



Division of Drinking Water - Addressing Drinking Water Challenges in Urban, Small, and Disadvantaged Communities

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- North Coastal Section
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- Central California Section
- **Southern California Section**
- South Coast Section

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- Technical Operations Section
- Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Section

Safe and Affordable Fund for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Branch

- **Safe and Affordable Section**
- Quality Assurance Section



Division of Drinking Water Responsibilities

- Oversight and compliance assistance of public water systems
- Enforcement of Safe Drinking Water Act and to ensure compliance with water quality standards (health based and aesthetic standards)
- Public water systems sanitary surveys (inspections) to assess condition and operations
- Issue public water system permits to operate drinking water supply sources and treatment facilities
- Develop and implement regulations (state and federal)
- DDW assists the Division of Financial Assistance in the implementation of funding programs for water system improvements
- DDW delegates authority to some counties for small water system programs (<200 service connections)

Responsibilities of Public Water Systems

- Provide a reliable and adequate supply of potable water
- Obtain a Water Supply Permit and comply with all conditions
- Use only approved drinking water sources
- Comply with design standards
- Employ State certified water treatment and distribution system operators at the appropriate grade
- Water quality monitoring and reporting
- Comply with drinking water quality standards (Maximum Contaminant Levels - MCLs)
- Provide treatment as necessary to comply with requirements

DDW's Enforcement and Compliance Tools

- **Permits** – ensure compliance with operating conditions
- **Sanitary Surveys** - inspect facilities, document deficiencies and require follow up corrective actions
- **Formal Enforcement by Citations and Orders** – establishes milestones and deadlines to comply, can include fines
- **Mandatory Consolidation Authority** – SB 88 (effective 6/2015), requires joining (physically or operationally) with another system
- **Administrator Authority** – SB 552 (effective 9/2016), State contracts with (funds) and appoints an administrator to provide full management and control. SB 200 (effective 7/2019) provides funding source for administrator services.

Human Right to Water

- 2012 Gov. Brown signed Assembly Bill (AB) 685, recognizing the human right to water
- Water Code Section 106.3 *“every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes.”*
- Right extends to all Californians, including disadvantaged individuals and groups and communities in rural and urban areas

CA Public Water Systems

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

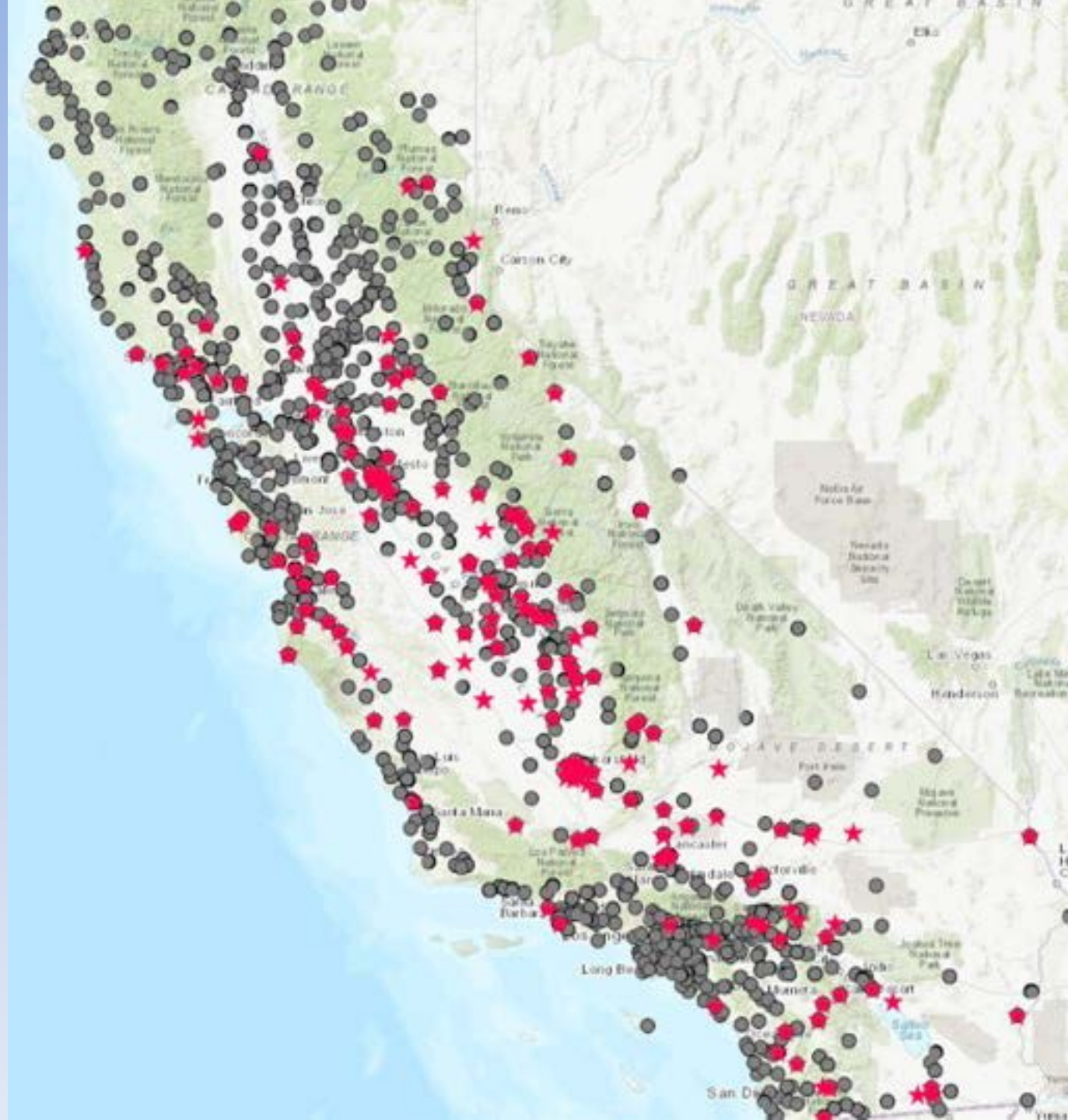
Type of System	Population	% of CA population
Large Water System >1000 connections	37 million	98%
Small Water System <1000 connections	400,000	1%

HR2Water Map

- Approximately 3,000 Community Water Systems and School Systems
- Red stars represent water systems with violations of drinking water standards
- 90% of violations occur in water systems serving less than 500 connections

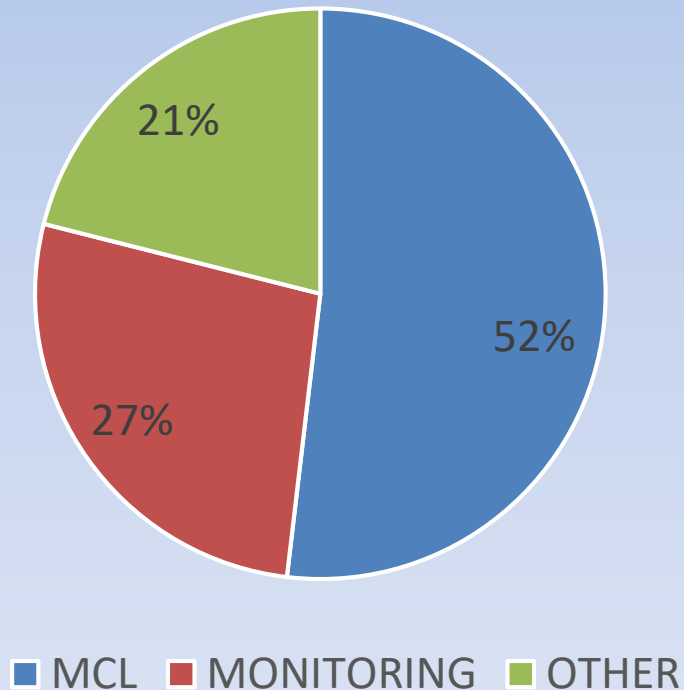
Map source: Human Right to Water Portal

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/hr2w/



Tracking Violations Statewide

STATEWIDE
16,452 VIOLATIONS, 2015-2019



- **MCL Violations** – Arsenic, Nitrate, Coliform Bacteria, 1,2,3 TCP, Disinfection Byproducts, Uranium, Fluoride, Chromium, E. Coli, Manganese, Perchlorate
- **Other Violations** – violations of a permit condition, failure to distribute consumer confidence report, failure to complete annual report, failure to notify state, failure to notify public, inadequate treatment of surface water, inadequate disinfection, record keeping, inadequate operator certification, waterworks standards violation

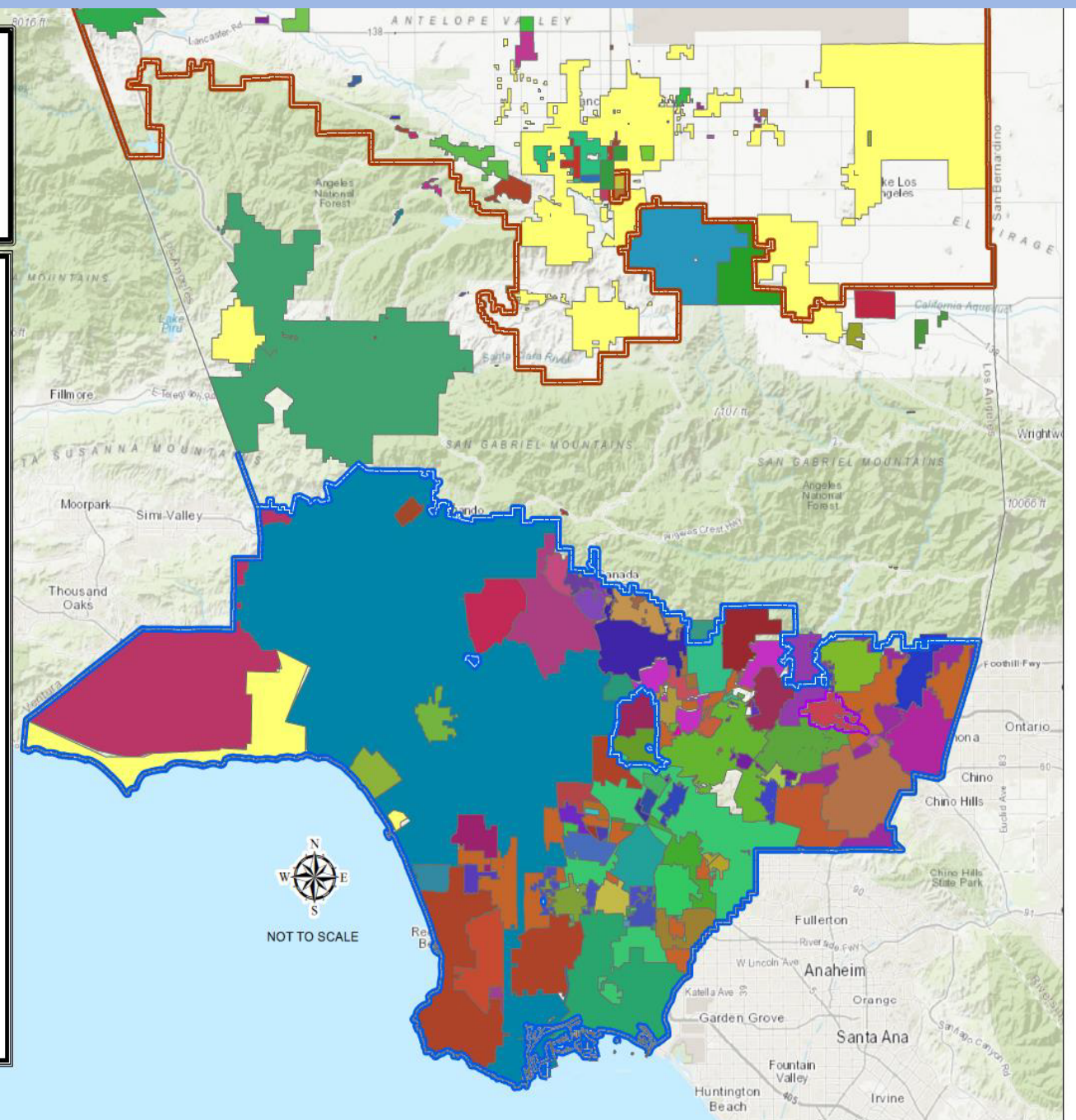
Human Right to Water Violation Data – LA County

REGULATING_AGENCY	WATER_SYSTEM_NAME	POPULATION	SERVICE_CONNECTIONS	COUNTY	VIOLATION_TYPE
LPA49 - LA COUNTY	LANCASTER PARK MOBILE HOME PARK	61	21	LOS ANGELES	Arsenic MCL
LPA49 - LA COUNTY	METTLER VALLEY MUTUAL	135	98	LOS ANGELES	Arsenic MCL
LPA49 - LA COUNTY	THE VILLAGE MOBILE HOME PARK	50	34	LOS ANGELES	Arsenic MCL
LPA49 - LA COUNTY	MITCHELL'S AVENUE E MOBILE HOME PARK	24	24	LOS ANGELES	Arsenic MCL
LPA49 - LA COUNTY	WINTERHAVEN MOBILE ESTATES	56	20	LOS ANGELES	Arsenic MCL
DISTRICT 22 - ANGELES	EAST PASADENA WATER CO.	9841	2982	LOS ANGELES	1,2,3 TCP MCL
DISTRICT 07 - HOLLYWOOD	LAND PROJECTS MUTUAL WATER CO.	1500	542	LOS ANGELES	Arsenic MCL

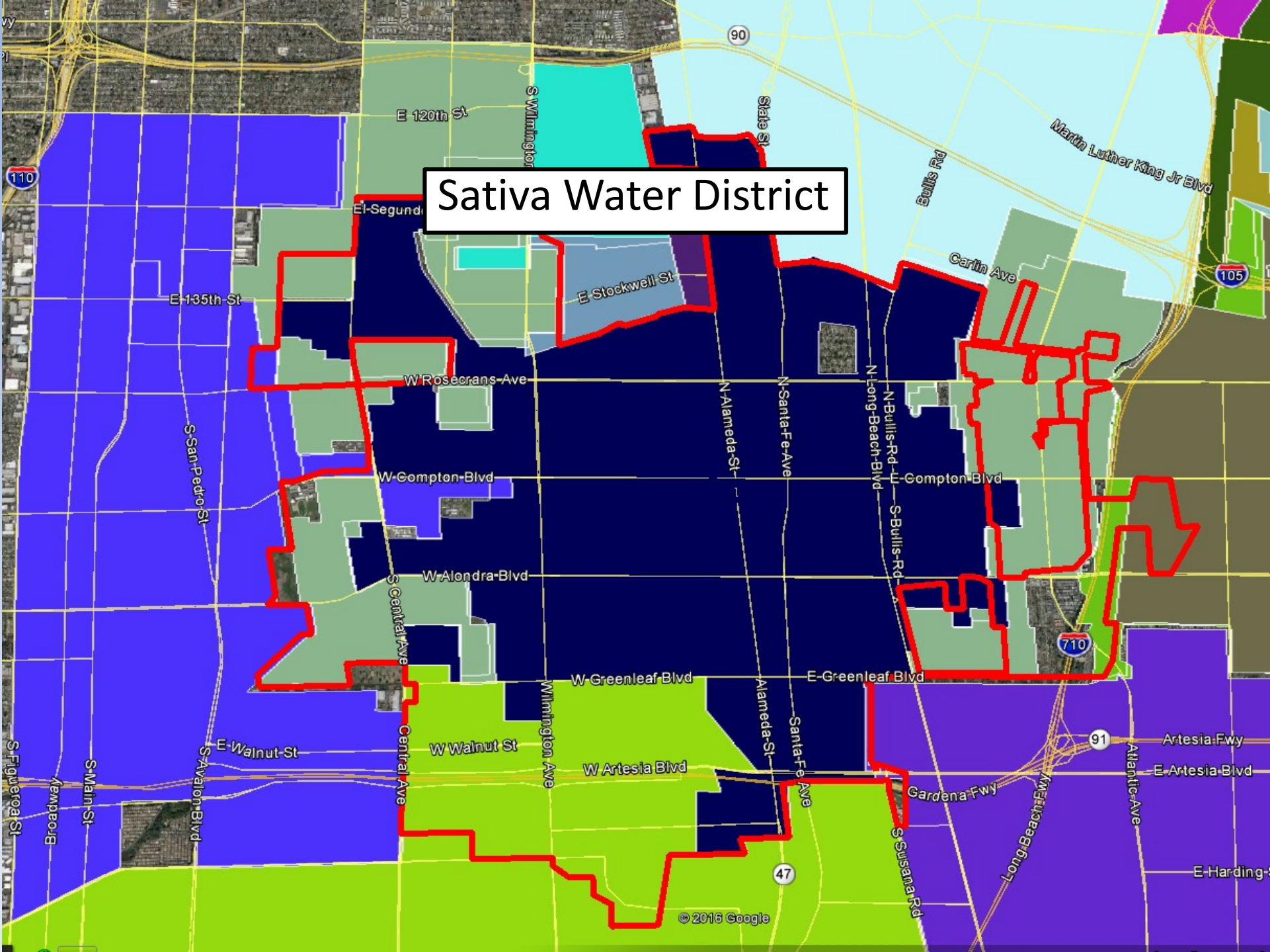
WATER PURVEYORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Legend

ALPINE SPRINGS MOBILE HOME PARK	HUNTINGTON PARK-CITY, WATER DEPT.	QUARTZ HILL WATER DIST.
AMARILLO MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	INGLEWOOD- CITY, WATER DEPT.	RESEDALE MUTUAL
ANTELOPE PARK MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	KINNELOA IRRIGATION DIST.	RIVERS END TRAILER PARK
ANTELOPE VALLEY-EAST KERN WATER AGENCY	LA CANADA IRRIGATION DIST.	ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT
AQUA J. MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	LA HABRA HEIGHTS CWD	RUBIO CANON LAND & WATER ASSOCIATION
AVERYDALE MWC	LA PUENTE VALLEY CWD	RURBAN HOMES MUTUAL WATER CO.
AZUSA LIGHT AND WATER	LA VERNE, CITY WD	SAN FERNANDO-CITY, WATER DEPT.
BAXTER MUTUAL WATER CO.	LAKE ELIZABETH MUTUAL WATER CO.	SAN GABRIEL COUNTY WD
BELLFLOWER - SOMERSET MWC	LAKEWOOD - CITY, WATER DEPT.	SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER CO.
BELLFLOWER HOME GARDEN WATER COMPANY	LANCASTER PARK MOBILE HOME PARK	SANTA CLARITA VALLEY W.A.
BELLFLOWER MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM	LANCASTER WATER COMPANY	SANTA FE SPRINGS - CITY, WATER DEPT.
BEVERLY HILLS-CITY, WATER DEPT.	LAND PROJECTS MUTUAL WATER CO.	SANTA MONICA-CITY, WATER DIVISION
BLEICH FLATS MUTUAL	LANDALE MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	SATIVA-L.A. CWD
BLUE SKIES TRAILOR PARK	LAS FLORES WATER CO.	SHADOW ACRES MUTUAL WATER COMPANY
BURBANK-CITY, WATER DEPT.	LAS VIRGENES MWD	SHERWOOD MOBILE HOME PARK
CAL/AM WATER COMPANY	LEISURE LAKE MOBILE ESTATES	SIGNAL HILL - CITY, WATER DEPT.
CALIF STATE POLYTECHNICAL UNIV - POMONA	LIBERTY UTILITIES	SLEEPY VALLEY WATER COMPANY
CALIFORNIA DOMESTIC WATER COMPANY	LILY OF THE VALLEY MOBILE VILLAGE	SO. CAL. EDISON CO.-SANTA CATALINA
CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE CO.	LINCOLN AVENUE WATER CO.	SOUTH GATE-CITY, WATER DEPT.
CALIFORNIAN MOBILE HOME PARK	LITTLE BALDY WATER	SOUTH MONTEBELLO IRRIGATION DIST.
CAMP WILLIAMS-RESORT WATER	LITTLE ROCK CREEK IRRIGATION DIST.	SPV WATER COMPANY
CASA DULCE ESTATES	LLANO DEL RIO WATER COMPANY	STERLING MUTUAL WATER COMPANY
CENTRAL BASIN MWD	LLANO MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	SUBURBAN WATER SYSTEMS
CERRITOS - CITY, WATER DEPT.	LOMITA-CITY, WATER DEPT.	SUNDALE MUTUAL WATER COMPANY A, B
CITY OF ALHAMBRA	LONG BEACH-CITY, WATER DEPT.	SUNNY SLOPE WATER CO.
CITY OF ARCADIA	LOS ANGELES CITY DEPT. OF WATER & POWER	SUNNYSIDE FARMS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY
CITY OF BELL GARDENS	LOS ANGELES CO WW DIST	TERRA NOVA MOBILE HOME PARK
CITY OF INDUSTRY WATERWORKS SYSTEMS	LOS ANGELES RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY FOUNDA	THE OAKS
CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA	LYNWOOD PARK MUTUAL WATER CO.	THE PAINTED TURTLE CAMP
CLEAR SKIES MOBILE HOME PARK	LYNWOOD-CITY, WATER DEPT.	THE RIVER COMMUNITY
COLORADO MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	MANHATTAN BEACH-CITY, WATER DEPT.	THE VILLAGE MOBILE HOME PARK
COMMERCE-CITY, WATER DEPT.	MAYWOOD MUTUAL WATER CO. #1	THREE VALLEYS MWD
COMPTON-CITY, WATER DEPT.	MAYWOOD MUTUAL WATER CO. #2	TIERRA BONITA MUTUAL WATER
COVINA IRRIGATING CO.	MAYWOOD MUTUAL WATER CO. #3	TORRANCE-CITY, WATER DEPT.
COVINA-CITY, WATER DEPT.	MESA CREST WATER CO.	TRACT 180 MUTUAL WATER CO.
CRESCENTA VALLEY CWD	METROPOLITAN WATER DIST. OF SO. CAL	TRACT 349 MUTUAL WATER CO.
DEL RIO MUTUAL	METTLER VALLEY MUTUAL	VALENCIA HEIGHTS WATER CO.
DESERT PALMS MOBILE HOME PARK	MITCHELL'S AVENUE E MOBILE HOME PARK	VALLEY COUNTY WATER DIST.
DOWNEY - CITY, WATER DEPT.	MONROVIA-CITY, WATER DEPT.	VALLEY VIEW MUTUAL WATER CO.
EAST PASADENA WATER CO.	MONTEBELLO LAND & WATER CO.	VALLEY WATER CO.
EL DORADO MUTUAL WATER CO.	MONTEBELLO-CITY, WATER DEPT.	VERNON-CITY, WATER DEPT.
EL MONTE-CITY, WATER DEPT.	MONTEREY PARK-CITY, WATER DEPT.	WALNUT PARK MUTUAL WATER CO.
EL RANCHO MOBILE HOME PARK	NORTH TRAILS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	WALNUT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
EL SEGUNDO-CITY, WATER DEPT.	NORWALK - CITY, WATER DEPT.	WEST VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
EVERGREEN MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	OAK GROVE FAMILY PARK	WESTERN SKIES MOBILE HOME PARK
FENNER CANYON YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP	ORCHARD DALE WATER DISTRICT	WESTSIDE PARK MUTUAL WATER
FOOTHILL MUNICIPAL WATER DIST.	PALM RANCH IRRIGATION DIST.	WHITE FENCE FARMS MWC NO. 1
GLENDALE-CITY, WATER DEPT.	PALMDALE WATER DIST.	WHITE FENCE FARMS MWC NO.3
GLENORA-CITY, WATER DEPT.	PARAMOUNT - CITY, WATER DEPT.	WHITIER-CITY, WATER DEPT.
GOLDEN SANDS MOBILE HOME PARK	PASADENA-CITY, WATER DEPT.	WILSONA GARDENS MUTUAL
GOLDEN VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT	PETER PITCHESS HONOR RANCHO DETN. CTR	WINTERHAVEN MOBILE ESTATES
GREEN VALLEY CWD	PICO RIVERA - CITY, WATER DEPT.	
GSWC	PICO WD	
HAWTHORNE-CITY WATER DEPT.	POMONA - CITY, WATER DEPT.	
HEMLOCK MUTUAL WATER CO.		



Sativa Water District



Waterboard Activities – Sativa Water District

- **2011 to 2017** – Enforcement for multiple monitoring and reporting violations*
- **2017 Sanitary Survey** – Several infrastructure problems identified *
- **February 2018** – Sativa applies for and receives State Water Board \$200k planning grant
- **April 2018** – Widespread colored water incident occurs*
DDW joint investigation with LA County Environmental Health

* Indictors of Technical, Managerial and Financial Capacity Problems!

Waterboard Activities – Sativa Water District

- **June 2018** – Compliance order for inadequate source capacity, presence of particulate in distribution system, inadequate pressure, and inadequate flushing.*
- **October 2018** – after LAFCO initiates dissolution and AB 1577/SB862 passed, DDW issues Administrative Order requiring Sativa to accept full control by LA County Public Works. First time DDW uses this authority.
- **2019 and ongoing**– DDW and DFA works with LA County Public Works on interconnection projects and distribution system repairs. DFA funds technical assistance and staff training and \$1.8 M in grant funding for construction of critical infrastructure. DDW/DFA will continue to work with LA County’s successor once selected.

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LA LAFCO Actions – Sativa Water District

- 2012:
 - LAFCO Sativa Municipal Service Review: Recommends dissolving Sativa County Water District and designating the Central Basin Municipal Water District as the successor agency
 - Commission adopts Zero Sphere of Influence for Sativa and requires continuing review
- 2014 to 2017:
 - Progress Reports considered by the Commission
- 2018:
 - LAFCO initiates dissolution (July)
- 2019:
 - Commission approves Sativa dissolution (February)
 - Dissolution Effective (March)

Small Water System and DACs Challenges

Technical, Managerial, and Financial Capacity Issues

- Inadequate staffing
- Poor governance
- Aging Infrastructure – lack of asset management and capital improvement planning to address
- Difficulty accessing funding for improvements
- Difficulty setting rates that reflect true costs and remains affordable to customers

Small Water System and DACs Challenges

Water Quality and Quantity Issues

- Volatile Organic Chemicals – difficulty installing and operating treatment systems
- Secondary Standards (Iron, Manganese, Color) – same as above
- Chemicals of Emerging Concern (PFOS, PFOA, and 1,4 Dioxane) - Likely need for future treatment
- Lack of Storage
- Inadequate or unreliable sources

Contaminants Affecting Groundwater Quality in LA Co.

CHEMICAL	# Sources Above MCL
TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE)	129
1,4 DIOXANE *	122
MANGANESE	100
TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE)	98
NITRATE (AS N)	86
PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID (PFOS) *	69
PERFLUOROOCTANOIC ACID (PFOA) *	67
PERCHLORATE	65
ARSENIC	48
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE (CTC)	45
IRON	41
1,2,3-TRICHLOROPROPANE (TCP)	40

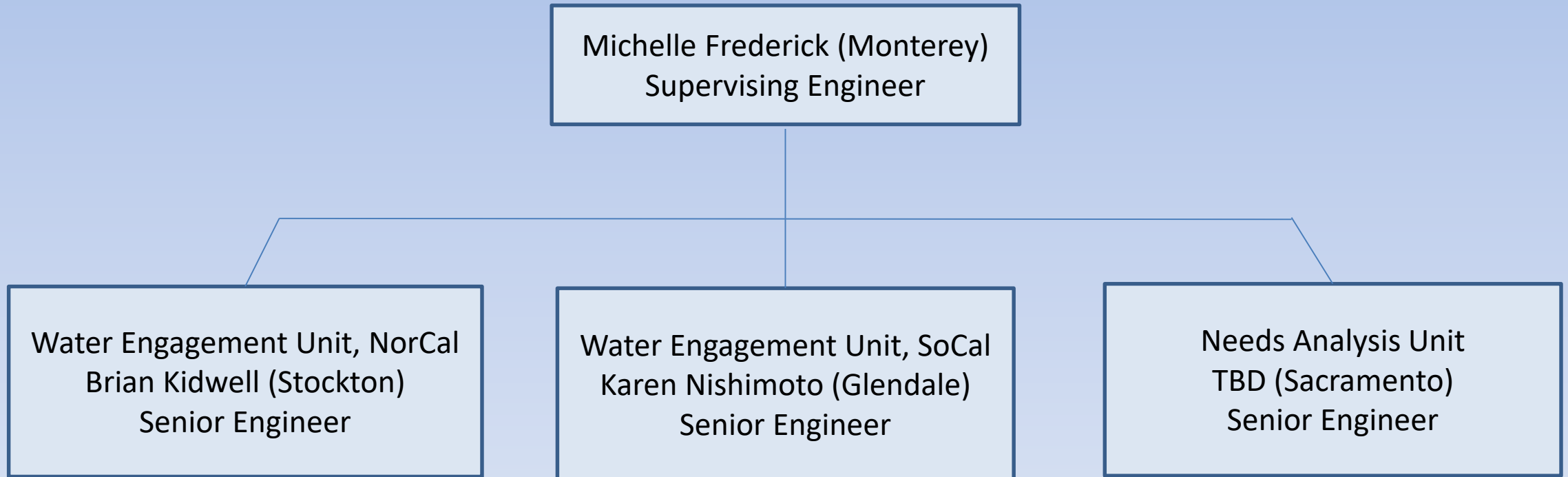
Total number of drinking water sources in LA County = 2,189

* 1,4 DIOXANE, PFOS and PFOA do not have MCLs but development of regulatory standards is underway.

SB-200

- SB200 Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund (effective 7/2019)
 - Provides \$130 million a year for 10 years for water infrastructure projects including consolidation and funding for Administrator costs
 - State Board staffing to assess small water system needs, enhances ability to assess financial capacity, identify high risk water systems and areas, develop interim and sustainable long-term solutions
- Statewide Needs Assessment – Identifying Public Water Systems in Violation or At-Risk
- Clearer authority for financial capacity data collection
- Administrator authority and funding
- Outreach to communities
- Goals include consolidations, regional solutions, local capacity building, and accelerated timelines

NEW Safe and Affordable Section
(SAFER – Safe and Affordable Fund for Equity and Resiliency)



Water Engagement Units, North and South

Priorities:

- Water systems with public health violations
 - work with DDW District Offices and DFA
 - Initial focus on disadvantaged communities and small water systems
- Consolidations, mandatory or voluntary
- Administrators
- Review of any new proposed water system to prevent formation when consolidation is viable
- Staffing located across the State in District Offices

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Needs Analysis Section

Priorities:

- Identify water systems at-risk
- Support collection of state small water system information
- Support hazard mapping efforts for individual domestic wells
- Evaluate regions for potential consolidations/partnerships

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Resources

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https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/index.html
- HR2Water Webpage
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- Drinking Water Partnerships and Consolidation Webpage
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