

CASQA

2023-2024

Impact Report

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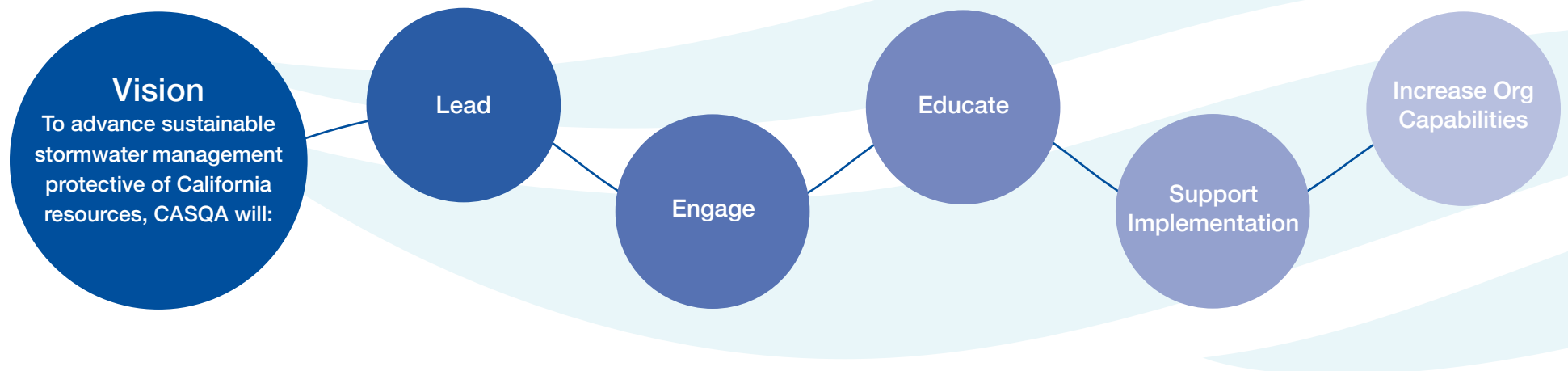
CASQA at Work for You: 2023-2024 Impact Report

Making an impact is at the heart of CASQA's programs and initiatives. Led by our *Vision for Sustainable Stormwater Management*, CASQA is focused on solutions that maximize stormwater capture, minimize pollution through true source control, increase funding for stormwater programs, and approach stormwater as a resource.

We advocate to achieve these outcomes via regulatory and legislative processes. Education is core to everything; reflected in our training programs, outreach materials, and events. Our work is based on the best available science and achieved by collaborating and working through partnerships with our members and other organizations.

This Impact Report celebrates the many and varied successes we have achieved together over the past two years. We thank our members and partners for their ongoing support.

Let's continue to make an impact. Together.



Lead

Legislative Advocacy

We elevated our Impact. CASQA proudly represented stormwater in the California State Legislature and Administration. We engaged with Legislators, the Office of Legislative Affairs (State Water Board), CalEPA's Secretary's Office, and the Governor's Office. At every opportunity we advocated for policies that maximize stormwater capture, prevent pollution at its source, define stormwater as a resource, and secure essential funding for these solutions.

Amid the 4,821 bills introduced this session, we actively tracked more than 50 bills affecting water quality, flood prevention, and source control. We advanced funding solutions through our support of AB 2557 (modifications to the Prop 218 protest process) and true source control through our support of SB 1053 (plastic bag reduction).

Climate Bond (SB 867) Passed:

Provides critical funding for stormwater infrastructure. Approved by voters through Proposition 4 in the November 2024 election, it will provide \$100 million specifically for stormwater. This dedicated funding marks a critical shift - stormwater projects are no longer just a secondary benefit of other initiatives, but a recognized statewide priority.



CASQA Team at the State Water Board's Workshop on Proposed MS4 Cost Reporting Policy (September 2023). From left to right: Lisa Moretti, City of Sacramento; Heidi Niggemeyer, City of Salinas; Sean McNeil, City of Santa Rosa; Nick Sudano, City of Santa Rosa; and Karen Cowan, CASQA. Photo credit to Amanda Magee.

Regulatory Engagement

We amplified our Vision. CASQA continued to lead the way in regulatory engagement, driving meaningful change in alignment with our Vision for Sustainable Stormwater Management. In partnership with our members and the State Water Board, we helped shape a new statewide Cost Reporting Policy that balances regulatory goals with municipal needs. We provided critical leadership in the development of statewide permits, including the Phase II MS4 Permit and Industrial General Permit.

Over the past two years, CASQA submitted 46 comment letters and testimonies to state and federal agencies on key issues such as plastic pollution prevention, microplastics regulations, urban stormwater runoff management strategies, the California Water Plan Update, 303(d) listings, permit fees, pesticide regulations, and the Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional (CII) Permit for two watersheds in Los Angeles County.

Our advocacy efforts delivered tangible results. We successfully restored \$10 million in principal forgiveness to our members through the Intended Use Plan (IUP) and secured a public workshop prior to an adoption hearing on the Biological Objectives adopted by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board in 2020, and now being considered for approval by the State Water Board.

Lead

Stormwater as a Resource

We changed how we think about stormwater. CASQA introduced Rain Ready California: Protecting and Collecting Water for Our Future, a new messaging strategy that provides a framework for educating the public on the value of stormwater. This messaging is the first step in a suite of resources that can be used at the statewide scale and adapted at the local level. The goal is to increase support for projects that maximize stormwater capture, minimize pollution through True Source Control, and generate support for the funding necessary to implement these critical solutions. In 2024, we launched a [public education website](#) showcasing real-world success stories and to help communities get Rain Ready.



Reducing Pollution at the Source

We advocated to reduce pollution at its source. CASQA continued our decades-long advocacy to reduce toxicity in the aquatic environment by engaging with state and federal regulators during the pesticide registration review process. Through the Our Water, Our World

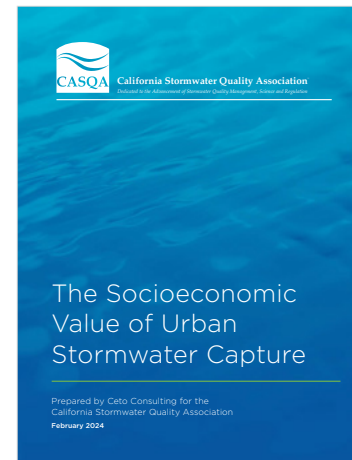
Program, CASQA educated retailers and the public on less-toxic, eco-friendly products and integrated pest management (IPM) techniques to reduce toxicity in waterways from current use pesticides. We also advocated for True Source Control solutions for trash, 6-PPD, and more through various comment letters and testimonies.

Maximizing Stormwater Capture

We monetized the value of urban stormwater capture. To justify the investment in stormwater infrastructure, we initiated research to define its value, publishing the [Socioeconomic Value of Urban Stormwater Capture](#). The study utilized an extensive literature review to estimate monetary values for five socioeconomic benefits – Community Health, Water Quality, Green Space, Recreation, and Wetlands – for four stormwater capture and use projects.

Water Quality Priorities

We prioritized solutions. CASQA has identified four primary statewide water quality priorities – bacteria, trash, pesticides, and biointegrity / biostimulatory substances. We are proactively addressing trash and pesticides through True Source Control and are working collaboratively with the State Water Board on advancements related to biointegrity / biostimulatory substances. For bacteria, we are focused on solutions that ensure waters are safe to swim and shellfish are safe to eat.



Following the successful Bacteria Summit in 2022, we worked in partnership with the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) to identify opportunities for stormwater and wastewater agencies to work in collaboration to minimize human waste in our waterbodies and jointly published [A Roadmap for Stormwater and Wastewater Agencies to Collaboratively Reduce Human Fecal Sources of Bacteria in Waterbodies](#) (October 2024).

CASQA also published a resource on control strategies that stormwater agencies can use to effectively reduce risk to meet the common goals to ensure waters are safe to swim and shellfish are safe to eat – [Human Fecal Waste Sources of Bacteria: Abatement Strategies for Municipal Stormwater Agencies](#) (September 2024).

Engage

We achieved more together. CASQA creates opportunities to engage with our members and other organizations to achieve our common goals by sharing knowledge, ideas, and best practices.



The 2024 CASQA Board of Directors and the Executive Director at the 2024 CASQA Annual Conference in Sacramento, CA. Clockwise, left to right: Chris Sommers, EOA, Inc.; Brendan Ferry, El Dorado County; Jalaine Verdiner, LA County Public Works; Karen Cowan, CASQA; Ashli Desai, Larry Walker Associates; Christine Tolchin, County of San Diego; Rob Carson, Marin Countywide Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program; Ann Fletcher, County of San Luis Obispo; Melanie Sotelo, CASC Engineering and Consulting; Dalia Fadl, City of Rancho Cordova.

Membership

A diverse and strong membership is key to creating these opportunities. Over the last two years, we notably grew our membership and welcomed as members all municipalities in Los Angeles County. As a result, 95% of Californians in a Phase I community are represented through CASQA. Cumulatively, CASQA represents 34 million Californians through our member agencies.

Subcommittees

CASQA's subcommittees provide a forum for engaged learning and solution building. In 2023 and 2024, our members and partners engaged extensively in our subcommittees. This collaboration is made possible through the leadership of our dedicated co-chairs, implementing the direction established by our Board of Directors. Our volunteer leaders are the engine of our programs, demonstrating the impact and strength of CASQA member organizations.

These examples are just a small representation of our many collaborations and we thank and value each of our partners.

Subcommittee Collaboration by the Numbers 2023-2024	
14	Subcommittees
28	Dedicated Co-Chairs
534	Subcommittee Collaboration Meetings
10,728	Subcommittee Collaboration Meeting Participants
14,328	Subcommittee Collaboration Hours

Engage



From left to right: Kelly Rodman, State Water Board; John Heltzel, Office of Water Programs; Brandon Roosenboom, State Water Board; and Amy Kronson, State Water Board at the 2023 CASQA Conference in San Diego, CA. Photo credit: Melissa Jacobs.

Partnerships

Our relationships and partnerships with other organizations are critically important to affecting change. The Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) served as our keynote speaker at the 2024 Annual Conference and published an important piece on stormwater and CASQA “[Rethinking Stormwater – From Waste to Treasure.](#)” CASA continued engagement with our True Source Control Subcommittee, collaborated on a key publication to increase collaboration between

stormwater and wastewater agencies, participated in our Capstone Session during our 2023 Annual Conference, and collaborated on presentations with CASQA at the 2024 Annual Conference. CASQA returned the engagement and participated in the 2023 CASA winter conference in Palm Springs. The Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) invited CASQA to engage in their strategic planning discussions, with a shared goal to increase collaboration and engagement between our two organizations.



In 2024, CASQA created a new partnership with 1% for the Planet, a global network that connects businesses with environmental organizations, ensuring that 1% of annual sales are directed to vetted partners supporting people and the planet. Becoming a vetted environmental partner provides CASQA with a potential funding stream to support our programs while strengthening connections with like-minded organizations committed to water quality. This affiliation also enhances CASQA’s credibility and visibility within the sustainability community.

Educate

We advanced sustainable stormwater management through education. CASQA hosts events and develops resources to keep members informed on the latest stormwater news, topics, guidance, and progress made on our projects and initiatives. More information on upcoming [CASQA events](#) is available on our website.

Annual Conference

The CASQA Annual Conference is the premier event for stormwater professionals, featuring a dynamic technical program, invaluable professional development opportunities, and direct engagement with experts shaping the future of water quality. For twenty years, CASQA has fostered a collaborative space where California's leading voices in stormwater management come together to exchange ideas, build connections, and advance sustainable solutions.

19th Annual Conference: Rain Ready California: Protecting and Collecting Water for Our Future September 2023, San Diego	
136	Technical Presentations
15	Panels
6	Training Workshops
1	Poster Session
1	Field Tour
1	Capstone Session with leaders of CASQA, the State Water Board, CASA, CalEPA, and WaterReuse California
1,146	Attendees

20th Annual Conference: Inspiring Solutions Together October 2024, Sacramento	
132	Technical Presentations
13	Panels
4	Training Workshops
1	Poster Session
1	Field Tour
1	Capstone Session with Senator Anna Caballero and leaders of the State Water Board, California Department of Water Resources and CASQA
1,231	Attendees

Educate



2023 Construction General Permit Trainer of Record Forum in Sacramento, CA. Photo credit: Karen Cowan.

Seminar Series

Over the past two years, we came together for six full-day virtual seminars, diving into the most pressing and impactful topics in stormwater management. In 2024, we amplified access to these educational events by including the seminar series as a key benefit of CASQA membership - ensuring that our community remains at the forefront of innovation and progress in protecting water quality.

Training

In 2023, CASQA led a major effort in partnership with the State Water Board and the Construction General Permit Training Team to overhaul and enhance key training program content and to support the implementation of the reissued Construction General Permit. This extensive collaboration resulted in the creation of five new training videos - nearly four hours of high-quality educational content and quizzes - ensuring industry professionals receive up-to-date, comprehensive instruction. More than 90 experts traveled to Sacramento or joined virtually to provide critical input through a Trainer of Record (ToR) feedback forum, shaping the program's evolution.

In 2024, CASQA and the State Water Board, through the Construction General Permit Training Team, launched guidelines for QSP delegate training. This initiative enhances the expertise of QSPs and their delegates through a supplemental training program, empowering them with the knowledge and skills needed for effective stormwater management and compliance.

In a significant milestone, CASQA successfully transitioned the administration of the Construction General Permit and Industrial General Permit Training Programs to our own website in 2024. This move required a complex migration of data, the integration of new technology, and the development of enhanced educational modules and standards - reinforcing CASQA's leadership in professional training and stormwater management.

Educate

Bi-Weekly Update and NewsFlash

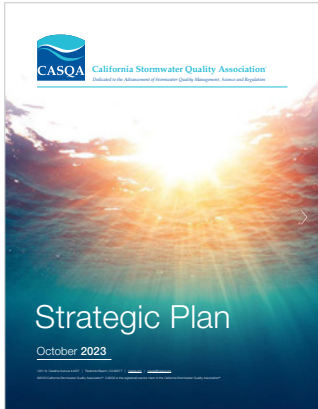
CASQA provides members with timely, relevant updates through two key publications - the Water Quality NewsFlash and the Bi-Weekly Member Update. The Water Quality NewsFlash delivers in-depth analysis of critical regulatory and technical developments, ensuring members stay informed on emerging water quality issues and policy changes. The Bi-Weekly Member Update offers a concise summary of important announcements, upcoming events, and key stormwater topics, keeping members connected to valuable resources and educational opportunities. Over the past two years, members received 90 publications of these two critical resources.

By the Numbers: Educational Events and Publications in 2023 and 2024	
2	Conferences
6	Seminars
1	Special Event
46	Bi-Weekly Update Issues
44	Water Quality NewsFlash Issues
5	Training Videos for the CGP Training Program

CASQA Website

CASQA's website is the public interface for members and the public. It provides not only a method of communication but also serves as an educational outreach and engagement opportunity. In 2023, the website was overhauled, with an emphasis on communicating and highlighting CASQA's programs and goals, as well as facilitating and improving access to key resources for members. As an additional member benefit, in 2024, we created a [Job Board](#) where members can post position openings.

Increase Organizational Capabilities



We charted our future path. What impact do our members want CASQA to have as an organization? This question is foundational to all that we do – and how we do it. Over the last few years, we worked closely with our members to reflect on this very question. In 2023, we integrated that collective feedback and updated our Strategic Plan. It is forward thinking and reflects the maturation of stormwater overall and CASQA as an organization. Our Strategic Plan is not just an idea. We live it each day. We are mission focused. The full [Strategic Plan](#) and a [short summary](#) can be found on [our website](#).



Joseph Draper, CASQA Program Manager. Photo credit: Gloria Draper

We increased our capabilities. CASQA shifted from a volunteer staffing model to an employee-based model. Hiring staff enables CASQA to be accountable to our members, amplify volunteer capacity, and provide the critical resources and support necessary to achieve our goals and make an impact. In 2023, CASQA expanded our staffing capabilities by adding new program managers to support our programs and advance our Vision.

CASQA Awards



Project Awards

Outstanding Public Outreach/Engagement Project or Program

Storm Drains Connect STREETS TO CREEKS, Ours to Protect, City of Santa Rosa

Outstanding Stormwater BMP Implementation Project or Program Phase 1

Low Impact Development Compliance, Manager Application, City of Santa Rosa

Outstanding Stormwater Capture and Use Project or Program

East Los Angeles Sustainable Median, Stormwater Capture Project, Los Angeles County Public Works



Project Awards

Outstanding Public Outreach/Engagement Project or Program

Bear Hollow Basin Beautification and Outreach Program, City of Rancho Cordova

Outstanding Stormwater BMP Implementation Project or Program Phase 1

Mapleview Street Biofiltration and Channel Restoration Project, City of San Diego

Mesmer Low-Flow Diversion, City of Culver City
Waterscape Rebate Program, San Diego County

Outstanding Stormwater Capture and Use Project or Program

King Street Urban Greening Project, City of Santa Ana
Regional Park Infiltration Project, City of San Fernando

CASQA Awards



Outstanding Service Awards

Daniel Apt, Olaunu

Richard Boon, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Amanda Carr, County of Orange

Jeff Endicott, CASC Engineering and Consulting

Dalia Fadl, City of Rancho Cordova

Russ Foster, JF Shea Construction

Shawnetta Grandberry, City of Carlsbad

Mary Grey, Building Industry Association of Southern California

John Heltzel, Office of Water Programs at Sacramento State

Matt Hromatka, Sierra Overhead Analytics

Jeanette Huddleston, Sacramento County

Patrick Kuga, Michael Baker International

Mark Lombos, Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works

Sandy Matthews, Larry Walker Associates

Gerry Montgomery, SWPPQUEEN, Inc.

TJ Moon, Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works

Taraneh Nik-Khah, City of Los Angeles

Andrew Sidor, Michael Baker International

Melanie Sotelo, CASC Engineering and Consulting

Jenna Voss, County of Orange, formerly

Kadi Whiteside, Southern California Edison



Outstanding Service Awards

Karen Ashby, Larry Walker Associates

Lucy Cortez-Johnson, Southern California Edison

Chris Crompton, Michael Baker International

Brian Currier, Office of Water Programs at California State University, Sacramento

Ashli Desai, Larry Walker Associates

Russ Foster, J.F. Shea Co., Inc.

Sharron Gosselin, County of Alameda

Shawnetta Grandberry, City of Carlsbad

Matt Hromatka, Sierra Overhead Analytics

Ken Kristoffersen, CAL-Storm Compliance

Sandy Matthews, Larry Walker Associates

Jennifer Peterson, NV5

Jim Rasmus, Stantec

Stacy Sinclair, Flatiron

Kadi Whiteside, Southern California Edison

Kyla Wood, Applied Polymer Systems, Inc.

Matt Yeager, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

CASQA Awards



Outstanding Stormwater Science Project or Program - Student

Claudia Mayo, Sonoma State University



Stormwater Scholar

Jake Emery, University of California, San Diego



Outstanding Partnership

Brandon Roosenboom, State Water Resources Control Board

Amy Kronson, State Water Resources Control Board



Outstanding Partnership

Richard Muhl, Central Valley Regional Water Board

Tom Mumley, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board



Geoff Brosseau Leadership Award

CASQA proudly presented the Geoff Brosseau Leadership Award, its highest honor, to Brian Currier for his exceptional leadership, dedication, and contributions to the stormwater profession. With over 25 years of experience, Brian has played a pivotal role in advancing sustainable stormwater management, mentoring professionals, and shaping CASQA's initiatives. As a three-term Board member and active participant in numerous subcommittees, he has influenced policy, training, research, and education. His leadership in developing and managing CASQA's statewide training programs for the Construction and Industrial General Permits has strengthened stormwater education across California. Beyond CASQA, Brian has contributed to key statewide projects, including the California Phase II LID sizing tool and the State Water Board's STORMS program. More than an expert, Brian is a mentor and an inspiration, embodying CASQA's Core Values through integrity, collaboration, and a commitment to excellence.

Brian Currier

Office of Water Programs at California State University, Sacramento



About Us: The CASQA Organization

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Legislation

March 31, 2023: Position Letter to Senator Anna Caballero, Chair of Senate Governance and Finance Committee: SB 867 (Allen) – Support if Amended

April 3, 2023: Position Letter to Senator Anna Caballero, Chair of Senate Governance and Finance Committee: SB 638 (Eggman) – Support if Amended

April 3, 2023: Position Letter to Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer Kahan, Chair of Assembly Water Parks & Wildlife: AB 1567 (Garcia) – Support if Amended

April 3, 2023: Position Letter to Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer Kahan, Chair of Assembly Water Parks & Wildlife: AB 305 (Villapudua) – Support if Amended

June 29, 2023: Position Letter to Senator David Min, Chair of Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee: AB 1567 (Garcia) – Support If Amended

June 29, 2023: Position Letter to Assemblymember Carlos Villapudua: AB 305 (Villapudua) – Support

June 29, 2023: Position Letter to Assemblymember Luz Rivas, Chair of Assembly Natural Resources Committee: SB 867 (Allen) – Support if Amended

June 29, 2023: Position Letter to Assemblymember Luz Rivas, Chair of Assembly Natural Resources Committee: SB 638 (Eggman) – Support if Amended

August 29, 2023: Position Letter to Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry – Support, Assembly Majority Leader for District 4: ACA-1 – Support and Amend

Pesticides and True Source Control

February 13, 2023: Comments to EPA on the Appendix to the Endangered Species Act Workplan Update: Nontarget Species Mitigation for Registration Review and Other FIFRA Actions

February 14, 2023: Comments to EPA on the Proposed Interim Registration Review Decision for Carbaryl

March 13, 2023: Comments to DPR on the Implementation Recommendations for DPR's Sustainable Pest Management Roadmap

March 23, 2023: Comments to EPA on Etofenprox Proposed Interim Registration Review Decision

March 23, 2023: Comments to EPA on Thiophanate-methyl and Carbendazim Proposed Interim Registration Review Decision

June 2, 2023: Comments to DPR on the Mill Assessment Study: Preliminary Recommendations and Implementation Plan

June 16, 2023: Comments to EPA on Draft Guidance to Registrants on Activities to Improve the Efficiency of Endangered Species Act Considerations for New Active Ingredient Registrations and Registration Review

July 27, 2023: Comments to DTSC on the Proposal to Add Microplastics to the Candidate Chemicals List

July 31, 2023: Comments to EPA on National Strategy to Prevent Plastic Pollution

November 1, 2023: CASQA Comments (Oral) to the Department of Toxic Substance Control's Proposal to Add Para-Phenylenediamine (PPD) Derivatives to the Candidate Chemicals List

November 10, 2023: Comments on Department of Pesticide Regulation Draft 2024-2028 Strategic Plan

CASQA at Work for You

2023 *(continued)*

Funding and Fees

March 17, 2023: Response to the State of California on Governor's Proposed 23-24 Budget & Climate Resilience Bond

September 19, 2023: Testimony to State Water Board on a Proposed Resolution Adopting Emergency Regulations Revising the Core Water Quality Regulatory Fee Schedules contained in Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 9, Article 1, Sections 2200, 2200.1, 2200.6 and 2200.7 of the California Code of Regulations

Policy and Permitting

February 21, 2023: Comments to State Water Board on Consideration of Own Motion Review of Alternative Compliance Provisions of Municipal Regional Stormwater NPDES Permit, Order No. R2-2022-0018

April 3, 2023: Comments to State Water Board on Draft 2024 California Integrated Report

April 28, 2023: Comments to State Water Board on the Proposed Revisions to the Water Quality Enforcement Policy (2023 Policy)

August 18, 2023: Request to the State Water Board on Extension for Written Comments on MS4 Cost Reporting

September 7, 2023: Testimony to State Water Board on MS4 Cost Reporting – Workshop

October 3, 2023: Comments to State Water Board on MS4 Cost Reporting

October 19, 2023: Comments to DWR on 2023 California Water Plan Update

November 9, 2023: Request for Comment Period Extension to Los Angeles Regional Water Board on the Revised Draft of the Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional (CII) Permit

November 9, 2023: Request for Comment Period Extension to EPA on the Revisions to 2022 Preliminary Designation Memorandum

December 15, 2023: Comment Letter to Los Angeles Regional Water Board on the Revised Draft of the Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional (CII) Permit

Resources, Reports, and Guidance

April 2023: New CASQA Website Launch

June 2023: Rain Ready California: Protecting and Collecting Water for Our Future – Branding and Messaging Guide

July 2023: 2022 Construction General Permit Reissuance Review Video Modules

July 2023: Fact Sheet: Stormwater Capture is Key to California's Water Supply Strategy

August 2023: Construction BMP Handbook

August 2023: Pesticides Annual Report and Effectiveness Assessment

August 2023: Our Water Our World Annual Summary Report

October 2023: CASQA Strategic Plan

November 2023: Launch of Job Board on CASQA's Website

Bi-Weekly Update

Twenty-three (23) Bi-Weekly Updates highlighting CASQA's activities and efforts for the membership

CASQA at Work for You

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Seminar Series and Annual Conference

January 19, 2023: Seminar – Where We Are and Where We’re Going: An Annual Update on the State of California Stormwater

April 6, 2023: Seminar – It’s Raining, It’s Pouring: Reflections and Assessments of Stormwater Management After the Atmospheric River Events

July 13, 2023: Seminar – What’s Next: Exploring Key Issues in Stormwater Management

September 11-13, 2023: CASQA Annual Conference – Rain Ready California: Protecting and Collecting Water For Our Future

Special Event

February 28, 2023: Construction General Permit Trainer of Record Feedback Forum

Water Quality NewsFlash

Issue 2023-01: WOTUS and Phase II Designation

Issue 2023-02: Tribal Reserved Rights, Beneficial Uses, and Water Quality Standards

Issue 2023-03: 303(d) List and SSO Order

Issue 2023-04: Sustainable Pest Management

Issue 2023-05: Water Quality Enforcement Policy and 303(d) List

Issue 2023-06: Unfunded Mandate Decision, SB 54 Rulemaking

Issue 2022-07: Stormwater Legislation

Issue 2023-08: Recommendations to Improve Stormwater (WEF/NMSA) + Offsite Stormwater Management (EPA)

Issue 2023-09: Draft National Strategy to Prevent Plastics Pollution

Issue 2023-10: Intended Use Plan and WOTUS

Issue 2023-11: EPA’s Recreational Water Quality Criteria (Five-Year Review)

Issue 2023-13: Microplastics; CGP Reissuance Review

Issue 2023-14: Proposed Policy for Standardized Cost Reporting in MS4 Permits

Issue 2023-15: WOTUS Final Rule

Issue 2023-16: DTSC Report on Impact of Copper Brake Pad Law

Issue 2023-17: California Water Plan and Unfunded Mandates

Issue 2023-18: Toxicity Testing: *C. dubia* Quality Assurance Guidance Recommendations

Issue 2023-19: San Francisco Stormwater Fee Challenged

Issue 2023-20: Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Permit (CII Permit)

Issue 2023-21: Adapting and Leveraging Green Stormwater Infrastructure

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Legislation

February 7, 2024: Position Letter to Senator Allen and Assemblymember Garcia: SB 867 (Allen) and AB 1567 (Garcia) – Support if Amended

June 14, 2024: Position Letter to Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry: ACA-10 – Oppose Unless Amended

June 20, 2024: Coalition Letter to Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry: ACA-10 – Oppose Unless Amended

June 24, 2024: Coalition Letter to Senator Durazo: AB 2257 (Wilson) – Support

August 29, 2024: Coalition Letter to the Governor: SB 366 (Caballero) – Support and Signature Request

August 30, 2024: Coalition Letter to the Governor: AB 2257 (Wilson) – Support and Signature Request

September 9, 2024: Comment Letter to Governor: SB 1053 (Blakespear) – Support and Signature Request

Pesticides and True Source Control

January 17, 2024: Comment Letter to EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs on the Chlorothalonil Draft Proposed Interim Decision

March 13, 2024: Comment Letter to EPA on their White Paper: Benefits of Structured and Digital Content Labels for Pesticide Products

May 6, 2024: CASQA Comments to EPA on Amended Oxyfluorfen Proposed Interim Decision (PID)

July 15, 2024: Comment Letter to DTSC on the Safer Consumer Product's Draft 2024-2026 Priority Product Work Plan

September 16, 2024: Comment Letter to EPA on Malathion Proposed Interim Registration Review Decision

Policy and Permitting

January 3, 2024: Comment Letter to EPA on the Revised Request for Preliminary Designation of Certain Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Stormwater Dischargers in two Los Angeles County Watersheds

January 16, 2024: Comments (Oral) on DWR's Urban Stormwater Runoff Capture and Management Resource Management Strategy

February 6, 2024: Comments (Testimony) to the State Water Board on the 2024 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List

February 6, 2024: Comments (Testimony) to the State Water Board on the State Water Board's Strategic Work Plan for 2024

May 31, 2024: Comment Letter to California DWR on Draft Urban Stormwater Runoff Capture and Management Resource Management Strategy

June 4, 2024: Testimony to the State Water Board on Revised Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy

July 2, 2024: Testimony to the State Water Board on the Intended Use Plan (Workshop)

July 9, 2024: Comment Letter to the State Water Board on Revised Draft Municipal Stormwater Cost Policy

July 15, 2024: Comment Letter to the State Water Board on the Intended Use Plan

CASQA at Work for You

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Policy and Permitting *(cont.)*

August 6, 2024: Testimony to the State Water Board on the Intended Use Plan

September 5, 2024: Comments to the State Water Board on the Phase II Permit (Informal Draft) Workshop

October 4, 2024: Comment letter to the State Water Board on the Phase II Permit (Informal Draft)

December 20, 2024: Comment letter and Survey Responses to the State Water Board on the 2024 Review of State Water Quality Control Plans and State Policies for Water Quality Control

Resources, Reports, and Guidance

January 2024: 2022 Construction General Permit Reissuance Review

February 2024: The Socioeconomic Value of Urban Stormwater Capture

February 2024: Qualified SWPPP Practitioner (QSP) Delegate Training Guidelines

June 2024: Launch of the Rain Ready California Public Website

August 2024: Our Water Our World Annual Summary Report

September 2024: Pesticides Annual Report and Effectiveness Assessment

September 2024: Human Fecal Waste Sources of Bacteria: Abatement Strategies for Municipal Stormwater Agencies

October 2024: A Roadmap for Stormwater and Wastewater Agencies to Collaboratively Reduce Human Fecal Sources of Bacteria in Waterbodies

October 2024: Construction BMP Handbook

November 2024: Launch of CASQA Training System

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January 25, 2024: Seminar – State of the Union: California Stormwater

April 25, 2024: Seminar – Compost, Trash, and Funding

July 11, 2024: Seminar – Stormwater Science and Research

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