

State Water Board Division of Drinking Water

So. CA Water Dialogue

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Presentation Objectives

- ▶ Update of DDW Issues
 - Drinking Water Program – Transfer
 - SWS Compliance Issues
 - DDW Fees
 - SB 385 – Cr+6
 - Consolidation Authority



Field Operations

- ▶ 5 Regions
- ▶ 24 Districts
- ▶ Responsible for carrying out DWP's program objectives
- ▶ District staff interacts with water systems and other local partner agencies



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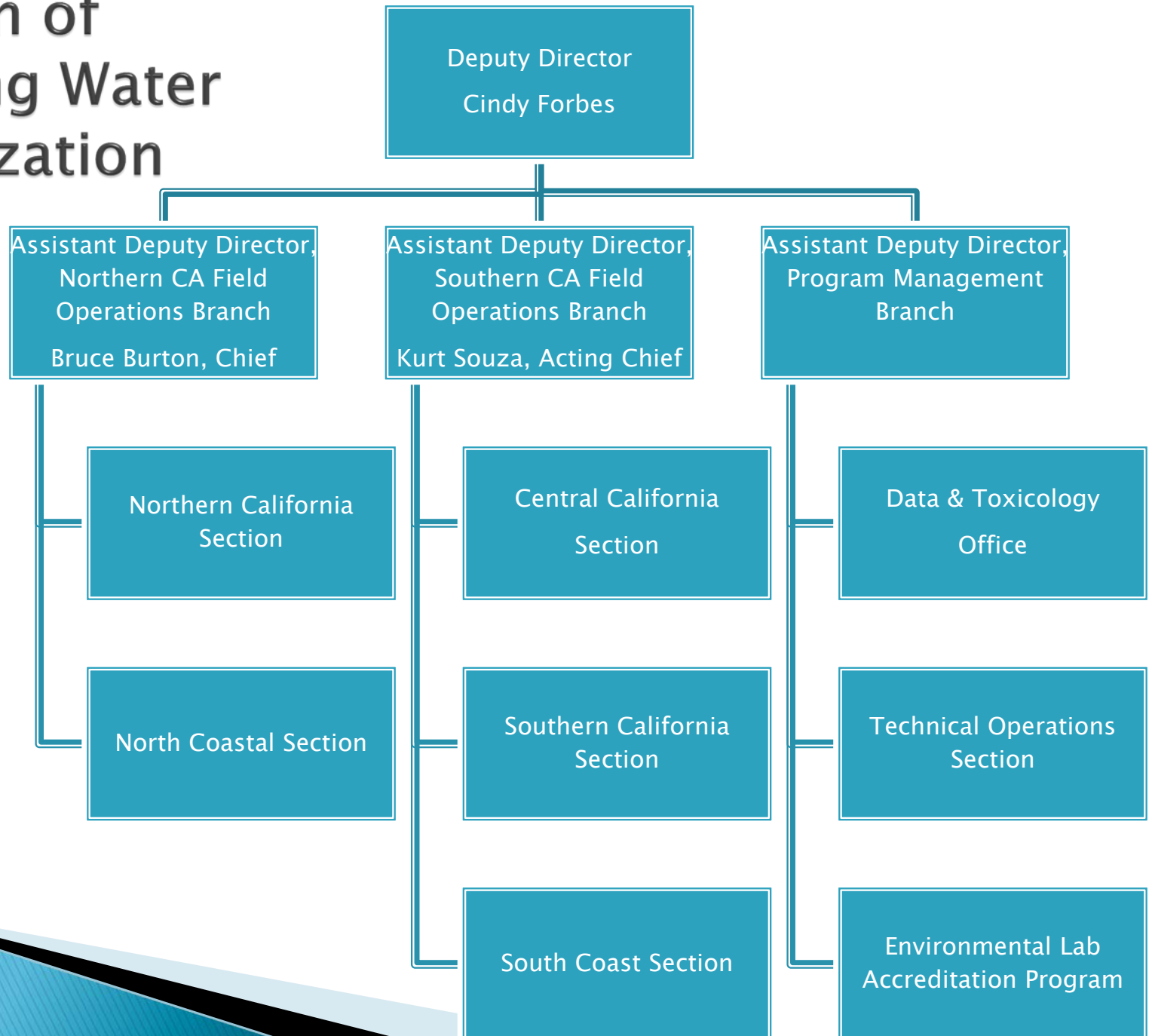




Program Transition

- ▶ Regulatory Program ▶
Division of Drinking Water
- ▶ Financial Aid & Operator Certification ▶
Division of Financial Assistance
- ▶ Information Technology ▶
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- ▶ Administrative Services ▶
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Division of Drinking Water Organization





Drinking Water Program

Type of System	Approximate #
COMMUNITY	3,000
Large (>3,300 people)	700
Small (>15 connections, <3,300 people)	2,300
NON-COMMUNITY	4,500
Non-transient	1,500
Transient	3,000
TOTAL	7,500

Type of System	Population	% of CA population
Large Water System >1000 connections	37 million	98%
Small Water System <1000 connections	400,000	1%

HRTW Update

- ▶ Board Resolution on February 16th Board Mtg
- ▶ Performance Metrics Webpage Under Development
 - GIS Mapping of PWS in violation of primary MCLs
 - Lists of systems with water quality problems
 - Likely that the dots will surround larger systems
- ▶ Statistics on PWS returned to compliance
- ▶ Political pressure on nearby systems possible
- ▶ DDW to provide outreach to inform LPA partners/CWS of this proposal.

DDW Fee Update—SB83

- ▶ Current Fees/Revenue Insufficient to meet Drinking Water Program Expenditures
- ▶ Use Existing Fee for Service Approach in FY15/16
- ▶ FY16/17—Alternative Fee Approaches Presented to Stakeholders at 6 workshops across state
- ▶ Regulations for New Fees being drafted
- ▶ Package to be submitted to OAL by early March; scheduled for May 17th Board Meeting
- ▶ Emergency regs to be adopted in future years

Hexavalent Chromium Compliance Plans

- ▶ SB385 was signed by the Governor on September 4, 2015.
- ▶ Purpose of the law is to provide public water systems additional time to comply with the hexavalent chromium MCL without being deemed in violation.
- ▶ Requires the submission of a Compliance Plan to the DDW/LPA; obtain approval for the plan in writing; carry out the plan and return to compliance at the earliest feasible date prior to January 1, 2020.

SB385 Hexavalent Chromium Compliance Plans

- ▶ Board Consent Item on February 2nd
- ▶ Criteria posted on DDW website
- ▶ ACWA concerns addressed regarding noticing for the larger systems.

Statistics on Systems Impacted

- ▶ As of November 2015, there were 484 sources that had detectable hexavalent chromium > 10 ppb.
- ▶ 207 PWS have sources with detections > 10 ppb.

New Authority –SB88 Consolidation Drought Impacted

- ▶ Drought impacted public water systems, state small water systems or domestic well owners (with written consent) in disadvantaged communities (SB 88 definition) can receive an extension of service in preparation for a consolidation from a receiving water system.
- ▶ Funding for the receiving water system must be available.
- ▶ Interim water supplies needed since the funding and construction process is time consuming.

New Authority –SB88 Consolidation

- ▶ Section 116682(a) – Where a public water system, or state small water system within a disadvantaged community, consistently fails to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water, the SWRCB may order consolidation with a receiving water system as provided in this section and Section 116684. The consolidation may be physical or operational.
- ▶ Funding for the receiving water system must be available.
 - **NOTE:** Applies only to water systems in disadvantaged communities (SB 88 definition)

New Authority and Next Steps

- ▶ SWRCB–DDW can order both the small (consolidated) and larger (receiving) water systems to consolidate.
- ▶ DDW anticipates most systems working together and voluntarily consolidating.
- ▶ DDW will give immediate attention to drought impacted communities, however permanent solutions may take time to be established.
- ▶ Our preference is to assist in voluntary consolidations to ensure the delivery of safe drinking water to all Californians

Regulations

- ▶ Surface Water Augmentation
- ▶ Point of Use/ Point of Entry
- ▶ 1,2,3-TCP
- ▶ Revised Total Coliform Rule

**Thank you
for your attention**