

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED ABOUT STATE WATER INITIATIVES

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## NEW YEAR. NEW UPDATES.

San Juan Water District works hard to protect its water rights and your water supplies year-round. We track, monitor and provide input on dozens of regional, state and federal water policy and planning initiatives. Here's an update on three to watch as we kick off 2017:

- State Water Resources Control Board's Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Update
- New permanent water conservation regulations in response to an Executive Order issued by the Governor
- California Natural Resources Agency's California WaterFix

### HELPFUL TO KNOW

The **State Water Resources Control Board** regulates water quality in collaboration with nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards. It also oversees California's surface water rights system.

For info ► [waterboards.ca.gov](http://waterboards.ca.gov)

The **California Natural Resources Agency** and its numerous departments works to restore, protect and manage the state's natural, historical and cultural resources for current and future generations.

For info ► [resources.ca.gov](http://resources.ca.gov)



### IMPORTANT STATE WATER INITIATIVES

## BAY-DELTA WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN

The State Water Resources Control Board is revising its Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan.

The plan updates water quality standards to protect beneficial uses of water including environmental health. The Board may require a reallocation of water supplies between beneficial uses to achieve new standards as reflected in proposed flow objective revisions.

### WHAT TO WATCH

Phase 1 of the update process focused on the San Joaquin River.

- Anticipated adoption: 2017

Phase 2 is underway. It focuses on Sacramento River flow objectives, Delta inflows and overall Delta outflow requirements.

- Proposed adoption: 2018

### WHY THIS MATTERS TO YOU

The Sacramento River, the American River (our water source) and the Delta are all connected. If the Sacramento River has inadequate water supplies to meet the Delta's regulatory needs, the Board may allocate more Folsom Lake water to help meet the Delta's water quality and environmental standards. San Juan will continue to monitor and provide input to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan process to protect your water supplies. We're advocating for a solution that honors water rights, protects our American River water supplies and avoids negative impacts to you.



# WATER CONSERVATION REGULATIONS

Last June, the State Water Resources Control Board required local agencies to assess the adequacy of available water supplies to meet their needs if the next three years are dry.

Our analyses determined San Juan's supplies are adequate to meet water demands for at least three consecutive dry years.

## WHAT TO WATCH

In 2016, the Governor directed the State Water Resources Control Board to work with the Department of Water Resources to develop more stringent permanent long-term conservation requirements for all Californians.

New mandates could further reduce the amount of water customers can use.

- Anticipated adoption: Early 2017

## WHY THIS MATTERS TO YOU

The proposed draft regulations could establish water use targets that limit both indoor and outdoor water use on your property. This could impact your water use inside your home and your irrigation outdoors. They may need to permanently change to comply with these potential new regulations and San Juan would be required by the state to monitor your individual water use.

San Juan is working with other water agencies to share input, concerns and recommendations to improve the plan.



# CALIFORNIA WATERFIX

Under the California Natural Resources Agency, California WaterFix is a plan to increase the reliability of water supplies conveyed through the Delta. This water supply serves approximately 23 million people and millions of acres of agricultural lands.

In 2016, Governor Brown announced the majority of the original ecosystem restoration component of the WaterFix will now be pursued through a separate program: California EcoRestore.

## WHAT TO WATCH

Part of this plan involves the construction of two large tunnels that will divert Sacramento River water to current pumping facilities at the Delta's southern edge.

The \$15 billion project will move forward following state and federal environmental reviews. Hearings about how the project may operate and potentially affect other water users in the system will continue into 2017.

## WHY THIS MATTERS TO YOU

While San Juan is not opposed to California WaterFix, we are concerned the proposal lacks an operation plan that clearly defines what, if any, impacts there will be to Folsom Lake, San Juan's water supplies and our water supply reliability.

San Juan recently testified before the State Water Resources Control Board to express our concerns. We encouraged the Board to require California WaterFix's operations to not negatively impact our water supplies.

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