

General Order for Recycled Water Use

State Water Resources Control Board

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Background

- Adopted on June 3, 2014 – Water Quality Order 2014-0090
- Developed in response to the Governor's proclamations of a Drought State of Emergency on January 17, 2014 and April 25, 2014
- Recognized as an opportunity to conserve availability of local potable water supplies

Purpose

- **Streamline permitting for recycled water use** that typically presents a relatively low threat to water quality
- **Relieve new individual recycled water end users** from the requirements to apply for Water Recycling Requirements or individual Waste Discharge Requirements
- **Provide coverage for other recycled water uses** that are not currently addressed by other General Orders or Master Reclamation Permits

Coverage

- Allow producers and distributors of recycled water to facilitate recycled water use as water recycling administrators
- Limit source of wastewater to treated municipal wastewater
- Allow uses compliant with uniform water recycling criteria (California Code of Regulations title 22, division 4, chapter 3)

Coverage

Allowed Uses (title 22 §§ 60304-60307)

- Irrigation (agricultural, landscape)
- Impoundments
- Cooling / industrial
- Other purposes listed in title 22 § 60307 (commercial carwashes, artificial snow making, dust control, flushing sanitary sewer, mixing concrete, street cleaning, soil compaction, etc.)

Non Allowed Uses

- Potable Uses
- Groundwater recharge/replenishment (spreading basins or groundwater injection wells)

General Order Roles and Responsibilities

CDPH role and responsibility is at case-by-case and is not shown in this diagram

Regional Water Board

- Enroll dischargers
- Review and approve Water Recycling Program
- Conduct inspection and review monitoring reports
- Coordinate with CDPH to include title 22 engineering report approval requirements



State Water Board

- Prepare and adopt GO
- Provide GO rollout/ implementation support for Regional Water Board

WATER RECYCLING PROGRAM

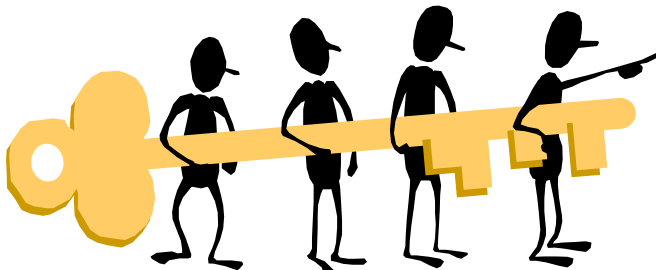
GO Applicants/Enrollees

Comply with GO requirements and assume responsibilities as Water Recycling Program Administrator



Recycled Water Users

Comply with Water Recycling Program requirements



Next Steps

- State Board Request to report back in about one year:
 - How many applicants have been enrolled under the General Order
 - How many were denied enrollment
 - Enforcement actions under the General Order
 - Amount of recycled water used under the General Order