



TODAY'S ACTION

Consider receiving a report on the DWR
Bulletin 74: California Well Standards Update
Project and providing input to Staff for
upcoming Technical Advisory Committee
meetings



Prior BOD Action

- In January 2021, the BOD received an information item on Staff's appointment to the Technical Advisory Committee ("TAC") for the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") Bulletin 74: California Well Standards Update Project ("Well Standards Update")



Financial Impact

- Staff time for participation on the TAC is financed through Fund 132.

Background

- DWR is updating the State Well Standards, known as Bulletin 74.
 - Last updated in 1991.
- A TAC comprised of 77 members has been formed as part of the Well Standards Update.
- Staff Hydrologist Amy Woodrow, PG was selected by DWR to participate on the TAC.

TAC Process

- Two phases with meetings of several small focus groups.

- Timing
 - Phase 1 – Mar. 2021 to June 2021
 - Phase 2 – Nov. 2021 to Feb. 2022
 - Full TAC reconvenes – Aug. 2022 and Dec. 2022



TAC Process

- Phase 1
 - ***Water well siting and design***
 - Sealing materials and placement
 - Large diameter infiltration/recharge wells
 - Non-vertical wells
 - Destruction
- Phase 2
 - ***Water wells***
 - Monitoring wells
 - Cathodic protection wells
 - Geothermal heat exchange wells

TAC Process

- Plenary meeting held March 1, 2021
 - Meeting summary in packet.

- Water well siting and design focus group meeting held March 15, 2021.
 - Discussion questions in today's Board report.

Public Participation

- Staff updates to BMAC and Board of Directors. Comments will be brought to the TAC.
- TAC meetings are live-streamed on YouTube.
 - Contact TAC member for meeting details.
- Sign up for email updates from DWR.
 - Bulletin74@water.ca.gov
- Submit comments to DWR via online portal or email.
 - <https://water.ca.gov/well-standards>
- Public review draft of well standards released in September 2022.



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Engagement Opportunities

Get involved in the update of the DWR Bulletin 74, California Well Standards in the following ways:

- [Sign up](#) to receive email updates on Bulletin 74.
- Review [recommended edits](#) submitted by the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH) in collaboration with the California Groundwater Association (CGA).
- Share your ideas about improving the standards by submitting comments to the [Bulletin 74: California Well Standards Comment Portal](#) or by emailing Bulletin74@water.ca.gov.
- Reach out to [TAC members](#) who represent your interests.
- Provide public comments once the Public Review Draft is released.



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