

# Leg/Reg Update

Northern California WaterReuse Chapter

Ted Couch

*February 21, 2020*



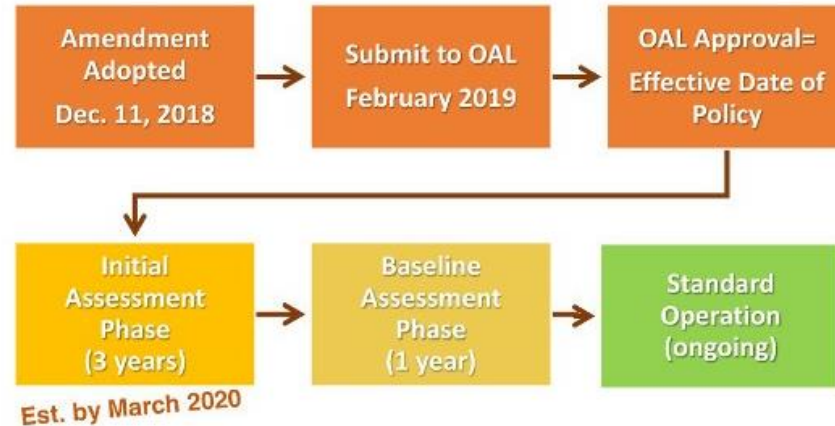
# California 2020 Water Resilience Portfolio

- Draft released 1/6, <http://waterresilience.ca.gov/>, comments were due 2/7
- Several recommendations came from WRCA WaterReuse Action Plan
- Highlights:
  - 4. Support local and regional agencies to recycle/reuse >2.5 MAF/year in the next decade
    - 4.1 **Increase financial capacity** to support recycling, reuse, and wastewater projects through the **CWSRF** and other state and local funding mechanisms.
    - 4.2 **Complete raw water augmentation regulations and treated drinking water augmentation regulations**, as required by AB 574 of 2017, to allow purified recycled water to be moved directly into distribution systems.
    - 4.3 Implement 2018 legislation (SB 966) that requires creation of **risk-based water quality standards** for onsite collection and non-potable reuse of water in apartment, commercial, and mixed-use buildings.
    - 4.4 **Update 20-year-old “purple pipe” regulations** to eliminate outdated and overly prescriptive requirements in order to expand use of non-potable recycled water while protecting food safety and the environment.

# Bioassay SOP Guidance Document

- Released by WRCA & NWRI  
January 10,  
[https://watereuse.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/NWRI.WRCA\\_BIAG\\_Final\\_Report.pdf](https://watereuse.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/NWRI.WRCA_BIAG_Final_Report.pdf)
- Assists potable reuse agencies in complying with the bioassay monitoring requirement that will begin in 2020

## Bioanalytical Phased Monitoring Requirements: Timing



# Cross Connection Control Regulations

- SWRCB updating these regulations through a Policy Handbook
- WRCA is requesting review and comments on proposed changes to swivel ell language
- Stakeholder workshop held yesterday
- Will seek formal comment from public, stakeholders, interested parties, will have 2 public hearings
- Any comments or questions, email [DDWRegUnit@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DDWRegUnit@waterboards.ca.gov)

# Recycled Water Policy Implementation

- Recycled Water Policy goal - better tracking of RW production & reporting, CA wants to determine how much water can be recycled
- Reporting via Geotracker
  - Online GIS-based tool
  - Use to report monthly and annual RW
  - To be released spring 2020
- First annual report due April 30, 2020
- Report inflow, level of treatment, discharge of RW use, & more
- SWRCB looking for feedback on Geotracker

# Toxicity Provision Update

- SWRCB held series of workshops on toxicity provisions
  - Provided update on Appendix J, Evaluating Laboratory Performance with the Ceriodaphnia Dubia Reproduction Toxicity Test, and Appendix K, Survey of Laboratory Toxicity Testing Logistical Capacities.
- SWRCB will conduct toxicity studies with results expected end of 2020

# Legislation WRCA is Watching

- Voluntary authorizing WW agencies to receive dry weather runoff
  - Senator Hertzberg - interest in pursuing stormwater proposal vs. treated WW/ocean discharge
  - CASA Proposal: dry weather diversion authorization to WW agencies (voluntary), will co-sponsor with California Coast Keepers
  - WRCA will likely not co-sponsor (WW issue), may support
  - Bill language still being developed
- SB 45 (Allen)
  - Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020
  - \$1.7B for water-related issues, including \$100M for recycled water
  - Passed Senate, read in Assembly for 1<sup>st</sup> time Jan 30

# Legislation WRCA is Watching

- MWD/California Municipal Utilities Association sponsoring legislation
  - Establish CEC drinking water program at SWRCB
  - Set up consistent, science-based regulatory approach, assess public health and drinking water consequences of CECs while identifying which CECs warrant further action
  - Attempt to avoid legislature bills for individual CECs



# Recent/In Process WRCA Support Letters

- Title XVI-WIIN program
  - To Senator Feinstein & Congressman Calvert
  - Asking for increased support (\$50 M) in FY 2021
- California's Climate Bond(s)
  - To CA Senators Atkins & Grove and Assemblymembers Rendon & Waldron
  - Asking for \$750M - \$1B for water recycling funding (out of \$4.75B bond)
  - Asking those funds to be administered by the SWRCB's existing Water Recycling Funding program
  - 1<sup>st</sup> hearing is February 26

# Upcoming Events

- Leg/Reg Committee:
  - Today, 12:30-2:30
  - March 13
  - April 3