General Order for Recycled Water Use

State Water Resources Control Board
Thursday, July 17, 2014
• 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
• **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
• 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:
  o How many applicants have been enrolled under the General Order
  o How many were denied enrollment
  o Enforcement actions under the General Order
  o Amount of recycled water used under the General Order