

Lanare Community Services District

Public Meeting
6:00 pm

We will begin soon

Lanare CSD Public Meeting

October 19, 2026
6:00 p.m.





Water Board's Mission Statement

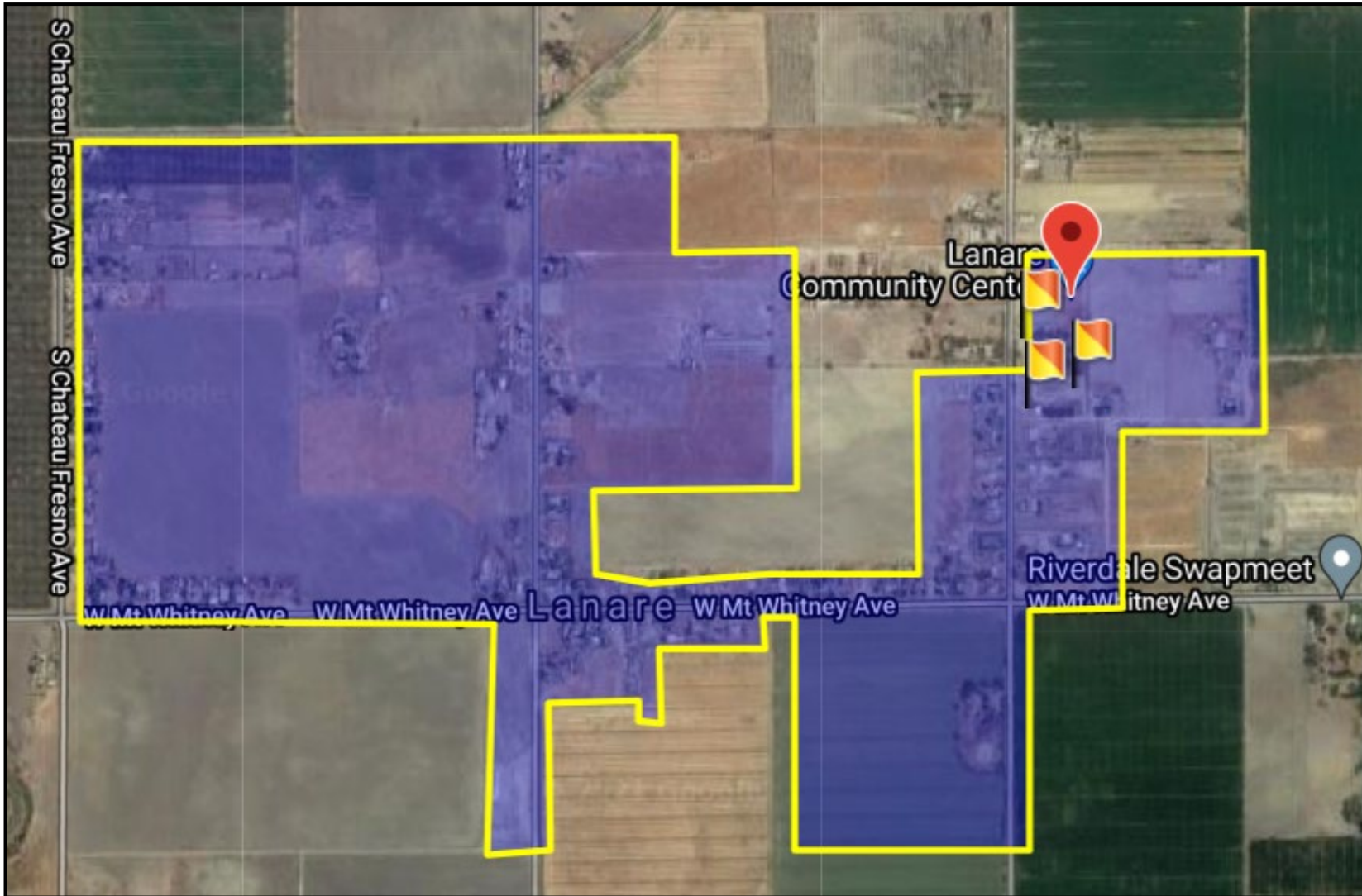
Preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources and drinking water for the protection of the environment, public health, and all beneficial uses, and to ensure proper water resource allocation and efficient use, for the benefit of present and future generations.

Meeting Agenda

- Background of Lanare CSD
- Overview of Administrator Appointment
- Potential Administrator and Scope of Work
- Community Involvement
- Next Steps
- Public Comments/Questions



Lanare CSD Service Boundary



Background of Lanare CSD

- Lanare CSD has operated under court-appointed receivership since August 2010 due to lack of technical, managerial, and financial capacity.
- The receiver, Cal Water Services LLC, ended their receivership appointment at the end of September.
- Lanare CSD has struggled to fill the five-member board seats
- Lanare CSD currently has 1 active well and 2 standby wells
- On July 24, 2026, a compliance order was issued for violation of the benzene MCL.
- Assigned TA provider: Self Help Enterprises

Proposed Administrator for Lanare CSD

Why is the State Board Taking This Action?

- Physical Deficiencies
 - Emergency Repair Costs
 - Water Quality Issues
 - Managerial Issues
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- **State Board has determined that Lanare CSD cannot reliably provide safe and affordable water to its customers.**



What is an Administrator?

- A person or entity who is appointed and/or authorized to exercise total and complete managerial control (Full-Scope) or for a specific purpose (Limited-Scope) over a designated water system
 - Shall have all necessary licenses and certifications for scope of appointment
 - Shall have sufficient experience for scope of appointment
 - Shall be subject to a background check





ADMINISTRATORS



Administrator Authority

- **Applicability:**
 - A public water system or state small water system that serves a disadvantaged community and that the state board finds consistently fails to provide an adequate supply of affordable, safe drinking water.
- **Policy Handbook:**
 - https://bit.ly/Admin_Policy_Handbook_2025

Administrator Appointment Process



Potential Administrator Lanare CSD

Service Responsiveness Teamwork (SRT) Consultants

Qualifying experience:

- Working with small water systems
- Collaborating with water utility teams
- Managing state-funded grants
- Developing long-term relationships with local regulators
- Engineering expertise
- Conflict of Interest: None Identified

Scope of Work and Goals

The Administrator will:

- Take full administrative and managerial control of the water system
- Help address compliance issues
- Address financial limitations of the water system and apply to the State Water Board for the funding to make the necessary improvements to the water system
- Keep customers informed of the consolidation and improvement project status on a regular basis



Community Accountability and Engagement Plan

- Administrator develops within 120 days
- Public meetings at least once every three (3) months
 - Provide 10-day notice
 - Opportunity for public comment
- Community involvement
- Public access to records



Post-Administrator Drinking Water Service Plan

1. **Identify** and evaluate technical, managerial, and financial issues
2. **Plan** to address technical, managerial, and financial issues
3. **Identify** and evaluate potential significant future issues
4. **Identify** needed resources
5. **Evaluate** governance feasibility
6. **Evaluate** feasibility of connecting to or consolidating with another system



Administrator Funding

State Water Board will be responsible for:

- Salary and benefits for Administrator
- Administrative costs attributed solely to Administrator
- Legal, accounting and other similar managerial fees

Funding may be available for:

- Planning and construction projects
- Ongoing operation and maintenance costs

Stakeholder and Community Input



Any ratepayer, renter, or property owner who receives water from a designated system that receives services from an Administrator may submit a petition to the State Water Board for the reversal or modification of a decision of an Administrator or substitution of the Administrator.



A petition seeking modification or reversal of an Administrator decision must be received by the State Water Board within 30 days of the date of the Administrator's decision. A petition seeking substitution of an Administrator may be submitted at any time.



State Board will review and act on the petition



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Public Comments/Questions

Next Steps and Closing

Next Steps

- Administrator FAQ – the Water Board website: bit.ly/SAFER_Administrators
- **The Public Comment deadline is October 26, 2026**
- Written comments and questions are addressed by mail, email or phone:
 - ❖ DDW, SAFER Unit, State Water Resources Control Board
265 W Bullard Avenue Suite 101 Fresno, Ca 93704
 - ❖ SAFER@waterboards.ca.gov
 - ❖ Phone: 559-447-3395



Thank you!

Contact us!

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