
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY OF SONOMA AS A FULL-SCOPE ADMINISTRATOR To the West Water Company Public Water System

This notice is to inform you that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is considering appointing the County of Sonoma as a full-scope administrator to the West Water Company public water system to take over full management control of the system. It is anticipated that the full-scope administrator will remain in place until physical improvements to the water system infrastructure are completed and the SWRCB orders the County of Sonoma to consolidate the West Water Company public water system into Sonoma County CSD 41. This public notice is a requirement of the administrator appointment process. The public can submit questions and comments through October 1, 2024.

Background

From the years 2018 to 2020, West Water Company was issued citations and a compliance order addressing insufficient storage capacity and the inability to meet the maximum daily demand. As of now, West Water Company is identified as an at-risk system. The County of Sonoma owns and operates five small public water systems and has been operating the West Water Company public water system since late 2019 through its contractor Russian River Utility. The SWRCB has determined that the County of Sonoma is fully qualified to act as a full-scope administrator.

Scope of Appointment and Services Provided

This proposed administrator will be a Full-Scope Administrator as defined in the Administrator Policy Handbook available online at <https://bit.ly/SAFER-Administrator>.

Conflict of Interest

To date, no conflict of interest has been found by the State Water Board or reported by the County of Sonoma. If at any time a proposed action would create a conflict of interest, an administrator is required to provide written notice to the State Water Board in addition to all ratepayers, renters and property owners, who receive water service from the designated water system 30 days prior to taking the action.

If you have comments or questions concerning the appointment of the County of Sonoma as the full-scope administrator for the West Water Company public water system, please submit them by October 1, 2024 to:

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