
State Water Resources Control Board

September 12, 2022: State Board Liaison Report

Statewide Restoration General Order Adopted

- At the August 16 [board meeting](#), the state board adopted the Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements for Restoration Projects Statewide (Statewide Restoration General Order). Visit the [program page](#) for more information.

Proposed Statewide Construction Stormwater General Permit Reissuance

- On August 9, state board staff held a [public workshop](#) to provide an overview of the proposed permit.
- On September 8, the state board [adopted](#) the proposed Statewide Construction Stormwater General Permit Reissuance. See additional information on the [program webpage](#).

2022 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) IUP

- The state board will accept public comments [on the draft SFY 2022-23 CWSRF and DWSRF IUPs and Supplemental IUPs](#) until 12:00 noon on September 23, 2022. See the [program page](#) for more information.
- On September 7 the state board will hold [a board workshop](#) to provide an overview of the CWSRF IUP and DWSRF IUP with Supplemental IUPs and receive public input regarding the draft IUPs, and they will consider adoption on October 3.

Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Renewal

- On September 16 [staff will release](#) the Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation & Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS Policy or Policy) for public comment. The deadline for written comments will be November 1.
- The state board will [hold a hearing](#) on October 18 to receive oral public comments.

Microplastics Handbook

- During the September 7 [board meeting](#), the state board adopted a policy handbook establishing a standard method of testing and reporting of microplastics in drinking water.

Hydrology and Urban Conservation Update

- Statewide [water use dropped](#) in July by 10.4% relative to July 2020, as state conservation actions continued to take hold and build momentum toward greater water savings.
- September 7 media release: [July 2022 urban water use 10.4% lower than in July 2020](#)

- Monthly (July 2022) and cumulative savings by hydrologic region were as follows:
 - North Coast: -28.5% (-14.7% cumulative)
 - San Francisco Bay: -17.3% (-9.7% cumulative)
 - South Lahontan: -16.1% (-3.7% cumulative)
 - Sacramento River: -12.4% (-6.1% cumulative)
 - San Joaquin River: -8.9% (-3.2% cumulative)
 - South Coast: -8.6% (-1.3% cumulative)
 - North Lahontan: -7.9% (-9.1% cumulative)
 - Tulare Lake: -7.1% (-1.9% cumulative)
 - Central Coast: -6.8% (-2.5% cumulative)
 - Colorado River: -5.6% (+0.9% cumulative)
- For 108 water suppliers serving 17% of the state, or 6.7 million residents, July 2022 water use dropped at least 15% relative to July 2020.
- The next water conservation update will be released at the [October 18 state board meeting](#).

Other Drinking Water Updates

- SAFER Affordability Workshop 1. Staff held a [public webinar](#) on August 11 on the drinking water Affordability Assessment. A [second workshop will be held](#) on September 20, and a third on November 1. See the [program page](#) for more information.
- On September 9, the SAFER Advisory Group will hold [its third meeting](#) of 2022. A quorum of State Water Resources Control Board members may be present, but no action will be taken.

Emergency Regulations

- **Mill and Deer Creeks**
 - On August 17, the [state board readopted](#) the emergency drought regulation for Mill and Deer Creeks
 - This decision is the State Water Board's fourth and final readoption of an emergency curtailment regulation this year, following those for the Russian River, Scott-Shasta and Delta watersheds, which were approved over the past three months.

Curtailment Status

You can see the current curtailments status for the [Russian River](#), [Delta](#), [Scott/Shasta](#) anytime.

- **Delta**
 - On August 12, the Office of Administrative Law [approved the Emergency Regulation](#).
- **Shasta Enforcement Action**
 - [State Water Board takes enforcement actions against Shasta River Water Association for illegal diversions](#)
 - [Shasta River Water Association Draft Cease and Desist Order August 19, 2022; Notice of Violation August 18, 2022](#)

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