

# State Water Resources Control Board November 17, 2020 – Item 7 Executive Director’s Report

## DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

**Amendment to the Once-Through Cooling Policy:** State Water Board staff transmitted the administrative record for the amendment to the Water Quality Control Policy on the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling (or Once-Through Cooling Policy) to the Office of Administrative Law on October 14, 2020. The amendment to the Once-Through Cooling Policy was adopted on September 1, 2020, and extended the compliance dates for Alamitos, Huntington Beach, Redondo Beach, and Ormond Beach generating stations to ensure grid reliability, and revised the compliance dates for Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.

**PFAS Sampling for Military Owned Drinking Water Wells and Water Systems:** The State Water Board’s Division of Water Quality (DWQ) and Division of Drinking Water (DDW) are working closely with the Department of Defense (DoD) on identifying and sampling of appropriate municipal supply drinking water wells and drinking water systems that may be at risk to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination from historic military operations. In March 2020, the DoD began implementation of their Per – and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Sampling of Department of Defense Drinking Water Systems Memorandum (PFAS DoD Memo). This memorandum identified requirements for PFAS drinking water sampling on military installations where the DoD is the drinking water purveyor. The memorandum also states that they will comply with state requirements and analyze samples by the newer U.S. EPA Method 537.1.

In addition, DWQ and DDW received confirmation in September 2020, from Maureen Sullivan with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, that the military will also include sampling raw water sources (supply wells) that serve the military’s drinking water systems for PFAS. It is common practice for multiple water sources to be blended prior to serving the water. If PFAS is detected in the drinking water sample, the raw water data collected will help identify which raw water source is potentially contributing PFAS to the system. The DoD will be submitting drinking water and source water data results through DDW’s EDT Library/Safe Drinking Water Information System likely in early 2021. Once available, sampling results will be posted on State Water Board’s PFAS Drinking Water Website:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/pfas/drinking\\_water.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/pfas/drinking_water.html). For additional information about these efforts at military facilities, please visit State Water Board’s Military PFAS webpage: <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/pfas/military.html>.

**Science Advisory Panel on CECs in Aquatic Ecosystems:** The State Water Board and Ocean Protection Council are jointly funding the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project to reconvene the Science Advisory Panel on Constituents of Emerging Concern (CECs) in Aquatic Ecosystems (Panel) to update its recommendations for monitoring and management of CECs in marine, freshwater, and estuarine ecosystems. The Panel will update the risk prioritization framework developed in the 2012 report, [Monitoring Strategies for Chemicals of Emerging Concern \(CECs\) in California's Aquatic Ecosystems](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/cec_aquatic/docs/cec_ecosystems_rpt.pdf) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/swamp/cec\\_aquatic/docs/cec\\_ecosystems\\_rpt.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/cec_aquatic/docs/cec_ecosystems_rpt.pdf)) to address classes of chemicals, structurally related chemicals, and data-poor chemical classes. The Panel will also provide the State Water Board with guidance on which classes of CECs have the potential to adversely impact marine, estuarine and freshwater wildlife, ecosystems, and beneficial uses, and will recommend management actions for the Water Boards to take to address CECs in the aquatic environment.

The Panel began its deliberations with four two-hour public webinar meetings October 12-15, 2020. Materials and recordings from the public meetings are available here: <https://www.sccwrp.org/about/research-areas/emerging-contaminants/cec-ecosystems-panel/>. The Panel plans to deliberate through summer 2021 and will produce its final report in December 2021.

**Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Update:** The Irrigated Lands Regulatory reports are included in Appendix A of this report.

**Cannabis Cultivation Regulatory Programs:** The Cannabis Cultivation Regulatory Program reports are included in Appendix B of this report.

**Statewide Policies and Significant General Permits:** The Statewide Policies and Significant General Permits report can be accessed at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/exec\\_dir\\_rpts/pol\\_per\\_view.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/exec_dir_rpts/pol_per_view.html)

## **DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

### **Permitting and Enforcement Branch**

### **Delta, Hearings, and Special Projects Branch**

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

**Lower Klamath Project License Surrender:** On October 22, 2020, State Water Board staff participated in a quarterly Interim Measures Implementation Committee (IMIC) meeting. The purpose of the IMIC is to collaborate with PacifiCorp on implementation of Interim Measures set forth in the November 30, 2016, Amended Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA). During the meeting, PacifiCorp and IMIC participants

discussed the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) July 16, 2020 Order that partially transferred the license to the Klamath River Renewal Corporation and retained PacifiCorp as a co-licensee. PacifiCorp asserted that this does not conform to the structure of the KHSA. As background, on July 23, 2020, per the KHSA, PacifiCorp initiated a Meet and Confer with KHSA signatories and negotiations are ongoing related to FERC's July 2020 Order. The IMIC meeting also included updates on the following efforts: Biochar Pilot Filtration Project; Agricultural Water Budget and Nutrient Assessment; Upper Basin Watershed Action Plan; Phase 1 of the Phoslock Feasibility Study; operation of the Iron Gate Dam Intake Barrier Curtain; Tulelake Irrigation District Modernization Study; and Interim Measure 11 (interim water quality improvements) 2021 Study Plan.

**Bucks Creek Hydroelectric Project:** On October 22, 2020, the Executive Director issued a water quality certification (certification) for Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and the City of Santa Clara's Bucks Creek Hydroelectric Project (Project). The City of Santa Clara issued a California Environmental Quality Act Supplement for the Project. As background, the Project is located approximately 17 miles from Quincy, California, in Plumas County. The Project diverts water from Bucks Creek, Grizzly Creek, and Milk Ranch Creek, which discharges into the Upper North Fork Feather River. The certification is available on the [Project webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/buckscreek/) at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/water\\_quality\\_cert/buckscreek/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/buckscreek/).

**Lake Fordyce Dam Seepage Mitigation Project:** On October 30, 2020, the Executive Director issued a water quality certification (certification) and adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) Lake Fordyce Dam Seepage Mitigation Project (Project). This Project is part of PG&E's Upper Drum-Spaulding Hydroelectric Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2310). The Project involves repairing Lake Fordyce Dam to bring it into compliance with the Division of Safety of Dam's seepage threshold. The certification and Mitigated Negative Declaration are available on the State Water Board's [Drum-Spaulding Hydroelectric Project webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/drum_spaulding_ferc2310.html) at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/water\\_quality\\_cert/drum\\_spaulding\\_ferc2310.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/drum_spaulding_ferc2310.html)

**Instream Flow Related Work Under the California Water Action Plan:** On October 16, 2020, Division of Water Rights staff released a [Draft Sensitivity Analysis Approach Memo for the Development of the Groundwater-Surface Water Model of the Ventura River Watershed](#) (Draft GSFLOW Sensitivity Analysis Approach Memo) for public comment. The Draft GSFLOW Sensitivity Analysis Approach Memo identifies the methodology that will be used to conduct a sensitivity analysis of the Ventura River Watershed groundwater-surface water modeling tool, which is under development by the State Water Board and Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. The deadline for comments is November 16, 2020. The Draft GSFLOW Sensitivity Analysis Approach Memo and additional information is available on the [California Water Action Plan webpage](#), at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/instream\\_flows/cwa\\_p\\_enhancing/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/instream_flows/cwa_p_enhancing/)

As background, under an action in the California Water Action Plan the State Water Board and California Department of Fish and Wildlife identified five priority streams to enhance water flows to support anadromous fish. The five streams are: Mark West Creek, tributary to the Russian River; Mill Creek, tributary to the Sacramento River; Shasta River, tributary to the Klamath River; South Fork Eel River; and Ventura River.

**Upper Russian River Water Managers Meeting:** On October 21, 2020, Division of Water Rights staff presented at the Upper Russian River Managers Meeting. Topics staff covered and solicited feedback on included: an overview of a draft water availability analysis of the Russian River watershed for this dry season and related beta tool developed by staff; and an overview of preliminary surface water measurement reporting (Senate Bill 88) results.

**Senate Bill 19 – Stream Gaging Plan:** State Water Board staff meet bi-weekly with Department of Water Resources, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Department of Conservation staff to work on the development of a comprehensive Stream Gaging Plan for the state. On October 5, 2020 staff sent out emails to key stakeholders to request their participation on a Technical Advisory Committee that will help inform the effort. The first TAC meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2020. Additional background and information regarding the ongoing effort is available on the State Water Board’s [Senate Bill No. 19 – Stream Gaging Plan webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/stream_gaging_plan/) at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/stream\\_gaging\\_plan/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/stream_gaging_plan/).

**Don Pedro and La Grange Hydroelectric Projects:** On October 2, 2020, Modesto Irrigation District and Turlock Irrigation District (collectively, Districts) filed a petition with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), requesting FERC find waiver of the State Water Board’s water quality certification authority for the Don Pedro and La Grange Hydroelectric Projects (FERC Project Nos. 2299 and 14581). The Districts petition argues that denial of the certification applications is equivalent to the withdrawal and resubmittal process. On October 30, 2020, the State Water Board filed with FERC a motion to intervene and comments on the Districts’ petition for declaratory order, disagreeing with the Districts’ argument.

## **DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER**

### **Permits**

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 20 permits were issued between October 1 and October 31, 2020.

<b>Water System</b>	<b>Permit Number</b>	<b>Permit Purpose</b>
CWS - KERNVILLE	03_19_20P_015	FULL PERMIT
NARROWS FAMILY RESORT	02-03-20P1700670	FULL PERMIT
BAKMAN WATER-ROLLING HILLS	03-11-20P-023	FULL PERMIT
HIDDEN PINES CAMPGROUND	02-03-20P2300831	FULL PERMIT
THE MADRONES	02-03-20P2300970	FULL PERMIT
SENSIENT NATURAL INGREDIENTS LLC	03-11-20P-017	FULL PERMIT
OLIVARES FARMS WATER SYSTEM	03-11-20P-018	FULL PERMIT
CLAUSEN MEAT COMPANY	03-11-20P-021	FULL PERMIT
CITY OF ANAHEIM	05-08-20PA-012	PERMIT AMENDMENTS
GOLDEN STATE WC - COWAN HEIGHTS	05-08-20PA-010	PERMIT AMENDMENTS
ELKHORN I-5 REST AREA	01-09-20-PER-018	PERMIT AMENDMENTS
CALAM - LINCOLN OAKS	01-09-20-PER-019	PERMIT AMENDMENTS
CAMP CEDAR FALLS	03-3600538-01	FULL PERMIT
TWENTYNINE PALMS WATER DISTRICT	05-13-20PA-011	PERMIT AMENDMENTS
PARADISE RIDGE WINERY	02_18_20P_4901191	FULL PERMIT
TRACT 92 CSD	PERMIT	FULL PERMIT
OLD STAGE SALOON AT FOUNTAIN SPRINGS	03-24-20PA-029	PERMIT AMENDMENTS
UC DAVIS-SCHOOL OF VET. MED.	03-24-20PA-030	PERMIT AMENDMENTS
TULARE COUNTY CIVIC CENTER	03-24-20PA-027	PERMIT AMENDMENTS
CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DIST	04-06-20P-005	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 October 1 and October 31, 2020.

<b>Water System</b>	<b>Violation</b>	<b>Contaminant or Rule</b>	<b>Enforcement Action</b>
99 PALMS INN AND SUITES	Reporting	Electronic Annual Report (EAR)	Citation or Compliance Order
ABRAHAM MAIDA WATER SYSTEM	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
ADOBE CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Monitoring	ARSENIC	Citation or Compliance Order
ALHATTI CHRISTIAN MOUNTAIN RES	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
ALL STAR ACADEMY OF DANVILLE	Monitoring	NITRATE	Citation or Compliance Order
ALLENSWORTH CSD	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
ALLIANCE REDWOODS CONFERENCE GROUNDS	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
AMERICAN CANYON, CITY OF	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
AMISTA VINEYARDS	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
ANCHOR MARINA	Monitoring	NITRATE	Citation or Compliance Order
ANDERSON SPRINGS CSD	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
AUBERRY SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
BAGDAD CAFE	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
BALCH PARK	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
BAR "H" MWC	Monitoring	RTCR	Citation or Compliance Order

BAR "H" MWC	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
BARTLETT PARK	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
BEVERLY GRAND MUTUAL WATER	Reporting	HSC§116885–LEAD SERVICE LINE TIMELINE	Citation or Compliance Order
BLANCA MARKET & DELI	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
BLUE HERON RESTAURANT	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
BOB'S TINY MART	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
BOLO STATION RV PARK & SNACK BAR	Monitoring	RTCR	Citation or Compliance Order
BONITA RANCH RV CAMPGROUND	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
BRIDGEHAVEN PARK	Monitoring	HAA5	Citation or Compliance Order
BRIDGEHAVEN PARK	Monitoring	TTHM	Citation or Compliance Order
BUTANO STATE PARK - CSP	Monitoring	RTCR	
CAL TRANS - KINGSBURG REST AREA	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
CAL TRANS - TIPTON SOUTHBOUND REST AREA	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
CAL TRANS-TIPTON NORTHBOUND REST AREA	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
CAL TRANS-VISALIA MAINTENANCE STATION	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
CALGREN RENEWABLE FUELS	Monitoring	RTCR	Citation or Compliance Order
CALGREN RENEWABLE FUELS	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
CALI BURGER	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation

CALIFORNIA HOT SPRINGS WATER COMPANY	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
CALLAYOMI COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
CAMP CHIQUITA CAMPGROUND (HEALTH)	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
CAMP RUCKER LAKE	MCL	COLIFORM	Citation or Compliance Order
CAMPERS INN - RV & GOLF COURSE	Monitoring	LCR	Citation or Compliance Order
CAMPERS INN - RV & GOLF COURSE	Reporting	DBP STAGE 2	Citation or Compliance Order
CAZADERO WATER COMPANY, INC. (PUC)	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
CEJA-REYES INC	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
CHAMISAL MWC	Monitoring	RTCR	Citation or Compliance Order
CHAMISAL MWC	Reporting	OPERATOR CERTIFICATION LEVEL	Notice of Violation
COARSEGOLD SCHOOL	Treatment Technique	IRON	Notice of Violation
COARSEGOLD SCHOOL	Treatment Technique	MANGANESE	Notice of Violation
COSTAJO ARCO AMPM	Monitoring	RTCR	Citation or Compliance Order
COSTAJO ARCO AMPM	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
CREEKSIDE VILLAGE	MCL	COLIFORM	Citation or Compliance Order
CRESCENT BAY IMPROVEMENT COMPANY	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
CUTLER PARK	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
CUTTER SCOUT RESERVATION	Monitoring	RTCR	

DEERFIELD RANCH WINERY LLC	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
DINKEY CREEK INN	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
DINUBA, CITY OF	Reporting	HSC§116885–LEAD SERVICE LINE TIMELINE	Citation or Compliance Order
DOUBLETREE RANCH WATER SYSTEM	Monitoring	NITRATE	Citation or Compliance Order
DOVID OVED RETREAT CENTER	Monitoring	RTCR	Citation or Compliance Order
DRIFTWOOD MOBILEHOME PARK	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
DUNER'S DINER	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
DUNNIGAN CHEVRON	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
EARTHRISE NUTRITIONALS, LLC	Monitoring	RTCR	Informal Notice
EAST OROSI CSD	Reporting	HSC§116885–LEAD SERVICE LINE TIMELINE	Citation or Compliance Order
EASTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
FAMILY TREE FARMS	MCL	NITRATE	Citation or Compliance Order
FAR HORIZONS CAMP	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
FCPG/AVOCADO LAKE PARK	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
FCPG/CHOINUMNI CAMPGROUND	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
FCPG/KEARNEY PARK	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
FCPG/LOST LAKE RECREATION AREA	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
FENDERS	Monitoring	RTCR	Citation or Compliance Order
FLOODGATE WATER SYSTEM	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order

FOOTHILL ESTATES MHP	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
FOREST HOME CHRISTIAN CC	Monitoring	RTCR	Citation or Compliance Order
FORESTVILLE WATER DISTRICT	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
FREMONT DINER	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
FRESNO HMONG ALLIANCE CHURCH	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
FURTHERMORE WINES WATER SYSTEM	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
GAS N SAVE	Monitoring	NITRATE	Citation or Compliance Order
GIORGIO S RESTAURANT	Monitoring	RTCR	Citation or Compliance Order
GIORGIO S RESTAURANT	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
GODS FAMILY CHURCH	Monitoring	RTCR	Citation or Compliance Order
GOLD BEACH PARK	Reporting	CCR	Citation or Compliance Order
GOLD ROCK RANCH	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
GORDON'S WELL #1	Monitoring	RTCR	Informal Notice
GORDON'S WELL #1	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
GORDON'S WELL PARK # 2	Monitoring	RTCR	Informal Notice
GORDON'S WELL PARK # 2	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
GRACE KOREAN CHURCH	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
GRAY'S MART & GAS (HEALTH)	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
GRIZZLY FLAT WATER SYSTEM	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
GRUMPY BEARS RETREAT	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
GURDWARA GUR NANAK PARKASH - FRESNO	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order

HANS FAHDEN VINEYARDS	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
HOLCOMB VALLEY SCOUT RANCH	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
HOLLAND BURGER CAFE	Monitoring	RTCR	Citation or Compliance Order
HOLLAND BURGER CAFE	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
HOLLAND HULLING COMPANY	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
HYNES ESTATES MUTUAL WATER CO.	MCL	COLIFORM	Citation or Compliance Order
ICE HOUSE RESORT (HEALTH)	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT	Monitoring	RTCR	Notice of Violation
JACK GRIGGS INC.	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
JACK IN THE BOX #3465	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES CHURCH	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
JOHNNY QUIK FOOD STORE #161	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
JOLLY KONE WATER	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
JOSAN AND JOSAN, INC.	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
JOSHUA TREE LAKE RV/CAMP	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
KENNEDY MEADOWS GENERAL STORE	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
KEYES COMMUNITY SERVICES DIST.	Other	BACKFLOW AND CROSS CONNECTION VIOLATION	Citation or Compliance Order
KINGS PARK APARTMENTS	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order

KINGS RIVER MARKET WATER SYSTEM	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
KINGVALE PROPERTY OWNERS & WATER USERS	MCL	COLIFORM	Citation or Compliance Order
KOA - CLOVERDALE	Monitoring	RTCR	Citation or Compliance Order
KOA - CLOVERDALE	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
LAKE VIEW MUTUAL WATER CO.	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
LATON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
LAZY J RANCH MOTEL	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
LAZY S MOBILE RANCH	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
LEE'S MARKET	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
LIETO WATER SYSTEM (REACH CHARTR SCHOOL)	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
LINDSAY, CITY OF	Reporting	HSC§116885–LEAD SERVICE LINE TIMELINE	Citation or Compliance Order
LONGVIEW MENNONITE SCHOOL	Monitoring	RTCR	
LOOKOUT ROADHOUSE	Monitoring	RTCR	Notice of Violation
LOTUS PUB	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
LOWER LAKE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
LUCERNE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Monitoring	RTCR	Citation or Compliance Order
LUIS URIBE WATER SYSTEM	MCL	COLIFORM	Citation or Compliance Order

MACDONALD BUNKHOUSE	MCL	COLIFORM	Citation or Compliance Order
MANDALA WATER SYSTEM	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
MANNY WATER SYSTEM	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
MENDO MILL AND LUMBER COMPANY	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
MENDOCINO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
MITCHELLS CAMP FAMILY ASSOC.	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
MOBILE HOME ESTATES	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
MONSON MARKET	MCL	NITRATE	Citation or Compliance Order
MONSON MARKET	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
MONTESSORI DEL MAR LEARNING CENTER	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
MOONEY GROVE PARK	Monitoring	RTCR	Citation or Compliance Order
MOONEY GROVE PARK	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
MORAVIA WINES	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
MORNING STAR LAKE RESORT	Monitoring	RTCR	Notice of Violation
MOUNTAIN VIEW COLD STORAGE	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
MOUNTAIN VIEW DUPLEXES	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
MURRIETA/HERNANDEZ FARMS	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
MUSICK CREEK INN	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
NEW HORIZONS MOBILE/RV PARK	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
NICASIO RANCH LLC	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
NICASIO VALLEY RANCH MUTUAL	Monitoring	ARSENIC	Citation or Compliance Order

NIPTON WATER AND POWER	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
NJUHSD MCCOURTNEY RD.	Monitoring	COLIFORM	Notice of Violation
NORTHSHORE RV RESORT INC	Monitoring	RTCR	Citation or Compliance Order
NS MINI MART	MCL	NITRATE	Citation or Compliance Order
NS MINI MART	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
O.A.R.S., INC #70	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
OCOTILLO CHEVRON STATION	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
OLD BORGES RANCH WATER SYS	Monitoring	NITRATE	Citation or Compliance Order
OLD STAGE SALOON AT FOUNTAIN SPRINGS	MCL	NITRATE	Citation or Compliance Order
OLIVARES FARMS WATER SYSTEM	MCL	ARSENIC	Citation or Compliance Order
PAN AMERICAN BALLROOM	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
PENA'S DISPOSAL SERVICES	MCL	NITRATE	Citation or Compliance Order
PENINSULA PACKAGING CO	Monitoring	E. COLI	Citation or Compliance Order
PENNYROYAL FARM	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
PEOPLE'S FOOD AND DELI INC.	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
PETERS FRUIT FARMS, INC	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
PETROLINK HWY 138 INC	Monitoring	RTCR	Citation or Compliance Order
PIXLEY PARK	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
PROSSER CAMPGROUND	MCL	COLIFORM	Citation or Compliance Order
RAINBO BEACH	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation

RANCHO DEL ORO	MCL	COLIFORM	Citation or Compliance Order
REDWOOD HEIGHTS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	Variance/Exemption	VARIANCE/EXEMPTION/OTHER COMPLIANCE	Citation or Compliance Order
REEL IN RESORT	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
RILEYS PLACE	Monitoring	RTCR	Citation or Compliance Order
RILEYS PLACE	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
RIVER RANCH RAISINS	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
RIVER REFLECTIONS RV & CAMPGROUND	Monitoring	RTCR	Notice of Violation
RIVERFRONT MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	Monitoring	RTCR	Penalty Assessed
RIVERS BEND RESORT	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
RJ'S TRAVEL CENTER	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
ROLLING GREEN UTILITIES, INC.	Reporting	VIOLATION OF A WATERWORKS STANDARD	State Specific Enforcement Action
SHADY LAKE WATER ASSOCIATION	MCL	COLIFORM	Citation or Compliance Order
SIDEWINDER CHEVRON	Monitoring	METHYL TERT-BUTYL ETHER	Informal Notice
SIERRA CHRISTIAN CAMP	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
SIERRA ENDANGERED CAT HAVEN	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
SIERRA INN	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
SIERRA LAKES CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
SIERRA MUTUAL WATER CO	MCL	NITRATE	Citation or Compliance Order
SILVERFORK STORE WATER SYSTEM	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order

SILVERWOOD JAPANESE RESTAURANT SUSHI & G	Monitoring	RTCR	Citation or Compliance Order
SKY ACRES MUTUAL WATER CORP	Monitoring	ASBESTOS	Notice of Violation
SLASH X RANCH CAFE	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
SONOMA PACIFIC PALLET COMPANY	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
SOUTH MESA CAMPGROUND	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
SPEEDWAY SONOMA LLC	Monitoring	SWTR	Citation or Compliance Order
SUCCESS MARKET	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
SUGAR BARGE MARINA	Monitoring	NITRATE	Citation or Compliance Order
THE BARN	MCL	NITRATE	Citation or Compliance Order
THE WHEELHOUSE	Monitoring	COLIFORM	Notice of Violation
THE WHEELHOUSE	Reporting	PH	Notice of Violation
THREE RIVERS HIDEAWAY	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
TIMBER COVE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	MCL	TTHM	Citation or Compliance Order
TRANQUILLITY IRRIGATION DISTRICT	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
TRATTORE WINERY	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
U.S. COAST GUARD TRAINING CENTER	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
USA PETRO SUPER STOP	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
USFS OAK FLAT WATER SYSTEM	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
USFS-SUNSET POINT CAMPGROUND	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order

U-WANNA CAMP	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
VALLEY FORD WATER ASSOCIATION	MCL	HAA5	Citation or Compliance Order
VALLEY FORD WATER ASSOCIATION	MCL	TTHM	Citation or Compliance Order
VALLEY FORD WATER ASSOCIATION	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
WAGON TRAIN ROAD LLC	Monitoring	RTCR	Citation or Compliance Order
WASHINGTON WATER DISTRICT	Monitoring	NITRATE	Informal Notice
WAUKENA MARKET	MCL	NITRATE	Citation or Compliance Order
WAUKENA MARKET	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
WELL TRAILER PARK THE	Reporting	EAR	Notice of Violation
WILD WATER ADVENTURES	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
WILDWOOD RETREAT	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
WILLOW MOBILE HOME PARK	Monitoring	NITRATE	Citation or Compliance Order
ZIALENA WINERY	Reporting	EAR	Citation or Compliance Order
<b>Total Enforcements</b>	<b>218</b>	EAR	

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

After adoption of new program regulations in May, ELAP launched a compliance assistance initiative, Roadmap to ELAP Accreditation, to assist laboratories in making the transition to new requirements that are anticipated to become effective on January 1, 2021. ELAP has held individual Transition Appointments for 47 laboratories prioritized based on certificate expiration date to answer questions and help them create their own transition plans. Each accredited laboratory will be offered an appointment. Twenty-five of the 47 laboratories are early adopters of the TNI Standard.

ELAP staff presented at a virtual workshop hosted by the California Water Environmental Association. ELAP discussed the new program regulations and provided information to help laboratories prepare for upcoming changes.

ELAP staff participated in the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators- Association of Public Health Laboratories PFAS State accreditation program work group.

ELAP issued the following laboratory accreditations from September 1- September 30, 2020:

<b>ELAP ACCREDITATIONS ISSUED</b>		
	<b>October 2020</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
New Accreditations	2	19
Renewed Accreditations	29	335
Reciprocity Accreditations	5	88
Amended Accreditations	5	59
Total	41	501

## **DDW – SAFER**

### **Needs Analysis Unit**

Two Needs Assessment webinars were held in October 2020.

- October 13, 2020: Identifying At-Risk Public Water Systems – Selecting Risk Indicators. The associated draft white paper is provided on the SAFER website. <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/safer/calendar.html>
- October 30, 2020: UNC’s Pilot Finance Dashboard Webinar. The associated informational brochure and the pilot dashboard can be found at the links below, respectively:  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/safer/docs/introducing\\_california\\_small\\_water\\_systems\\_rates\\_dashboard.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/safer/docs/introducing_california_small_water_systems_rates_dashboard.pdf)

<https://efc.sog.unc.edu/resource/california-small-water-systems-rates-dashboard>

### **SAFER Engagement Units**

#### **Water Partnership Outreach -- Bishop, CA**

State Water Resource Control Board hosted a two-part Water System Partnerships Pilot Workshop on October 22 and October 27, 2020 inviting the 30 water systems located within a five-mile radius of the city of Bishop. The workshop was the result of

collaboration efforts between many parties: Division of Drinking Water, Office of Public Participation, Mono-Inyo Integrated Regional Water Management, Local Primacy Agency- Inyo County, and U.S. EPA and its consultant Cadmus Group. The purpose of the Workshop was to increase awareness among participants for the importance of TMF capacity, and how partnerships could assist water systems to increase their capacity through collaboration and sharing existing resources. The feedback received from participants will be used to develop future partnerships materials.

**Mandatory Consolidation Order Issued – Orosi PUD & East Orosi CSD**

Mandatory consolidations orders were issued on Oct. 27, 2020 to Orosi PUD and East Orosi CSD. The first deliverable is a draft consolidation plan by December 18 of this year and the final consolidation date is December 31, 2024.

**West Water Company – Mandatory Consolidation/Administrator Public Meeting**

A public meeting webinar was held for West Water Company customers to seek input on potential mandatory consolidation of the water system with Sonoma County’s Fitch Mountain CSA-41.

The following water system consolidations were completed during September or October 2020.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Pop.</b>	<b>Issues</b>
Whitson Industrial Park	NTNC	75	--
Tank Farm Industrial Plaza	NTNC	35	--
Sikh Temple Guardwara	NC	250	historic nitrate & bacti
Midway Inn	NC	40	historic bacti

**DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

**Update on Water Quality, Water Rights and Drinking Water Fees Stakeholder Process**

The Water Quality and Water Rights emergency fee regulations for the adopted FY 2020-21 fee schedules have been submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for their review. The Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program emergency fee regulations are in the internal review process and will be submitted to OAL upon approval.

## DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

### Environmental Section

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Approvals (October 2020)	
Project No.	Entity - Description
CEQA Lead Agency Documents	
CWSRF No. 8006-110; DWSRF No. 3301380-001C	Pueblo Unido Community Development Corporation, St. Anthony On-site Sewer and Water Distribution System Project, an Intimal Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was completed and adopted on October 19, 2020.
Clean Water	
8109-210	Groveland Community Services District, Downtown Groveland and Big Oak Flat Sewer Collection System Project, CEQA Determination on a MND as the Responsible Agency approved on October 8, 2020, and a Notice of Determination (NOD) was filed with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) on October 8, 2020.
Drinking Water	
0105008-002C	Castlewood Domestic Water System, Castlewood Redwood Tank Replacement Project, CEQA Determination on a MND as the Responsible Agency approved on October 29, 2020, and an NOD was filed with the OPR on October 29, 2020.
Water Supply Permits	
3310007	City of Coachella Water Authority, Mesquite Mutual Water Company Consolidation Project, prepared a CEQA Findings Memo and Notice of Exemption (NOE) on a Categorical Exemption (CE) as the Responsible Agency, and sent to the Division of Drinking Water (DDW) District Office to approve and file with the OPR.
0710001	City of Antioch, Brackish Water Desalination Project, prepared a CEQA Findings Memo and an NOD on a MND as the Responsible Agency, and sent to the DDW District Office to approve and file with the OPR.
5010009	Keyes Community Services District, 1, 2, 3 –Trichloropropane Mitigation Project, prepared a CEQA Findings Memo and an NOD on a MND as the Responsible Agency, and sent to the DDW District Office to approve and file with the OPR.
3910001	California Water Service-Stockton, 2.5-2.6 Million-Gallon Tank Project, prepared a CEQA Findings Memo and an NOE on a CE as the Responsible Agency, and sent to the DDW District Office to approve and file with the OPR.

1910142	Golden State Water Company-San Dimas, Baseline Well 6 Project, prepared a CEQA Findings Memo and an NOE on a CE as the Lead Agency, and sent to the DDW District Office to approve and file with the OPR.
1910128	Covina Irrigating Company, ZV-705 Perchlorate Treatment Facility Project, prepared a CEQA Findings Memo and an NOD on a Negative Declaration as the Responsible Agency, and sent to the DDW District Office to approve and file with the OPR.
4310022	Great Oaks Water Company, Well 24A Project, prepared a CEQA Findings Memo and an NOE on a CE as the Lead Agency, and sent to the DDW District Office to approve and file with the OPR.
5400703	Quail Valley Recreational Village, Water Well Replacement Project, prepared a CEQA Findings Memo and an NOE on a CE as the Lead Agency, and sent to the DDW District Office to approve and file with the OPR.
3500928	George Chiala Farms, Well 2 Project, prepared a CEQA Findings Memo and an NOE on a CE as the Lead Agency, and sent to the DDW District Office to approve and file with the OPR.

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

Wastewater Projects Funded (October 2020)		
Project #	Recipient – Project Purpose	Funding Amount
8108-310	Burney Water District – WW Collection System Improvement Project	\$1,775,000

**Technical Assistance Summary**

One (1) Technical Assistance agreement was approved in the past month.

Technical Assistance Agreements Funded (October 2020)		
Project #	Recipient – Project Purpose	Funding Amount
D1917007	Rural Community Assistance Corporation – The Project is for the purpose of providing a Circuit Rider program to build technical, managerial, and financial capacity for underperforming water systems, dedicated support for regionalization and consolidation projects, and planning support that enables systems serving small Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) to submit complete construction applications for needed improvements.	\$9,795,992: S&A-DW

The table below summarizes the Technical Assistance work plans and amendments approved in the month of October 2020.

<b>Work Plan Type</b>	<b>TA Recipient</b>	<b>Work Plan #</b>	<b>TA Provider</b>	<b>Total Amount Approved</b>
New	Bluff/Jensen Communities	6122-A	Community Water Center	\$161,349
Amendment	Riverdale Park Tract CSD	5241-C	Self-Help Enterprises	\$267,100
Amendment	Lebec County Water District	5229-C	Self-Help Enterprises	\$68,200
Amendment	Kings Canyon Unified School District	5500-B	Self-Help Enterprises	\$25,000
Amendment	Lindcove	5046-B	Self-Help Enterprises	\$258,700
Amendment	Daleville (Sewer)	5212-C	Self-Help Enterprises	\$150,400
Amendment	Yokohl Mutual Water Company	5817-B	Self-Help Enterprises	\$16,000
Amendment	Soult's Mutual Water Company	5150-C	Self-Help Enterprises	\$34,400
Amendment	Dos Palos, City of	5713-B	Self-Help Enterprises	\$38,000
Amendment	Dos Palos, City of (Sewer)	5285-B	Self-Help Enterprises	\$59,800
Amendment	Golden Hills (Sewer)	5086-D	Self-Help Enterprises	\$124,200
Amendment	Lemon Cove Sanitary District	5286-C	Self-Help Enterprises	\$27,900
Amendment	Fairmead	5082-C	Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	\$32,888
Amendment	Vineyard Ave Acres	5395-D	Rural Community Assistance Corporation	\$459,712.07
Amendment	Wooded Acres North	5860-C	Rural Community Assistance Corporation	\$12,144.79
Amendment	East Orosi	6013-C	Rural Community Assistance Corporation	\$7,663.15
New	Quintette	6187-A	Rural Community Assistance Corporation	\$8,869.02
Amendment	Piedra Park	5009-C	UC Davis	\$36,018.61
Amendment	R.S. Mutual	5408-D	UC Davis	\$31,959.23

New	Wright Elementary School	6104-A	University Enterprises, Inc.	\$166,388
New	Apple Valley View MWC	6115-A	University Enterprises, Inc.	\$284,181
New	Lake Wohlford	6111-A	University Enterprises, Inc.	\$133,428
Amendment	Anderson Park Village,	5674-C	University Enterprises, Inc.	\$212,387
Amendment	Kernvale Mutual Water Company	5496-B	University Enterprise, CSUSB	\$75,936
New	Robin Way Water System	6092-A	University Enterprises, Inc.	\$188,425
New	Susanville Sanitary District	6132-A	University Enterprises, Inc.	\$38,863
New	Monte Rio and Villa Grande	6035-A	University Enterprises, Inc.	\$11,150

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

The table below summarizes the projects approved by funding category in the month of October 2020. All projects benefit a disadvantaged community that has a water quality compliance issue or address an urgent drinking water need.

<b>Funding Category</b>	<b>Types of Projects</b>	<b>Number of Projects Approved for the Month of October 2020</b>	<b>Total Amount Approved for the Month of October 2020</b>	<b>Total Amount Approved for FY 2020/21</b>
Interim Solutions	POUs, POEs, Emergency interties, Repairs etc.	2	\$88,824	\$102,133

**Projects Approved in October 2020 (includes SAFER, Proposition 84 Emergency, General Fund, and CAA Urgent Drinking Water Needs funding sources)**

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Project Purpose</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Program</b>	<b>Category</b>
Paskenta Community Services District	Funding will be utilized to modify the existing pump and clean out the infiltration gallery. The new pump will have 3 additional stages as well as a submersible pump for very low flow rates, which will allow the system to operate at low creek flows.	\$75,792	AB74-Provision 2.5	Interim Solutions
Lake Morena Oak Shores MWC	Lake Morena Oak Shores Brine Tank Replacement- The funding will be utilized to fund the replacement of a 6,100-gallon brine tank for the nitrate treatment facility that recently failed due to thin cracks at the seam of the drain connection point in the tank.	\$13,032	AB74-Provision 2.5	Interim Solutions

**Drinking Water for Schools Grant Program**

**Completed Significant Events**

A funding agreement with Rural Community Assistance Corporation was executed on October 21, 2020 in the amount of \$2,579,000 to provide technical assistance, and conduct outreach to implement interim drinking water solutions at schools serving disadvantaged communities.

**Future Significant Events**

Staff anticipate executing a funding agreement with Self Help Enterprises in the coming weeks.

**Proposition 1 Stormwater Grant Program**

**Completed Significant Events**

The Round 2 solicitation opened April 2020 and closed on July 2, 2020. There were a total of 67 proposals received. Proposals are currently under review.

**Future Significant Events**

Round 2 funding awards are anticipated by January 2021.

## **Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program**

### **Completed Significant Events:**

The majority of projects awarded as part of the Round 2 solicitation were executed during Summer 2020 (11 agreements executed, out of 13 total awards).

### **Future Significant Events:**

The last two Round 2 projects are expected to be executed by the end of 2020. The Round 3 solicitation is tentatively planned to open Summer 2021.

## **Proposition 68 Groundwater Treatment and Remediation Grant Program:**

### **Completed Significant Events:**

A total of six projects were awarded funds (approximately \$40 million). Funding eligibility for additional drinking water project types was authorized at the August 18, 2020 State Water Board Meeting.

### **Future Significant Events:**

Agreements for the six awarded projects are anticipated to be executed by June 2021. Also, according to the new authorities provided, staff are coordinating with the Office of Sustainable Water Solutions regarding potential allocation of remaining Prop 68 Groundwater funds to eligible drinking water projects.

## **Operator Certification Program**

### **Completed Significant Events:**

The Wastewater Operator Certification Program (WWOCP) is given authority in the California Water Code (sections 13625 – 13633) to administer examinations to operators of wastewater treatment plants. WWOCP is required to provide at least two examinations per year in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 26, section 3701 subdivision (a). Due to COVID-19 concerns and shelter-in-place orders, the October 10, 2020 examination was cancelled.

During the month of October 2020, WWOCP proctored 57 emergency exams for operators at wastewater treatment plants experiencing compliance issues or potential compliance issues due to the main examination cancellation.

### **Future Significant Events:**

WWOCP will continue to administer emergency examinations in groups under 10 throughout November and December for wastewater treatment plants that have compliance or potential compliance issues, and staffing issues due to the regular examination cancellation. The WWOCP is moving forward with computer-based testing implementation and is anticipating to having computer-based testing available to examinees in early 2021.

Wastewater Number of Active Certificates Holders, by Grade				
Grade	2020	2019	2018	2017
OIT	781	764	616	607
I	786	773	792	796
II	1481	1500	1454	1477
III	1844	1848	1718	1674
IV	455	460	456	472
V	1082	1066	988	974
Total	6429	6411	6024	6000

Reporting period: April 1 – October 31, 2020	
Wastewater Operator Certification Program	Wastewater
Exam Applications received	261
Certification Applications received	372
Certificates/ Renewals issued	354/1516

### **Marketing and Outreach**

The Marketing and Outreach unit hosted the first virtual California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) funding fair on October 22, 2020.

The CFCC funding fair provided the opportunity for the public to learn more about available grant, loan, and bond financing options for infrastructure projects from federal, state, and local agencies.

Representatives from water industry professionals, public works, local governments, and California Native American Tribes attended. This included city managers and planners, economic development and engineering professionals, officials from privately owned facilities, water and irrigation district managers, financial advisors, and project consultants.

## OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND PERFORMANCE

### **Water Conservation**

The [Urban Water Conservation Reporting Regulation](#) became effective October 1, 2020. The *Public Stakeholder Webinar to Demonstrate Updates to The Urban Water Supplier Reporting Tool* was offered on September 22, 2020 and had over 250 participants in attendance. In addition, the Conservation Team has developed a Monthly Reporting Working Group to provide feedback on changes to the report and other supporting materials. The team plans to continue its partnership with the working group as we work towards data streamlining efforts required as part of the [2018 Water Efficiency Legislation](#).

The response rate for the September Urban Water Conservation Report is 81% as of the writing of this report (331 out of 410 reports submitted). Of the submitted reports, 270 of the reports provide final production numbers, while 61 of the reports indicate that the production data is preliminary. The estimated total production (accounting for missing reports) is 187.35 billion gallons, and the statewide R-GPCD is 113 GPCD. 66 out of the 331 reports indicate that the reporter's agency is experiencing a water shortage greater than 10% of the agency's water supply.

### **COVID-19**

The water shutoff reporting site, <https://watershut-off.covid19.ca.gov/>, received 24 reports for the month of October.

The Board and the California Public Utilities Commission held a virtual joint workshop on October 30, 2020 to discuss the financial impacts of COVID-19 on water systems and households. Panel members included representatives from water systems, community-based organizations, and water customers. Links to the workshop presentations are available at: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/covid/>

### **Water Loss Performance Standards**

Staff participated in the American Water Works Association Fall conference to provide an update on the process and timeline of the water loss regulatory process.

## OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT

### **Garden Grove industrial facility penalized \$1.14 million for soil, groundwater**

**contamination:** The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board [issued a \\$1.14 million penalty](#) against Cham-Cal Engineering Co. and Western Avenue Associates, L.P. for failing to comply with a 2016 Cleanup and Abatement Order. Cham-Cal, the operator and owner of a facility in Garden Grove that manufactures commercial truck accessories, used and stored tetrachloroethene (PCE) in its vapor degreasing operation, resulting in repeated discharges of the suspected cancer-causing contaminant to soil and groundwater on industrial property owned by Western Avenue Associates. The order required Cham-Cal and Western Avenue Associates to remediate the contaminated soil, soil vapor and groundwater beneath the facility and submit technical reports to the regional board. The companies instead failed to meet most of their deadlines and were penalized for submitting a late Interim Remedial Action Plan and neglecting to implement a Vapor Mitigation Plan to protect workers from inhaling PCE – a solvent the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency classifies as a probable human carcinogen.

### **City of Mount Shasta agrees to settlement for sewage spills and violations at wastewater treatment plant:**

The city of Mount Shasta has [agreed to pay \\$1.3 million](#) to settle an Administrative Civil Liability complaint for multiple sanitary sewer overflows from its collection system and for violating effluent limitations at its wastewater treatment plant. The overflows, which occurred between October 2014 and April 2017, primarily were caused by a buildup of debris and root intrusion from aging infrastructure that could not accommodate heavy flows during intense rainfall. In 2017, the heavy rains also caused substantial channel bank erosion at a pipe crossing that resulted in failure of the pipe and a sewage spill into Cold Creek, tributary to Lake Siskiyou. Under the terms of the settlement, the city will allocate \$1.1 million of the penalty to upgrading the collection system in the downtown area to reduce the likelihood of future overflows.

### **Water Quality Enforcement Actions Issued October 2020**

No Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaints were issued in October 2020.

#### **ACL Orders Issued:**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Discharger/City</b>	<b>Violation(s) Addressed</b>	<b>ACL Order Amount</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>
4	TREA Wilshire Rodeo, LLC/ Beverly Hills	Mandatory Minimum Penalties (MMPs) for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 exceedances each of the both the maximum daily effluent limit (MDEL) and the average monthly effluent limit (AMEL) for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)</li> <li>• 3 exceedances each of both the MDEL and the AMEL for copper</li> </ul>	\$30,000 (MMP - all to CAA)	10/12/2020

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
4	Mercury Casualty Company/ Los Angeles	MMPs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 exceedances of the AMEL for zinc</li> <li>• Exceedance of the MDEL for zinc</li> <li>• 3 exceedances each of both the MDEL and the AMEL for copper</li> </ul>	\$27,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	10/12/2020
4	CA Dept of Water Resources / Castaic	MMPs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceedance of the AMEL for turbidity</li> <li>• Exceedance of the AMEL for copper</li> </ul>	\$6,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	10/12/2020
4	Simi Valley City/ Simi Valley	MMPs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceedance of both the MDEL and the AMEL for dieldrin</li> <li>• 2 exceedances of the MDEL for 4,4-dichlorodiphenyldichloroethane (DDD)</li> <li>• Exceedance of the AMEL for 4,4-DDD</li> </ul>	\$15,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	10/12/2020
4	Las Virgenes MWD/ Calabasas	MMPs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceedance of the MDEL for total residual chlorine</li> <li>• Exceedance of the MDEL for cyanide</li> <li>• 2 exceedances of the AMEL for cyanide</li> <li>• Exceedance of the AMEL for nitrate</li> <li>• Exceedance of the seasonal average effluent limit for total nitrogen</li> <li>• 2 exceedances of the AMEL for nitrite + nitrate</li> <li>• 12 exceedances of the 7-day median effluent limit for total coliform</li> </ul>	\$60,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	10/12/2020
4	Andeavor Logistics/ Carson	MMPs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceedance of the MDEL for fecal coliform</li> <li>• Exceedance of the MDEL for enterococci</li> </ul>	\$6,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	10/12/2020
4	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority/ El Monte	MMPs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceedance of the AMEL for chromium VI</li> </ul>	\$3,000 (MMP – all to CAA)	10/12/2020
4	Moorpark hospitality Inc/ Moorpark	Discharge of sediment-laden stormwater to a water of the United States. Concrete debris near and in the desilting basin. Failure to implement the following: covers and berms for soil stockpiles, effective perimeter	\$186,274 (all to CAA)	10/20/2020

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
		controls, erosion control and linear sediment control best management practices (BMPs), and failure to maintain records onsite.		
4	GKGF LLC/ Sunland	Failure to implement perimeter controls, good site management measures for construction materials, BMPs to protect stormwater inlets, good housekeeping measures for waste management; and failure to retain a Qualified Stormwater Pollution Prevention Practitioner (QSP) and submit Rain Event Action Plans (REAPs) at least 48 hours prior to likely precipitation events.	\$262,657 (all to CAA)	10/20/2020
5R	Mt Shasta City/ Mount Shasta	Discharge of untreated domestic and municipal wastewater from the collection system to surface waters 15 times from October 27, 2017 to present.  MMPs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 exceedances of the AMEL for copper</li> <li>• 8 exceedances of the MDEL for copper</li> <li>• 3 exceedances of the AMEL for zinc</li> <li>• 2 exceedances of the AWEL for BOD</li> <li>• 4 exceedances of the % removal AMEL for BOD</li> <li>• 2 exceedances of the AMEL for BOD</li> <li>• 2 exceedances of the AMEL for total suspended solids (TSS)</li> </ul>	\$1,333,197 (MMP – \$166,988 to CAA \$1,058,209 to ECA \$108,000 to CP)	10/7/2020
5R	Grizzly Lake CSD/ Portola	MMPs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceedance of the % removal AMEL for TSS</li> <li>• Exceedance of the average weekly effluent limit (AWEL) for TSS</li> <li>• Exceedance of the MDEL for TSS</li> <li>• Exceedance of the AMEL for TSS</li> <li>• 13 exceedances of the 7-day median for total coliform</li> <li>• 4 exceedances of the instantaneous maximum for total coliform</li> <li>• 3 exceedances of the 30-day period effluent limit</li> </ul>	\$162,000 (MMP – all to CP)	10/27/2020

Region	Discharger/City	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Late January 2017 self-monitoring report (SMR); due March 1, 2017, submitted 349 days late on February 18, 2018 (11 30-day periods)</li> <li>Late February 2017 SMR; due April 1, 2017, submitted 318 days late on February 12, 2018 (10 30-day periods)</li> <li>Late March 2017 SMR; due May 1, 2017, submitted 288 days late on February 12, 2018 (9 30-day periods)</li> </ul>		
9	San Diego City Metropolitan Wastewater Dept (Public Utilities)/ San Diego	From January 5, 2016 to January 10, 2016, the City discharged 6,750,734 gallons of untreated raw sewage into Tecolote Creek.	\$2,541,874 (\$1,291,874 to CAA \$1,250,000 to SEP)	10/14/2020

### Cleanup and Abatement Orders

Region	Discharger/City	Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required	Date Issued
2	Former Prosperity Cleaners / San Rafael	Order R2-2020-0025 consolidates the original cleanup order and its amendments into a single order. The Order adds a deadline to start implementing the previously approved groundwater remedial action plan; requires remediation effectiveness evaluations every three years, a risk management plan, public participation plan, and, if necessary, soil vapor evaluation; updates cleanup levels and the self-monitoring plan; and adds Hoytt Enterprises as a named party.	10/5/2020
3	Former Tecknit and Tube Holding / Santa Barbara	CAO superseding and replacing CAO 94-49 for discharge of chlorinated VOCs to groundwater.	10/9/2020

### 13267 Investigative Orders

Region	Discharger/City	Violations Addressed/Action(s) Required	Date Issued
1	Mark West Quarry / Santa Rosa	13267 and 13383 Investigative Order R1-2020-0026 to submit reports regarding the treatment system operation and maintenance.	10/21/2020

9	Creekside Meadows Apartment Complex / Alpine	Investigative Order No. R9-2020-0250 Related to the Unauthorized Discharge of Untreated Wastewater to the Alpine Creek	10/6/2020
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**Other Enforcement Actions Taken:**

Region/Division	Actions Issued	Region/Division	Actions Issued
1	5	5S	23
2	3	6T	3
3	2	6V	4
4	60	7	1
5F	3	8	183
5R	2	9	4
		SWB	3

**OFFICE OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS**

**California Water Quality Monitoring Council:** The California Water Quality Monitoring Council (Council) met on December 3, 2020 to discuss several pertinent items including the SB 1070 Memorandum of Understanding, and the Council’s Strategic Priorities. For more information, please see:

[http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring\\_council/meetings/index.html#2020](http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/meetings/index.html#2020).

To receive updates by email regarding activities of the California Water Quality Monitoring Council. Subscribe online to the "[California Water Quality Monitoring Council \(SB 1070\)](#)" email list located under the “General Interest” section.

**California Water Boards Performance Report** The 2019-20 California State Water Boards Annual Performance Report will be released on November 17, 2020. This will be the Twelfth year of the Performance Reports for the Regions and Programs of the Water Board. 2019-20 has seen some major changes to the Performance report as we worked to move many of the report cards into interactive dashboards. Staff is continuing to improve the functionality and accessibility of the Performance Report and will be working closely with programs to develop more outcome-based performance measures in the future.

To view the Performance Report online and access the data for the various programs go to the [California Water Boards’ Annual Performance Report – Fiscal Year 2019-20](#) webpage.

**California Bioassessment Working Group Meeting** The 27<sup>th</sup> annual California Aquatic Bioassessment Working Group Meeting was on October 13 and 14, 2020. For the first time, this meeting was held and broadcasted virtually and it provided an opportunity to invite speakers globally and had attracted over 400 individuals to register, the most we've ever had. This meeting is held annually for researchers, policy-makers and implementers, educators and students to share and exchange information and research on freshwater science and bioassessment, support science-based policy to protect and restore California's freshwater aquatic ecosystems. We've received extremely positive feedback on how the meeting was run and that an opportunity to attend virtually was provided. Attendees were pleasantly surprised by our Keynote Speaker, Obi Kaufmann, who gave an inspiring speech and painted a fresh perspective on the complexities of California's water sources and ecosystems.

## IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM UPDATE

October 2020

This month's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) update provides a summary of significant activities of State Water Board staff from September 15, 2020 to October 15, 2020; and, the North Coast, San Francisco Bay, Central Coast, Los Angeles, Lahontan, Colorado River Basin, Santa Ana, and San Diego Regional Water Boards from August 15, 2020 to October 15, 2020. Next month's report will present activities of the Central Valley Water Board's Program and cover the time-period from September 15, 2020 to November 15, 2020.

**State Water Board** staff is working with professionals around the state on the California Nitrogen Management Certified Crop Advisors (CCA) Exam Committee to develop a special nitrogen course and exam that will allow CCAs to specialize in nitrogen management. The course will provide knowledge that will be beneficial to CCAs when certifying Irrigation and Nitrogen Management Plans (INMPs), as required by the precedential requirements of Order WQ 2018-002, State Water Board's review of the petition of Waste Discharge Requirements, General Order No. R5-2012-0116 for Growers Within the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed that are Members of the Third-Party Group (ESJ Order). The nitrogen course will be offered by UC Davis at the end of 2020 and into 2021.

**North Coast Regional Water Board** staff is developing a permit to address discharges of waste from vineyards in the North Coast Region. Staff is working to complete the administrative draft of the permit and an initial study. The vineyard permit/waiver development process will include substantial outreach to stakeholders and consultation with local Tribal interests. Staff is continuing their work with stakeholders to discuss the December 2019 North Coast Board informational item that outlined the direction and potential content of the permit, as well as the development schedule. Staff plan to host public workshops in the winter of 2020 and during the public review period which is anticipated to occur in the fall/winter of 2021.

Staff also completed the administrative draft of the Smith River Plain Water Quality Management Plan (SRPWQMP), which addresses the water quality impacts associated with lily bulb cultivation. The Watershed Stewardship Team, a group comprised of local, state, and federal agencies, the Tolowas Dee-ni' Nation, and the lily bulb growers, completed their review and submitted comments to the Regional Water Board. Staff is reviewing those comments, making revisions, and will soon release a public review draft for comment. After further revisions to the SRPWQMP, the Regional Water Board's Executive Officer will consider approving the plan. Elements of the plan are already being implemented and full implementation of the plan will begin after Executive Officer approval.

**San Francisco Regional Water Board** staff is developing outreach strategies and enforcement priorities for the Vineyard Program and are preparing for annual invoicing. Staff is also working with the Third-Party groups, Resource Conservation Districts, and local Farm Bureaus to understand the impact of the recent North Bay fires on vineyard properties enrolled in the permit. This information will be incorporated into outreach

efforts and be used to help inform inspection priorities for the upcoming rainy season.

**Central Coast Regional Water Board** staff is continuing the development of Ag Order 4.0. Public workshops were held on September 10, 11, 23, 24, and October 22 and 23 to receive verbal public comment from stakeholders, to allow staff to provide an overview of the draft order and written public comments, and to provide the Regional Board the opportunity to consider and discuss the draft order and public comments and provide staff with direction on next steps. The series of public workshops continue on December 9 and 10, and the Regional Board will consider and discuss the draft order and public comments and provide staff with direction on next steps.

The next steps and timing for the development and adoption of Ag Order 4.0 are uncertain and will depend on a number of factors including but not limited to: the nature and extent of the Regional Board's direction to staff regarding how to proceed with the draft order; staff's ability to implement the board's direction within the confines of the requisite administrative, technical and public process and associated timeframes; future Water Board public meetings schedule; and the ability to meet the January 31, 2021 court ordered date to adopt Ag Order 4.0 or otherwise secure a court approved extension or extensions.

If the Regional Board directs staff to incorporate significant changes to Draft Ag Order 4.0, an additional public comment period likely will be necessary prior to the adoption hearing; in this case, a revised or proposed Draft Ag Order 4.0 will be made available for another round of written public comment and additional oral public comment will be part of any subsequent meetings leading up to and including the final adoption hearing. Staff anticipates knowing whether another written public comment period will be necessary after receiving direction from the board during the December workshop or later if the workshop is extended. Staff will provide formal responses to the public comments received in response to Draft Ag Order 4.0 and Draft Environmental Impact Report as part of the next steps for the development and adoption of a proposed order.

**Los Angeles Regional Water Board's** current agricultural waiver is set to expire in 2021 and staff is working on the staff report for the new waiver and continuing the monitoring data analysis for the period 2005-2020.

Earlier this year, the Natural Resources Conservation Service team located in Ventura County, submitted applications for the National Water Quality Initiative readiness phase for the Calleguas Creek and Ventura River watersheds. The Los Angeles Water Board staff and representatives from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Ventura County Resource Conservation District and Ventura County Agricultural Irrigated Lands Group (VCAILG) participated in this effort. Both applications were approved by the United States Department of Agriculture. In addition, the team received a state award for partnership planning and will be honored at the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts conference in November 2020.

Los Angeles Water Board staff had several conference calls with Central Valley Water Board staff, the VCAILG, and the facilitator of the Expert Review Panel for the ESJ Order surface water quality monitoring program to share information requested by the Panel describing the scope and design of the Ventura County surface water

monitoring program. On August 25, 2020, the Los Angeles Water Board staff presented to the Panel via Zoom details of requirements of the Conditional Waiver (Order No. R4-2016-0143) for the Ventura County surface water monitoring, which was followed by a presentation by VCAILG describing the development of the monitoring program, the monitoring sites selection, the program cost, the source investigation and exceedance based monitoring, and individual discharge monitoring.

**Lahontan Regional Water Board** staff is working to develop a Staff Report that will be presented to the Regional Water Board during an informational item and workshop in January 2021. The report provides an overview of agricultural discharges in the Lahontan Region and assesses all existing permits in the region as compared to the precedential requirements of the ESJ Order. The report provides a series of identified actions to update the existing agricultural discharge permit so that it is consistent with the precedential requirements of the ESJ Order and outlines a series of actions for potential future development of commodity- and geographic-specific general orders. Staff will be seeking input and feedback from the Lahontan Regional Water Board and interested stakeholders during the January 2021 meeting. It will be an informational item and workshop and no action or approval will be taken by the Lahontan Water Board.

There are no significant program updates reported in the **Colorado River Basin**, **Santa Ana** and **San Diego Regions** from August 15, 2020 to October 15, 2020.

## **Appendix B**

### **CANNABIS CULTIVATION PROGRAM**

#### **STATEWIDE IMPLEMENTATION, OUTREACH, AND ENFORCEMENT**

#### **October 2020**

The Water Boards' Cannabis Cultivation Program (Cannabis Cultivation Program) update provides a summary of significant activities of the State Water Board's Division of Water Quality, Division of Water Rights, Office of Enforcement, and nine Regional Water Boards from August 15, 2020 to October 15, 2020. Additional information on the Cannabis Cultivation Program, including the [Cannabis Cultivation Policy – Principles and Guidelines for Cannabis Cultivation](#) (Cannabis Policy), [General Waste Discharge Requirements and Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste Associated with Cannabis Cultivation Activities](#) (Cannabis Cultivation General Order), Cannabis Small Irrigation Use Registration (Cannabis SIUR), and enforcement efforts, is available on the [Water Boards Cannabis Cultivation Program webpage](#) at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/cannabis/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cannabis/)

#### **STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**

Water quality staff in the Cannabis Cultivation Program has been reduced by approximately 50 percent due to funding shortfalls and a decision not to raise cannabis fees this year. The Water Boards' Cannabis Executive Oversight Committee (EOC) is in the process of developing recommendations on how the Cannabis Cultivation Program should prioritize its workload and reduce the scope of the program to accommodate these reduced staffing levels. The remaining staff in the Cannabis Cultivation Program will be focused on core regulatory functions including accepting applications, processing fees, issuing Notices of Applicability (NOAs) and outreach. Enforcement activities will be aimed at negative impacts from illegal cultivation sites.

#### **COVID IMPACTS**

The Cannabis Cultivation Program continues to perform essential services and provide support to stakeholders remotely during the COVID-19 emergency. The Water Boards are continuing their efforts to protect public health, safety, and the environment consistent with all federal, state, and local public health directives and guidelines related to COVID-19. The Cannabis Cultivation Program continues to accept applications, process fees, issue NOAs, and respond to and assist cannabis cultivators. However, for staff health and safety, the Cannabis Cultivation Program has limited site visits, access to the Water Rights Records Room, and in-person fee payments.

#### **FIRE IMPACTS**

The Glass Fire, August Complex Fire, LNU Lightning Complex, and other fire incidents resulted in evacuations of North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board staff as well as areas with prevalent cannabis cultivation (<https://www.newsweek.com/california-fires-august-complex-marijuana-cannabis-growers-refuse-evacuate-1534229>). Most of the fires are now over eighty percent contained, however there are still some evacuations that are potentially impacting areas with prevalent cannabis cultivation.

## COORDINATED OUTREACH – CANNABIS CULTIVATION PROGRAM

The July 22, 2020, online cannabis cultivation permitting workshop (online workshop) is now available online and includes audio voice-over translations into Spanish and Hmong. The three versions (English, Spanish, and Hmong) are available on YouTube and have been [advertised](#) on the Water Boards' Cannabis Cultivation Program website, [Water Boards' Cultivation Program Facebook](#) (<https://www.facebook.com/CAWaterBoardsCultivation/>), on the [Water Boards' Cultivation Program Instagram](#) (<https://www.instagram.com/cawaterboardscultivation/>), and through the Cannabis Cultivators email subscription list. Other presenting regulatory agencies were notified of the completed voice-over efforts and have advertised the availability of the online workshop recordings. The Cannabis Cultivation Program continues to coordinate with partner agencies to provide outreach and enrollment content for cultivators, but time commitments have been reduced due to reprioritization of workload. See event details below for participating agencies, stakeholder participation, and links where available.

Event and Date	Event Description
<p><b>Thursday, October 15, 2020: Nevada County, CA (webcast)</b></p>	<p>The Nevada County Cannabis Alliance hosted a “Get Legit 2021” environmental compliance outreach event online. Staff from the Central Valley Regional Water Board and Division of Water Rights presented and were available to answer questions. The <a href="#">Get Legit 2021 event</a> was advertised by the Nevada County Cannabis Alliance.</p>

Helpful information and reminders are posted on the [Water Boards' Cultivation Program Facebook](#) (<https://www.facebook.com/CAWaterBoardsCultivation/>) and on the [Water Boards' Cultivation Program Instagram](#) (<https://www.instagram.com/cawaterboardscultivation/>).

## INTERAGENCY COORDINATION – CANNABIS CULTIVATION PROGRAM

Water Boards staff continue to meet with staff from California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), California Department of Food and Agriculture's CalCannabis Division (CalCannabis), and other regulatory agencies to ensure ongoing coordination and collaboration. Due to COVID-19 impacts, many of the regularly occurring meetings were canceled. Topics of coordination include: Water Boards' implementation of the Cannabis Policy through the Cannabis Cultivation General Order and Cannabis SIUR Program; CalCannabis regulations and license requirements for cannabis cultivation; consolidation of CalCannabis, Bureau of Cannabis Control, and California Department of Public Health's Manufactured Cannabis Safety Branch to form the Department of Cannabis Control; opportunities to streamline cannabis application processes; CDFW's Lake and Streambed Alteration (LSA) Agreement; inspection and enforcement in priority watersheds; data sharing; and each agency's ongoing implementation efforts related to their cannabis cultivation programs. Specific interagency coordination activities are summarized in the table below.

<b>Event and Date</b>	<b>Event Description</b>
<b>Cannabis Enforcement Program (CEP) Subgroup</b> <b>August 21, 2020</b> <b>September 8, 2020</b>	The CEP Subgroup discussed new potential enforcement cases identified during inspections, and assigned (triaged) those cases to CDFG, CDFW, the Water Boards, or some combination of those agencies, depending on the circumstances of each case.
<b>California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) Meeting:</b> <b>August 24, 2020</b>	Growing Responsible and Socially Sustainable Cannabis (GRASS-C) meeting hosted by the CARCD in coordination with Emerald Grown. Topics of discussion included how COVID-19 has affected cannabis farmers and businesses, and marketing and program growth.
<b>Imagery Coordination</b> <b>August 27, 2020</b>	Coordination efforts between CDFW, State Water Board, and California Department of Parks and Recreation to evaluate opportunities to acquire high resolution aerial imagery.
<b>Trinity County Coordination Meetings:</b> <b>September 3, 2020</b> <b>October 1, 2020</b>	North Coast Regional Water Board staff hosted a coordination meeting with the Trinity County Planning and Code Enforcement staff, Divisions of Water Rights and Water Quality, and CDFW. Topics of discussion included program updates, staffing updates, joint inspection planning, and site-specific enforcement.
<b>Licensing Subgroup</b> <b>September 9, 2020</b>	CalCannabis hosted the Divisions of Water Quality and Water Rights, North Coast Regional Water Board, and CDFW at the Licensing Subgroup meeting. Topics of discussion included program updates, COVID-19 impacts, inspection coordination, and CalCannabis notice letters to licensees with expired Cannabis Cultivation General Order coverage and/or Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreements.
<b>Yurok Tribe</b> <b>September 18, 2020</b>	The Yurok Tribe hosted a meeting with the North Coast Regional Water Board, and the Divisions of Water Quality and Water Rights. Topics of discussion included process for submitting tribal request to prohibit all cannabis cultivation on or within 600 feet of their tribal lands, tribal requirements in the Cannabis

	Policy, and desired updates to certain tribal requirements.
<b>Humboldt County Coordination September 23, 2020</b>	North Coast Regional Water Board staff hosted a coordination meeting with Humboldt County Planning and Code Enforcement staff, and Divisions of Water Rights and Water Quality staff. Topics of discussion included program updates, staffing updates, joint inspection planning, and site-specific enforcement.

## STATE WATER BOARD – DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

### Cannabis Small Irrigation Use Registration Program

As of October 15, 2020, cannabis cultivators submitted 836 applications for Cannabis Small Irrigation Use Registrations (SIURs), an increase of 13 from August 15, 2020. Cannabis cultivators have paid the required fees for 824 of these registrations and the Division of Water Rights has issued 670 Cannabis SIUR certificates, an increase of 19 since August 15, 2020. Eleven parties are more than 30 days late in paying the required filing fee. Eighty-seven applications have been canceled before certification because the cultivators:

- a. are no longer cultivating cannabis;
- b. identified use of an alternative source of water; or
- c. were unresponsive to staff's requests for follow-up.

Registration applications are submitted online via the [Cannabis Cultivation Program Application Portal](https://public2.waterboards.ca.gov/cgo) (<https://public2.waterboards.ca.gov/cgo>).

### Enforcement

The Cannabis Enforcement Section (CES) continues to coordinate with the North Coast, Central Coast, and Central Valley Regional Water Boards; CalCannabis; CDFW; El Dorado County; and Trinity County on enrollment enforcement, illegal cannabis cultivation inspections, and compliance with each agencies Cannabis Cultivation Programs. From August 15 to October 15, 2020, the CES issued 18 inspection reports (Report) to cannabis cultivators and 16 Notice of Violation (NOV) letters to cannabis cultivators without a valid water right for cannabis cultivation. Each NOV and Report provides information on the Water Boards' Cannabis Cultivation Program, instructions for how to file a response to the NOV or Report, website links to the Water Boards' Cannabis Cultivation Program's website, and Cannabis SIUR and Cannabis Cultivation General Order requirements. The NOVs and Reports provide each landowner 30 days from the date of receipt to submit a response to the State Water Board or come into compliance by filing a Cannabis SIUR and/or enrolling in the Cannabis Cultivation General Order.

The CES continues to develop formal enforcement actions for cultivators who continue to cultivate and do not comply with the State Water Board's Cannabis Program after notice was provided.

Since August 15, 2020, the CES has conducted five priority enforcement related inspections coordinated with state and local partner agencies (four in El Dorado County, and one in Humboldt County).

COVID-19-related staff safety concerns and internal agency overnight travel limitations limit the CES from conducting a number of cannabis enforcement inspections on illegal cannabis sites. The CES continues to assess participation on multi-agency enforcement inspections based on high priority water right factors.

### **STATE WATER BOARD – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY**

Enrollment under the Cannabis Cultivation General Order increased by 172 enrollees between August 15 and October 15, 2020, bringing the total active Cannabis Cultivation General Order NOA count to 5,429. A total of 270 Cannabis Cultivation General Order applications were submitted during the reporting period. Cannabis Cultivation General Order and Cannabis SIUR applications are completed online via the [Cannabis Cultivation Program Application Portal](https://public2.waterboards.ca.gov/cgo) (<https://public2.waterboards.ca.gov/cgo>).

A total of 153 enrollees have terminated enrollment under the Cannabis Cultivation General Order, an increase of three since August 15, 2020.

Staff is coordinating with the North Coast Regional Water Board to assist with application change requests and general customer service-related emails and phone calls from cultivators.

Staff continue to respond to CalCannabis regarding Cannabis Cultivation General Order NOA status and follow up with the appropriate Regional Water Board, as necessary.

### **STATE WATER BOARD – OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT**

From August 15 to October 15, 2020, the Office of Enforcement's Cannabis Enforcement Unit (CEU) has been teleworking and has participated in warrant inspections. Unit highlights include:

Inspections - CEU sent two staff for a one-day warrant inspection operation in Southern California with the Santa Ana Regional Water Board. The inspections were the first time the unit could test the COVID-19 inspection recommendations while in the field with other law enforcement and government agencies. CEU participated in seven inspections and authored reports for five sites.

Economic Benefit Assessment - CEU's first economic benefit assessment was submitted as part of a Central Valley Regional Water Board Cannabis Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) package for Hanover Properties, LLC that was heard at the October 15 Regional Board meeting. The unit additionally completed a request for economic benefit assessment from the North Coast Regional Water Board.

Regional Board Enforcement Prioritization and Planning - CEU met with staff, supervisors and management from the North Coast, Santa Ana, Central Valley, San Diego and Central Coast Regional Water Boards on topics such as enrollment enforcement by mail, enforcement prioritization, and high risk site disturbed area stabilization plans (DASPs).

Case Management - CEU staff managed formal enforcement referrals and informal enforcement follow-up on permitted and unpermitted site in collaboration with the Central Coast and North Coast Regional Water Boards.

Contact and Complaints - CEU received public contacts via voicemail and email regarding cannabis program complaints and questions. The unit responded or routed information received to the Division of Water Rights and the Central Valley Regional Water Board.

Correspondence - A Notice of Violation was re-issued by CEU to attempt contact with new property owners. A Notice of Violation was re-issued to resolve returned certified mail correspondence.

### **NORTH COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD**

From August 15 to October 15, 2020, North Coast Regional Water Board cannabis staff issued 96 NOAs for new enrollments (94 waste discharge requirements + two waivers) and re-issued 33 NOAs for existing enrollments under the Cannabis Cultivation General Order, issued 17 NOAs for instream work to be conducted under the Cannabis General Water Quality Certification, issued one individual Water Quality Certification, received two enrollment termination requests, conducted two site inspections, reviewed six technical reports, and issued one NOV, and one Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO).

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, and in conformance with state and local orders, all cannabis regulatory and enforcement staff in the North Coast Region's Santa Rosa and Eureka offices are teleworking with remote network access.

As of October 15, 2020, there are approximately 3,187 active enrollments (3,039 waste discharge requirement enrollees + 148 waivers) under the Cannabis Cultivation General Order in the North Coast Region. These numbers represent approximately 59 percent of total enrollments statewide, including approximately 77 percent of non-waiver enrollments. Staff is currently processing 40 new applications for enrollment. Since the North Coast Region's last update to the Executive Director, staff has received approximately 59 voicemails and 432 emails from applicants, enrollees, automated systems, and members of the public in the North Coast Region's general inboxes. On October 15, 2020, at the North Coast Regional Water Board meeting, staff (joined by Jonathan Bishop) provided a Cannabis Program update. Meeting details, written materials, and the recorded item can be accessed on [North Coast Regional Water Board's website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/10_2020/) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board\\_info/board\\_meetings/10\\_2020/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/10_2020/)).

### **SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD**

From August 15 to October 15, 2020, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board staff issued three NOAs. As of October 15, 2020, there are 190 active enrollments (26 waste discharge requirement enrollees and 164 waivers) under the Cannabis Cultivation General Order in the San Francisco Bay Region. Staff is currently processing 10 new applications for enrollment.

San Francisco Bay Regional Board staff has been teleworking since March 16, 2020 due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

### **CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD**

From August 15 to October 15, 2020, Central Coast Regional Water Board staff issued 16 NOAs, re-issued nine NOAs, processed or continued processing 29 proposals for restoration and stabilization work, issued two approval letters for restoration and stabilization work, and issued 30 NOVs. Additionally, two sites were brought into compliance with the riparian setback requirements through implementation of their Disturbed Area Stabilization Plans and the risk for the sites was decreased from high risk to low risk.

Staff issued 15 directives to obtain regulatory coverage pursuant to Water Code section 13260. Sites were identified through coordination with law enforcement and analysis of aerial imagery. Staff continue to coordinate with law enforcement and local agencies to identify additional unenrolled sites.

### **SOUTH COAST REGIONAL CANNABIS UNIT**

From August 15 to October 15, 2020, South Coast Regional Cannabis Unit staff representing the Los Angeles, Santa Ana, and San Diego Regional Water Boards issued six NOAs. To unpermitted illicit sites, staff issued one approval letter for site restoration and stabilization, provided local law enforcement agencies with 43 enrollment checks via email, and continued to draft NOVs and CAOs with the Office of Enforcement assistance. On September 23, 2020, staff participated in a mid-scale illicit cannabis operation led by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. The operation served search warrants at approximately 60 unpermitted illicit cannabis cultivation sites in the Anza/Aguanga area. Staff and the Office of Enforcement were present and inspected 14 illicit sites that represented the greatest impact to water quality during the operation.

Staff is currently processing 13 new applications for enrollment and approximately 200 NOVs to unpermitted illicit sites. NOVs and/or CAOs for four unpermitted illicit sites are in draft. Staff is working with the Office of Enforcement to develop a Rapid CAO template to address the 200-plus unpermitted illicit sites that have been inspected in the South Coast Region. As of October 15, 2020, three sites have been identified to use as a pilot for the Rapid CAO. Staff continue to provide enrollment checks via email to local law enforcement agencies a few checks per week.

As of October 15, 2020, there are 564 active enrollments under the Cannabis Cultivation General Order in the South Coast Region. Staff has issued four total NOVs to unpermitted illicit sites; two sites have been approved for site restoration and stabilization and two NOVs remain pending contact with the responsible parties and proposals for site restoration and stabilization.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, and in conformance with state and local orders, South Coast staff is teleworking with remote network access. Staff is performing limited inspections of unpermitted illicit sites and prioritizing sites with the greatest impact to water quality.

**CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD**

From August 15 to October 15, 2020, Central Valley Regional Water Board staff issued 53 NOAs (with dozens more currently in process for Lake County), processed two enrollment termination requests, conducted three compliance inspections, and five enforcement inspections. Staff participated in two outreach events in Nevada County. Staff has identified approximately 20 permitted and five enforcement sites that were impacted by fires in summer 2020. Staff brought two ACL cases to the Board. One was heard at the October Regional Board meeting and resulted in the ACL Order adoption. A second ACL case is in final stages of settlement negotiations and the site has been remediated.

The Central Valley Regional Water Board Cannabis Program Manager presented a Program Update for the Central Valley Board on October 16, 2020. The update included a discussion of the staff reduction statewide by the Office of Enforcement and concluded with a discussion of how the reduction in resources will be managed through improved efficiency and interagency coordination.

A surge in enrollment applications from Lake County in October has resulted in staff preparing dozens of NOAs which are currently in process. The applications are the result of a county-imposed deadline of October 31, 2020 in an effort to curtail new county Use Permit applications.

Staff continues to coordinate with local law enforcement and CDFW in an effort to triage enforcement inspections.

On September 1, 2020, the Enforcement Unit and the Permitting/Compliance Unit merged into a single Cannabis Regulatory Enforcement Unit under one senior in the Redding office as a result of the staff reductions. Two staff and one senior were reassigned to other vacancies in the Redding office and the existing vacancies were eliminated. The Rancho Cordova office had one vacancy eliminated and a second vacancy defunded.

Staff has identified numerous barriers to enrollment, some varying by county. Some counties have not established a programmatic CEQA process, others have upper limits on number of use permits they will issue, others are understaffed and can only process a small amount of use permits per month. A major barrier to enrollment in general is the small number of permissive counties in the Central Valley.

**EASTERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL CANNABIS UNIT**

From August 15 to October 15, 2020, Eastern California Regional Cannabis Unit staff, representing the Lahontan and Colorado River Basin Regional Water Boards, issued ten NOAs and conducted one virtual inspection. Staff continued to work on settlement for three ACL complaints in the Colorado River Basin Region and one CAO in the Lahontan Region. Staff continue to provide enrollment verification checks for CDFW and county law enforcement. As of October 15, there are 260 active enrollments, 121 in Region 6 and 139 in Region 7.