are associated with Priority Class D claimants that are in excess of the 5% cap and as funding permits, these will be processed for payment during this fiscal year.
- This fiscal year, the Fund intends to utilize the full authority of \$400M for claims reimbursements.
- For more information, see:  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ustcf/payments\\_status.shtml#waiting](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/payments_status.shtml#waiting)

### **UST Case Closure Reviews**

- Since July 2021, Fund staff have completed 281 Review Summary Reports (RSRs). Fund staff are on pace to achieve the FY 21/22 performance target of 450 RSRs.
- For more information, see:  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ustcf/prop\\_closure\\_cases.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/prop_closure_cases.html)

### **Expedited Claim Account Program (ECAP)**

- Since inception, there have been 259 claims accepted into the program with 14 cases added during this fiscal year alone. Approximately \$81 million of the \$100 million has been committed to ECAP eligible sites and over \$52.1 million has been paid for corrective action costs.
- 16 ECAP cases have been closed during FY 21/22, and a total of 90 cases (35%) have been closed since 2015.
- An additional 31 active ECAP cases have agreed to closure and are in the process of closing.

**Grant Programs**

- The Orphan Site Cleanup Fund (OSCF) received nine applications during FY 21/22 seeking eligibility into the program, requesting approximately \$3.6 million. OSCF staff are in the process of executing grants for 20 projects, for a total of \$6.7 million.
- The Site Cleanup Subaccount Program (SCAP) has committed over \$109 million in grants and contracts to 100 projects since inception. In FY 20/21, 14 projects were funded for \$16.2 million. During this fiscal year, 57 applications have been submitted requesting approximately \$85 million. Program staff also anticipate funding eight amendments for a total of \$15 million.

**Replacing, Removing, or Upgrading Underground Storage Tanks Program (RUST)**

- During this fiscal year, RUST received 68 grant, loan, or grant/loan combination applications. RUST staff are working to execute grant and loan documents for 49 approved projects totaling \$18.3 million.

**Drinking Water Operator Certification Program (DWOCP)**

**Completed Significant Events**

The State Water Board’s DWOCP began the Computer Based Testing (CBT) rollout. Candidates who applied for and were approved for the Fall 2020 Drinking Water Operator Certification examination were provided CBT instructions/opportunities.

Reporting period: February 1, 2022 – February 28, 2022	
Drinking Water Operator Certification Program	Distribution
Applications received (exam, cert, renewals)	675
Certificates issued (new and renewals)	211

Drinking Water Annual Number of Distribution Certificate Holders, by Grade								
Grade	Feb. 2022	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Nov. 2021	Oct. 2021	Sept. 2021	Aug. 2021	Jul. 2021
D1	3,519	3,497	3,574	3,645	3,372	3,762	3,477	3,674
D2	8,810	8,747	8,798	8,887	8,228	8,971	8,996	8,995
D3	3,959	3,971	3,971	3,964	3,644	3,969	4,000	4,013
D4	1,756	1,757	1,755	1,751	1,612	1,745	1,751	1,766
D5	1,202	1,207	1,211	1,211	1,066	1,204	1,193	1,193
Total	19,246	19,179	19,309	19,458	17,922	19,651	19,417	19,641

Reporting period: February 1, 2022 – February 28, 2022	
Drinking Water Operator Certification Program	Treatment
Applications received (exam, cert, renewals)	579
Certificates issued (new and renewals)	142

Drinking Water Annual Number of Treatment Certificate Holders, by Grade								
Grade	Feb. 2022	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Nov. 2021	Oct. 2021	Sept. 2021	Aug. 2021	Jul. 2021
1	2,354	2,381	2,415	2,417	2,250	2,404	2,412	2,471
2	8,095	8,182	8,210	8,177	7,498	8,159	8,147	8,259
3	1,861	1,866	1,860	1,859	1,730	1,869	1,875	1,869
4	990	988	989	985	899	983	982	980
5	519	521	516	516	471	516	517	516
Total	13,819	13,938	13,990	13,954	12,848	13,931	13,933	14,095

<b>CURRENT MONTH</b> Drinking Water Operator Certification – Computer Based Testing Pass/Fail <b>February 1, 2022 – February 28, 2022</b>				
Grade	Examinees	Pass Count	Fail Count	Pass Percent
Dist. Grade 1	82	60	22	73%
Dist. Grade 2	163	117	46	72%
Dist. Grade 3	56	37	19	66%
Dist. Grade 4	23	19	4	83%
Dist. Grade 5	7	5	2	71%
Treat. Grade 1	71	47	24	66%
Treat. Grade 2	121	85	36	70%
Treat. Grade 3	39	33	6	85%
Treat. Grade 4	19	13	6	68%

\*Treatment Grade 5 examination is not conducted via computer-based testing

<b>CUMULATIVE</b> Drinking Water Operator Certification – Computer Based Testing Pass/Fail <b>CBT Inception (February 20, 2021) – February 28, 2022</b>				
Grade	Examinees	Pass Count	Fail Count	Pass Percent
Dist. Grade 1	873	628	245	72%
Dist. Grade 2	1573	1107	466	70%
Dist. Grade 3	548	337	211	61%
Dist. Grade 4	294	156	138	53%
Dist. Grade 5	129	76	53	59%
Treat. Grade 1	457	265	192	58%
Treat. Grade 2	946	656	290	69%
Treat. Grade 3	228	145	83	64%
Treat. Grade 4	120	71	49	59%

\*Treatment Grade 5 examination is not conducted via computer-based testing



## Wastewater Operator Certification Program (WWOCP)

### Completed Significant Events

Reporting period: February 1, 2022 – February 28, 2022	
Wastewater Operator Certification Program	
Applications received (exam, cert, renewals)	247
Certificates issued (new and renewals)	136

Wastewater Annual Number of Certificate Holders, by Grade						
Grade	Feb-2022	Jan-2022	Dec-2021	Nov-2021	Oct-2021	Sep-2021
OIT	657	658	657	664	647	645
1	782	777	787	783	783	786
2	1454	1453	1473	1485	1489	1491
3	1771	1762	1801	1804	1800	1795
4	429	427	437	438	437	434
5	1065	1055	1078	1081	1078	1074
Total	6158	6132	6233	6255	6234	6225

<b>CURRENT MONTH</b> Wastewater Operator Certification – Computer Based Testing Pass/Fail <b>February 1, 2022 – February 28, 2022</b>				
Grade	Examinees	Pass Count	Fail Count	Pass Percent
Grade 1	21	8	13	38%
Grade 2	27	19	8	70%
Grade 3	17	7	10	41%
Grade 4	9	1	8	11%
Grade 5	12	2	10	17%

<b>CUMULATIVE</b> Wastewater Operator Certification – Computer Based Testing Pass/Fail <b>CBT Inception (February 20, 2021) – February 28, 2022</b>				
Grade	Examinees	Pass Count	Fail Count	Pass Percent
Grade 1	422	233	189	55%
Grade 2	451	254	197	56%
Grade 3	366	101	265	28%
Grade 4	119	27	92	23%
Grade 5	193	48	145	25%

## Future Significant Events

The Drinking Water Operator Certification Program Advisory Committee's biannual meeting will be held on April 8, 2022 at 1pm.

An overview of the CBT process and Frequently Asked Questions document is available on the Operator Certification websites:

[Drinking Water Treatment & Distribution System Operators | California State Water Resources Control Board](#)

[Wastewater Operator Certification Program | California State Water Resources Control Board](#)

## **DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER**

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 28 permits were uploaded to ECM between January 26 and February 25, 2022.

<b>Water System</b>	<b>Permit Type</b>	<b>Permit Purpose</b>
BURBANK-CITY, WATER DEPT.	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	BACKUP DISINFECTION SYSTEM
CALAM - SUBURBAN ROSEMONT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	INACTIVATE MALAGA & SWANSEA WELLS
CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE CO. - ELA	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	Well 63-01 GAC PFAS treatment
CARMICHAEL WATER DISTRICT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	Winding Way Well inactive to active status
CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	GROUNDWATER FILTRATION PLANT 4-LOG DISINFECTION AND RESERVOIR 1 RMS
CITY OF SANTA ANA	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	WELL 16 AND WALNUT RESERVOIR NITRATE BLENDING TREATMENT FACILITY INACTIVATION
CLEARLAKE OAKS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	CORROSION CONTROL CHANGE

COACHELLA VWD: COVE COMMUNITY	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	RESERVOIR 4606-2
DELHI CWD	FULL PERMIT	NEW SOURCE WELL 6A
EL CENTRO, CITY OF	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	Switch coagulant to ACH
FARMERSVILLE, CITY OF	FULL PERMIT	Update 2022-PERM REVISIONS
GALT, CITY OF	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	WELL 14 ACTIVE TO STANDBY WELL 19 ACTIVE TO INACTIVE WELL 15 ACTIVE TO INACTIVE WELL 17 ACTIVE TO STANDBY
GOLDEN STATE WC - COWAN HEIGHTS	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	FAIRHAVEN WELL 3 AND ASSOCIATED CHLORINE DISINFECTION FACILITY
HOPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	FULL PERMIT	2022-PERMIT UPDATES
KNIGHTS LANDING SVC. DIST.	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	ACTIVE TO STANDBY FOR THIRD STREET WELL
LA PUENTE VALLEY CWD	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	REVISED STARTUP PLAN FOR PVOU IZ TREATMENT PLANT
LACTALIS HERITAGE DAIRY	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	NEW OWNERSHIP
LAKE OF THE WOODS MWC	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	CHANGE WELL 02 TO ACTIVE; OPERATE WELL 06; ADDITION OF WELL 07; WELL 03 INACTIVE; REDRILL WELL 05 FOR MORE CAPACITY; BLEND WATER FROM WELLS 01,02, AND 07 TO REDUCE NITRATE & FLOURIDE CONCENTRATION
LOS ANGELES CWWD 40, REG 4 & 34-LANCASTER	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	TERMINATE ARSENIC BLENDING & WELLS 4-74, 4-80, 4-26 STATUS CHANGES
LOS ANGELES-CITY, DEPT. OF WATER & POWER	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	UV DISINFECTION OF LOS ANGELES RESERVOIR EFFLUENT

MENLO PARK MUNICIPAL WATER	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	CORP YARD WELL AND CHLORAMINATION
PORTERVILLE, CITY OF	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	USE OF WELL C-35 AND EAST PORTERVILLE TANK 2 STORAGE TANK
SERA FINA CELLARS	FULL PERMIT	2022 FULL PERMIT
SIERRA SUNRISE DBA TERRA D'ORO/MONTEVINA	FULL PERMIT	2022 FULL PERMIT
ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER	FULL PERMIT	2022 FULL PERMIT
ST. HELENA, CITY OF	FULL PERMIT	2022 FULL PERMIT
THE MERCANTILE	FULL PERMIT	2022 FULL PERMIT
U.S. ARMY CORPS-LAKE MENDO (KYEN CMPGRD)	PERMIT AMENDMENTS	CHANGE IN CLASSIFICATION
VOLCANO COMMUNITY SERVICE DIST	FULL PERMIT	2022 FULL PERMIT

### **Violations & Enforcement actions**

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

The following enforcement actions were documented from February 1 and February 28, 2022.

Water System	Violation	Contaminant or Rule
99 PALMS INN AND SUITES	Monitoring	RTCR
AKIN WATER CO	Monitoring	COLIFORM
ALEGRIA DOMESTIC MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	NITRATE
ALHATTI CHRISTIAN MOUNTAIN RES	Monitoring	NITRITE
ANDREW MURRAY VINEYARD	Monitoring	NITRITE
BAKER RANCH WATER CORP	Monitoring	RTCR

BENITO VALLEY FARMS	Monitoring	NITRATE
BENITO VALLEY FARMS	Other	OPERATING WITHOUT A VALID PWS PERMIT
BEST ROAD MWC	Monitoring	HAA5
BEST ROAD MWC	Monitoring	TTHM
BETABEL RV RESORT	Monitoring	NITRATE
BETTER COOLING PRODUCE	Monitoring	NITRATE
BETTERAVIA GAS & MART	Monitoring	NITRITE
BIG B TRAVEL CENTER 2	MCL	NITRATE
BLACK CHASM CAVERN	Monitoring	NITRITE
BLUE GUM MOTEL	Monitoring	RTCR
BLYTHE - HIDDEN BEACHES	Monitoring	HAA5
BLYTHE - HIDDEN BEACHES	Monitoring	TTHM
BLYTHE - MESA RANCH	Monitoring	HAA5
BLYTHE - MESA RANCH	Monitoring	TTHM
BRAVO FARMS TRAVER	Monitoring	NITRATE
BSA-CAMP WHITSETT	Monitoring	NITRATE
BUCKEYE TREE LODGE	Monitoring	NITRATE
CALIFORNIA HOT SPRINGS WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	NITRATE
CALTRANS - MOUNTAIN PASS JPOE CVEF	Monitoring	NITRATE
CAMP CEDAR FALLS	Monitoring	RTCR
CAMP PENDLETON (NORTH)	Reporting	RTCR
CENTRAL CAMP WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	NITRATE
CHINO, CITY OF	Monitoring	LCR
CINNABAR THEATER	Monitoring	RTCR
CIRCLE BAR B GUEST RANCH	Monitoring	NITRATE
CIRCLE V RANCH CAMP	Monitoring	NITRATE
CITY OF JACKSON	MCL	TTHM
CITY OF SANTA ANA	Reporting	RTCR
CLARKSBURG COMM CHURCH	Monitoring	NITRATE
COLD SPRING TAVERN	Monitoring	NITRATE

COLUSA CO. SERVICE AREA #2-STONYFORD	Monitoring	SWTR
COMFORT INN	Monitoring	NITRATE
DI GIORGIO SCHOOL WATER SYSTEM	MCL	1,2,3 TCP
DI GIORGIO SCHOOL WATER SYSTEM	MCL	ARSENIC
DUTCH FLAT MUTUAL	MCL	HAA5
EAGLE'S NEST RESORT	Monitoring	NITRATE
EAST ACRES MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	NITRATE
EASTERN SIERRA REGIONAL AIRPORT	Monitoring	NITRATE
EMERALD COVE CAMP	Monitoring	NITRITE
EVERYBODY'S INN	Monitoring	RTCR
EXTRA MART	Treatment Technique	NITRATE
FAR HORIZONS CAMP	Monitoring	NITRATE
FAR HORIZONS CAMP	Monitoring	RTCR
FOREST PARK MWC	Monitoring	RTCR
FOSTER ROAD MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	NITRATE
GARDEN FARMS C.W.D.	Monitoring	NITRATE
GRIZZLY LAKE CSD-CROCKER/WELCH	Monitoring	RTCR
GRUMPY BEARS RETREAT	Monitoring	NITRATE
HEATHER GLEN COMMUNITY SERVICE DIST	MCL	HAA5
HELLWIG PRODUCTS CO INC	Monitoring	NITRATE
HERINGER ESTATES WINERY	Monitoring	NITRATE
HIDDEN FALLS GIRL SCOUT CAMP	Monitoring	NITRATE
HUNGRY GULCH MWC	Monitoring	NITRATE
IMERY'S FILTRATION MINERALS, INC	Monitoring	NITRATE
JACK RANCH CAFE	Monitoring	NITRATE
JALAMA BEACH PARK	Monitoring	NITRATE
JOHN HOVANNISIAN WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	TURBIDITY

LA PURISIMA GOLF COURSE	Monitoring	NITRATE
LAKE ALPINE WATER COMPANY	MCL	HAA5
LAS CUMBRES MUTUAL WATER CO	Monitoring	INORGANIC CHEMICALS
LAS CUMBRES MUTUAL WATER CO	Monitoring	TURBIDITY
LAS POSITAS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	NITRATE
LIBERTY UTILITIES (AV RANCHOS) CORP.	Monitoring	NITRATE
LINNELL FARM LABOR CENTER	Monitoring	RTCR
LINNELL FARM LABOR CENTER	Other	OPERATOR CERTIFICATION LEVEL
LITTLE POTATO SLOUGH MUTUAL	MCL	TTHM
LO-FI WINERY	Monitoring	NITRATE
LOS PRIETOS COMPLEX	Monitoring	NITRATE
LOS PRIETOS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	NITRATE
LOWER SPRINGS WATER CO	Monitoring	NITRATE
MANNY WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	COLIFORM
MANNY WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	NITRATE
MARTIAN RANCH & VINEYARD	Monitoring	NITRATE
MARTINS BEACH WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	NITRATE
MD 42 STILL MEADOW	Monitoring	ARSENIC
MD 46 AHWAHNEE RESORTS	Monitoring	VOLATILE ORGANIC CHEMICALS
MONSON WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	NITRATE
MONTECITO SEQUOIA LODGE	Monitoring	NITRATE
MOUNT WHITNEY FISH HATCHERY	Monitoring	NITRATE
MOUNT WHITNEY FISH HATCHERY	Monitoring	RTCR
NOJOQUI FALLS COUNTY PARK	Monitoring	NITRATE

NORTH ECHO SUMMIT WATER ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	NITRATE-NITRITE
OAK TRAIL ESTATES	Monitoring	NITRATE
OAKHURST CHRISTIAN CONF CENTER	Monitoring	NITRATE
OPHIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	PERCHLORATE
PACKWOOD SCHOOL	MCL	NITRATE
PAINTED CAVE	Monitoring	NITRATE
PARADISE CANYON IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	NITRATE
PEARSONVILLE WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	RTCR
PENCE VINEYARDS	Monitoring	NITRATE
PFFJ, LLC	MCL	ARSENIC
POZO SALOON	Monitoring	NITRATE
PYRAMID CREEK TRAILHEAD	Monitoring	NITRATE-NITRITE
QUADY RESIDENCE AND WNERY	MCL	1,2,3 TCP
RANCHO ALEGRE	Monitoring	NITRATE
RESOURCE CENTER	Monitoring	NITRATE
RINCONADA TRAILER PARK	Monitoring	NITRATE
RIVERBENCH WINERY	Monitoring	NITRATE
ROLLIN WAGON TRAILER CLUB	Monitoring	NITRATE
ROLLIN WAGON TRAILER CLUB	Monitoring	NITRITE
ROLLING GREEN UTILITIES, INC.	Monitoring	NITRATE
RUSACK VINEYARDS	Monitoring	NITRATE
SALINAS VALLEY STATE PRISON	Monitoring	HAA5
SALINAS VALLEY STATE PRISON	Monitoring	TTHM
SAN GREGORIO COMPANY	Monitoring	NITRATE
SANTA MARGARITA KOA	Monitoring	NITRATE
SCHELBY SCHOOL	MCL	1,2,3 TCP
SEQUOIA CIDER MILL	Monitoring	NITRATE
SEQUOIA MOTEL	Monitoring	NITRATE



SEQUOIA RV RANCH	Monitoring	NITRATE
SEQUOIA VILLAGE INN	Monitoring	NITRATE
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CAMP	Monitoring	RTCR
SIERRA BUSINESS PARK OWNER'S ASSOCIATION	Monitoring	NITRATE
SIERRA PINES CAMP	Monitoring	NITRATE-NITRITE
SIERRA TAHOE GRANDVIEW	Monitoring	NITRATE-NITRITE
SIERRA TAHOE WEST BOWL	Monitoring	NITRATE-NITRITE
SKYLINE PARK	Monitoring	NITRATE
SOUTH CLOVERDALE WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	LCR
STONY CREEK LODGE	Monitoring	NITRATE
SUNSET DRIVE-IN SNACK BAR	MCL	E. COLI
TECOPA PALMS RV PARK	Monitoring	NITRATE
TEVISTON CSD	Monitoring	RTCR
THE HILT ESTATE	Monitoring	NITRATE
TOCA MADERA WINERY	Monitoring	NITRATE
TOCA MADERA WINERY	Monitoring	NITRITE
TRACT 180 MUTUAL WATER CO.	Monitoring	CHLORINE
UNION HEIGHTS MWC	Monitoring	NITRATE
VENTUCOPA	Monitoring	NITRATE
VIEJA MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	NITRATE
VISTA DE LAS CRUCES	Monitoring	FLUORIDE
VISTA DE LAS CRUCES	Monitoring	LCR
WALKING M RANCHES	Monitoring	NITRATE
WARNER SPRINGS ESTATES	Monitoring	RTCR
WESPAK, INC.	MCL	NITRATE
WHITE HORSE INN	Monitoring	RTCR
WHITE HORSE INN	Other	OPERATOR CERTIFICATION LEVEL
WILDWOOD RETREAT	Monitoring	RTCR
WOODVILLE FARM LABOR CENTER	Monitoring	RTCR

WOODVILLE FARM LABOR CENTER	Other	OPERATOR CERTIFICATION LEVEL
YOSEMITE BIBLE CAMP	Monitoring	NITRATE
ZACA MESA WINERY	Monitoring	NITRATE
<b>Total Violations</b>	<b>147</b>	

**Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP)**  
**Accreditation Activities**

<b>ELAP ACCREDITATIONS ISSUED</b>		
	<b>February 2022</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
New Accreditations	2	3
Renewed Accreditations	27	69
Reciprocity Accreditations	3	13
Amended Accreditations	5	16
Total	37	101

**ELTAC Subcommittee on Method Selection for Regulatory Testing**

ELAP’s advisory committee, ELTAC, created a subcommittee in January of 2021 to develop guidance on how laboratory methods should be developed and what criteria California’s regulatory agencies should consider when selecting laboratory methods to utilize for their regulatory programs. The subcommittee will publish a draft copy to ELAP’s website before the next meeting in 2022.

**DDW & DWQ PFAS Strategy Team**

ELAP staff continues to regularly participate in the multi-divisional strategy team for regulation of PFAS. ELAP now offers two U.S. EPA methods for analysis of PFAS in drinking water, EPA 537.1 and EPA 533, and continues to offer accreditation to the DoD Quality Systems Manual version 5.1 (or newer). The last meeting discussed the U.S. EPA draft method 1633, and how best to approach this method. The discussion is ongoing.

## Roadmap to ELAP Accreditation

ELAP continues to support laboratories in transitioning to new regulatory requirements through a compliance assistance initiative, the Roadmap to ELAP Accreditation, including one-on-one Transition Appointments with individual laboratories to answer questions and help them create a plan. Laboratories may request an appointment by emailing ELAP's general email inbox.

The final sessions of the free TNI Documentation Workshops will be provided in March 2022. The virtual workshop is broken into four parts over the course of two days with a maximum of 30 attendees per class. The workshop includes an introductory course about the TNI Standard and its requirements. The workshop provides fillable templates for policies and procedures, an extensive document describing the requirements, explanations, and context for key areas of the Standard, examples of policies and procedures, a quick-look job aid identifying where policies, procedures, and records that participants can use as a checklist to ensure they comply with the standard. A final recording of the meeting will be posted to the ELAP website.

## ELAP Annual Laboratory Conference

ELAP announced it will host its second annual virtual conference for accredited laboratories May 31-June 3, 2022. The conference, whose theme is "Raising the Tide", will be focused on continuous improvement in an ever-evolving laboratory industry. The first day will feature programming by the California Society of Environmental Analysts (CSEA) designed collaboratively to advance laboratory analysts and highlight their work. Information will be posted to the [ELAPCon webpage](#) as it becomes available.

## DDW-SAFER

### The SAFER Clearinghouse Summary Results for February 2022 (on 3/1/2022)

Summary Results			
HR2W Systems	368*	Removed HR2W Systems	2

### Water Systems Removed from the HR2W List February 2022

PWS ID	System Name	Date	County	Pop	Notes
1400155	CONTROL GORGE POWER PLANT	2/21/2022	Inyo	32	Disinfection byproduct levels decreased
4900644	BRIDGEHAVEN PARK	2/21/2022	Sonoma	70	RAA for DBP below MCL -in compliance

**Water Systems Added to the HR2W List in February 2022**

<b>PWS ID</b>	<b>System Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Pop.</b>	<b>Notes</b>
0210001	LAKE ALPINE WATER COMPANY	2/28/2022	Alpine	625	MCL, HAA5 Violations
0310001	CITY OF JACKSON	2/28/2022	Amador	4686	MCL, LRAA (TTHM)
1502068	DI GIORGIO SCHOOL WATER SYSTEM	2/7/2022	Kern	232	1,2,3-TCP, ARSENIC Violations
2400113	SCHELBY SCHOOL	2/14/2022	Merced	290	1,2,3-TCP, MCL Violations
2700579	ELKHORN RD WS #04	2/14/2022	Monterey	60	1,2,3-TCP, MCL Violations
3000767	HOUSTON AVE WATER ASSOCIATION	2/21/2022	Orange	25	Operating a PWS without a Permit
3100038	HEATHER GLEN COMMUNITY SERVICE DIST	2/7/2022	Placer	250	MCL, HAA5 Violations
3910022	LITTLE POTATO SLOUGH MUTUAL	2/21/2022	San Joaquin	950	MCL, LRAA (TTHM)
4400621	RIVER GROVE MUTUAL WATER ASSN	2/7/2022	Santa Cruz	54	MONTHLY COMB FLTR EFFLUENT (IESWTR/LT1)
5400850	PACKWOOD SCHOOL	2/14/2022	Tulare	105	MCL NITRATE Violations
5400875	VILLAGE APARTMENTS	2/7/2022	Tulare	25	Monitoring, NITRATE Violations
5700555	BONFIRE VILLAGE HOTEL	2/7/2022	Yolo	44	MCL NITRATE Violations

\*Table note: Wespak, Inc. was removed from the HR2W count due to incorrect entry of the system as serving a daycare facility.

**Water Partnership Workshop Virtual Events**

There were two (2) partnership outreach workshops for the month of February.

- 2/16/2022, Fort Bragg, Ukiah Valley (Mendocino)
- 2/23/2022, San Bernardino County

Upcoming workshops can be found at the website below:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/certlic/drinkingwater/wpc\\_events.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/wpc_events.html)

### **Partnership Outreach Letters**

In February, the SAFER Engagement Units sent out approximately 113 letters to public water systems and/or state small water systems inviting them to the workshops and/or recommending that they investigate partnerships and consolidation.

### **Completed Consolidations Summary**

The following water system consolidation was completed during February 2021.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Pop.</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Grant High School	NTNC	1,400	Sacramento	Consolidating with City of Sacramento

## **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 2022-23 fees:  
March 8 – Water Quality and Water Rights and March 9 – Drinking Water and ELAP.

## **OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT**

### **Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaints Issued:**

No ACL Complaints were issued in February 2022.

### **ACL Orders Issued:**

No ACL Orders were issued in February 2022.

### **Investigative Orders**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Discharger/City</b>	<b>Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>
3	Volny Investment Company/ San Luis Obispo	Requires the submittal of a workplan for conducting indoor air sampling in conjunction with soil gas sampling at the site former known as Aerovista Park by April 29, 2022.	2/17/2022

4	Howmet Aerospace, Inc./ Los Angeles	Investigative Order No. R4-2022-0029 requires the submittal of technical reports for the subsurface investigation, vapor intrusion and indoor air assessment and evaluation of human health risks at the school property of Vanguard Learning Center, located at 13305 San Pedro Street in Los Angeles.	2/3/2022
4	BGN Fremont Square LTD/ Oxnard	Approval of the request for 90 Day Extension to Submit Additional Subsurface Investigation Report with Workplan for the former Fremont Cleaners property located at 690 Ventura Road in Oxnard.	2/3/2022
4	Greenberg Glusker Fields Claman & Machtinger LLC/ Gardena	Approval of the request for extension from January 15, 2022 to January 31, 2022, to submit the second half 2021 groundwater monitoring and groundwater/soil-vapor extraction system operations report for the former Anco Plating Facility located at 417 West 164 <sup>th</sup> Street in Gardena.	2/3/2022
4	Hospitality Group LLC/ Long Beach	Requirement to submit a revised Semi-Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report for the Former Twelve Strike Site located at 1227-1301 Artesia Boulevard in Long Beach.	2/3/2022
4	Joseph La Fountain Trust/ Vernon	Requirement to submit a work plan for further assessment by May 6, 2022 for Joe's Plastics located at 5717-5801 District Boulevard in Vernon.	2/4/2022
4	Hospitality Group LLC/ Long Beach	Approval of extension request from January 31, 2022 to April 30, 2022 to submit the additional subsurface investigation report for the Former Twelve Strike Site located at 1227-1301 Artesia Boulevard in Long Beach.	2/8/2022
4	Former Angelus Sanitary Can Machine Company/ Vernon	Approval of request for extension of the due date for the submittal of the groundwater monitoring well installation report from November 26, 2021 to April 15, 2022 for the Whole Foods Refrigerated Distribution Facility (former Angelus Sanitary Can Machine Company) located at 4900/5000 Pacific Boulevard in Vernon.	2/8/2022
4	J.B. French Dry Cleaners, LLC et al./ Los Angeles	Enclosed is Order No. R4-2021-0116R with a revised due date for the work plan for site assessment and description of vapor intrusion mitigation measures at the property located at 6040 W. Jefferson Boulevard in Los Angeles.	2/9/2022

4	Chromplate Company, Inc./ Inglewood	Based on the investigation results and the above comments, requires additional sampling pursuant to a State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ 2019-0045-DWQ for the property located at 1127 West Hillcrest Boulevard in Inglewood.	2/15/2022
4	Tedesco Leasing Partnership et al./ South Gate	Conditional approval of the Work Plan for the Installation of Additional B-Zone Groundwater Monitoring Well with an additional report due by July 1, 2022 for the former Mondo Chrome located at 4933 Firestone Boulevard in South Gate.	2/15/2022
4	Phillips 66 Company/ Wilmington	Approval of the proposed scope of work and requirement for a technical report summarizing the results of the Revised Work Plan implementation by submitted by August 31, 2022 for the Los Angeles Refinery Marine Terminal located at 8855 Pier A Street, Berths 148-152 Port of Los Angeles in Wilmington.	2/15/2022
4	Allfast Fastening Systems, Inc/ City of Industry	Based on the investigation results and the above comments, requires additional sampling pursuant to a State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ 2019-0045-DWQ for the property located at 15200 Don Julian Road in the City of Industry.	2/16/2022
4	Wilshire CenterCal, LLC/ Santa Monica	Requires the completion of a Chemical Storage and Use Questionnaire which provides information on past and/or present chemicals stored and used at the CenterCal Property located at 1921 - 1933 Wilshire Boulevard in Santa Monica.	2/16/2022
4	Cook Induction Heating Co., Inc. and CIH Management, LLC/ Maywood	Order No. R4-2022-0013 requires the submittal of a work plan for full assessment of the Site and delineating the extent of unauthorized waste discharge impacting drinking water wells within the City of Maywood. The property is located at 4925 Slauson Avenue in Maywood.	2/16/2022
4	G and A Rothman trust and H M Meskin Trust/ Santa Monica	Order No. R4-2022-0024 requires the submittal of a work plan for full assessment of the property and delineating the full extent of unauthorized waste discharge in soil, soil vapor, and groundwater for the House of Billiards located at 1901 & 1901A Wilshire Boulevard and 1143 19 <sup>th</sup> Street in Santa Monica.	2/16/2022

4	Hospitality Group LLC/ Long Beach	Requires the submittal of a work plan by May 15, 2022 with additional step-out soil vapor investigation in four specified areas in the Order for the Former Twelve Strike Site located at 1227-1301 Artesia Boulevard in Long Beach.	2/23/2022
4	JETSMD Properties, LLC/ Commerce	Denial of the request for the removal of JETSMD Properties, LLC from the 13267 Order No. R4-2021-0123 for the property located at 6510 E. Bandini Boulevard, Commerce.	2/23/2022
8	Sanmina Corporation/ Irvine	Conditional approval of the scope of work for the in situ chemical reduction (ISCR) pilot test for Irvine Towers located at 18500 Von Karman Avenue in Irvine.	2/9/2022

**13260 Orders**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Discharger/City</b>	<b>Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>
3	Pasatiempo Investments/ Santa Cruz County	Staff determined the discharges from The Inn at Pasatiempo are more appropriately regulated by State Water Quality Control Board adopted Order WQ 2014-0153-DWQ, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems, which provides regulatory coverage for wastewater systems with a monthly average flow rate of 100,000 gallons per day or less. Requires the submittal of the appropriate Notices of Intent.	2/9/2022
3	Monterey Dunes Colony Association/ Moss Landing	Staff determined the discharges from the Monterey Dunes Mutual Water Association are more appropriately regulated by State Water Quality Control Board adopted Order WQ 2014-0153-DWQ, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems, which provides regulatory coverage for wastewater systems with a monthly average flow rate of 100,000 gallons per day or less. Requires the submittal of the appropriate Notices of Intent.	2/24/2022



### Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10(c) Orders

Region	Discharger/City	Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required	Date Issued
1	Brian Schatzlein and Ian C. Hahm/ Fort Bragg	Unauthorized release from underground storage tanks (USTs) that were removed from the property located at 31070 Highway 20 in Fort Bragg. Requires responsible parties to conduct semi-annual groundwater monitoring and submit a groundwater monitoring report after each sampling event; and to submit a work plan to delineate the groundwater plume and to assess shallow on-site soils.	2/2/2022
4	5775 West Adams, LLC/ Los Angeles	Requires responsible party to continue the Groundwater Monitoring and Reporting Program and is required to submit the First Semiannual 2022 Groundwater Monitoring Report and include an isoconcentration map for ethylbenzene, naphthalene, TBA, PCE, and TCE.; and conduct site characterization and remediation for the former Ken's Automotive located at 5787 West Adams Boulevard in Los Angeles.	2/2/2022
4	Behrouz (Bob) Zaman c/o Matrix Collision Repair Facility/ Los Angeles	Denial of case closure request and requirement for additional investigation for Picasso Auto Body located at 8355 West 3rd Street in Los Angeles.	2/3/2022
4	Chevron Environmental Management Company/ Los Angeles	Approval of request for an extension to submit the Site Assessment Report by April 29, 2022 for the Chevron Site No. 306420 (former Unocal Station No. 457) located at 4005 West 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street in Los Angeles.	2/3/2022
4	Shell Oil Products US/ Paramount	Approval of request for an extension to April 1, 2022, to submit a technical report for the proposed mobile remediation event (MRE) for former Shell #204-5838-0605 located at 8455 Alondra Boulevard in Paramount.	2/3/2022
4	James Lee Service Center/ Los Angeles	Approval of implementation of the Remedial Action Plan for onsite dual phase extraction (DPE) and offsite free product recovery by manual bailing for the property located at 3950 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Los Angeles.	2/7/2022
4	Equilon Enterprises LLC dba Shell Oil Products US/ Los Angeles	Conditional approval of the Remedial Action Plan for an electrokinetic bioremediation pilot test for the former Shell station located at 3553 South La Brea Avenue in Los Angeles.	2/7/2022

4	Phillips 66 Company/ Los Angeles	Approval of extension request to submit the Site Assessment and Soil Vapor Report by April 18, 2022 for the Phillips 66 Site RMR 1101 (former 76 Station No. 981) located at 1004 South La Cienega Boulevard in Los Angeles.	2/10/2022
4	Rose Hills Memorial Park and Mortuary/ Whittier	Conditional approval of the Revised Remedial Action Plan for the Rose Hills Memorial Park located at 3888 Workman Mill Road in Whittier.	2/10/2022
4	City of Santa Monica/ Santa Monica	Conditional approval of the Work Plan for UST Soil Investigation for Santa Monica City Yards located at 2500 Michigan Avenue in Santa Monica.	2/18/2022
4	Chevron Environmental Management Company and Pacific Melrose LLC/ Los Angeles	Denial of request to reduce the analyte list to only three analytes; change in sample date to February 2022 from August 2022 for collecting the second round of vent riser sub-slab vapor samples; and acceptance of an extension for submittal of the vapor intrusion investigation report from March 15, 2022 to May 1, 2022 for the former Chevron #9-8304/Larchmont Lofts located at 5700 West Melrose Avenue in Los Angeles.	2/18/2022
7	McDonald's USA LLC/ Brawley	Requires the submittal of a work plan by March 15, 2022 for the McDonald's Restaurant (Site ID No. 40796) located at 105 West Main Street in Brawley.	2/1/2022
7	Jaco Oil Company/ Calipatria	Requires a corrective action plan be submitted by March 31, 2022 for the Calipatria Queen Market 7788, located at 101 East Main Street in Calipatria.	2/9/2022
7	Mann Company/ Brawley	Approval of the interim Remedial Action Plan and work plan for the property located at 1313 Main Street in Brawley.	2/18/2022

### Cleanup and Abatement Orders

Region	Discharger/City	Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required	Date Issued
2	Pacific Gas and Electric Company and Port of San Francisco/ San Francisco	Clean up and Abatement Order R2-2022-0008 contains site cleanup requirements for Pier 39 AND Pier 43½ to remove or manage sediment contaminated by PAHs from historical Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) operations.	2/9/2022

## Time Schedule Orders

Region	Discharger/City	Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required	Date Issued
2	Padre Dam Municipal Water District/ Santee	Time Schedule Order No. R9-2022-0014 establishes a schedule with due dates for the Discharger to complete design and construction of any required treatment facilities and control measures necessary to achieve compliance with final effluent limitations for MTBE and zinc.	2/11/2022

### Other Enforcement Actions Taken:

Region/Division	Actions Issued	Region/Division	Actions Issued
1	3	5S	22
2	3	6T	1
3	7	6V	0
4	13	7	0
5F	9	8	113
5R	5	9	3

## OFFICE OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS

### **bloomWatch App and Bloom Report Dashboard Now Available in Spanish:**

The Clean Water Team and the Freshwater and Estuarine Harmful Algal Bloom (FHAB) program reside in the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) in the OIMA. Our teams in OIMA work with a multiple apps and platforms that are used to collect and use citizen science data pertaining to water quality and specifically with FHAB issues and events. The Clean Water Team worked with the developers of the latest version of the [bloomWatch App](#) and [Bloom Report Dashboard](#) to allow users the option to toggle the language between English and Spanish. For more information, please see: [https://cyanos.org/bloomwatch/#bloomwatch\\_what\\_is](https://cyanos.org/bloomwatch/#bloomwatch_what_is).

### **March Is Water Data Month**

As part of this month, the College of Water Informatics, hosted by OIMA and the California Water Quality Monitoring Council, is sponsoring the “Viz-A-Day” campaign. A different visualization will be highlighted each day in March to celebrate the power of data communicated through graphics. See the [March is Water Data Month](#) website or follow [@CAWaterDataDive](#) on Twitter to see each day’s visualization.

## **OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Water Conservation**

The response rate for the January 2022 Urban Water Conservation Report is 91% as of the writing of this report (377 reports submitted). Of the submitted reports, 327 of the reports provide final production numbers, while 50 of the reports indicate that the production data is preliminary. 153 out of 377 reports (41%) indicate that the reporter's water agency is experiencing a shortage greater than 10% of the agency's water supply. January 2022 conservation results will be presented at the March 15, 2022 Board Meeting.

We received 436 water waste reports through the [Save Water](#) site.

The January 2022 [drought water conservation emergency regulation](#) FAQ has been [updated](#) and translated into [Spanish](#).

### **COVID-19**

The water shutoff reporting site received 12 reports for the month of February 2022.

### **Water Loss Performance Standards**

A 45-day public comment period for the proposed water loss regulation ran from December 24, 2021, to February 11, 2022. The State Water Board received approximately 100 comments by the February 11 deadline. Staff have reviewed all comments and will develop responses and propose changes to the regulatory text in the coming months.

### **Climate Change**

Staff presented on Water Boards sea level rise and water quality initiatives at the U.S. EPA Region 9 and Department of Toxic Substances Control coordination meeting. Staff is also supporting [Calrecycle to evaluate grant applications for wastewater co-digestion projects](#).

## IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM UPDATE

February 2022

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 from January 15, 2022 to February 15, 2022; and the North Coast, San Francisco Bay, Central Coast, Los Angeles, Lahontan, Colorado River Basin, Santa Ana, and San Diego Regional Water Boards from December 15, 2021 to February 15, 2022. Next month's report will present activities of the Central Valley Water Board's program activities and cover the time-period from November 15, 2021 to January 15, 2022.

**State Water Board** staff hosted the quarterly program roundtable on January 20, 2022. Topics included updates from regional program staff, California Department of Food and Agriculture Fertilizer Research and Education Program staff, and other related state programs. In addition, the use and future needs of the GeoTracker database was discussed.

Staff also participated in the AgTED talk on January 20, 2022. Industry leaders and stakeholders discussed a multitude of agricultural topics, including focus on how technology and improved coordination can streamline requirements and improve efficient reporting for agriculture in the state of California.

**San Francisco Regional Water Board** staff is working with the Sonoma and Napa Farm Bureaus to support group invoicing efforts. The invoicing fulfils the annual fee requirements and the group monitoring requirement for the subset of properties without a Tier 1 Farm Plan.

Refinement of the invoicing data in the last quarter of 2021 reduced the number of invoice adjustments compared to previous years. Updating enrollment information still needs to be completed as enrollees become aware of out-of-date information. Staff is working with the Farm Bureaus to plan a closeout of the fee cycles group invoicing.

Reorganization of the unit handling the Vineyard Program will soon allow more staff to cross-train in agricultural programs and increase opportunities to meet stakeholder needs and preform programmatic tasks such as inspections.

**Los Angeles Regional Water Board's** existing Conditional Waiver for Discharges from Irrigated Lands (Order No. R4-2021-0045) that temporarily extended the expiration date of Order No. R4-2016-0143 will expire after April 14, 2022. Staff plans to bring to the Board at the April meeting an Addendum to Order No. R4-2021-0045 extending the expiration of the current Conditional Waiver to December 31, 2022.

Staff met with representatives from Ventura County Agricultural Irrigated Lands Group (VCAILG), Nursery Growers Association's Los Angeles Irrigated Lands Group (NGA-LAILG), and consultants to discuss administrative changes, individual monitoring

requirements and the alternatives proposed by VCAILG, and the incorporation of precedential requirements from Order WQ 2018-0002 (ESJ Order) in the upcoming WDR.

Staff also met with the Central Valley Regional Board program staff to discuss how certain ESJ Order requirements can be applied to nurseries.

**San Diego Regional Water Board** Region's Frog Environmental Group dissolved their participation as a Third-Party Group on December 31, 2021. San Diego Water Board staff transferred 22 out of 154 growers who were members of Frog Environmental Group to the Upper Santa Margarita Irrigated Lands Group (USMILG). San Diego Water Board staff continue to work on transferring the remaining growers from Frog Environmental Group, and the three remaining growers from the dissolved De Luz Third-Party Group to another Third-Party Group.

The San Diego Region Irrigated Lands Group (SDRILG) submitted a Water Quality Restoration Plan (WQRP) on November 7, 2021. San Diego Water Board staff reviewed the WQRP and requested in a comment letter dated February 3, 2022, that the WQRP be modified and resubmitted.

The County of San Diego Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures staff notified San Diego Water Board staff of 14 commercial agricultural sites not enrolled in either of the General Agricultural Orders. San Diego Water Board staff is drafting letters directing these growers to enroll in the General Agricultural Orders. In addition, the San Diego Water Board staff is working with San Diego County Water Authority staff to identify other non-filers.

San Diego Water Board staff is planning future inspections at nurseries to assess compliance with the General Agricultural Orders.

There are no significant program updates reported in the **North Coast, Central Coast, Lahontan, Colorado River Basin**, and **Santa Ana Regions** from December 15, 2021 to February 15, 2022.