
Emerging Contaminants Task Force

June 23, 2025

Quarterly Meeting



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PFAS Update

Federal Actions

- ❖ May 14, 2025, Press Release
 - ❖ Maintain PFOA and PFOS MCLs
 - ❖ Rulemaking to extend compliance deadlines for PFOA & PFOS to 2031
 - ❖ Fall release of proposed rule, spring 2026 final rule
- ❖ Rescind and reconsideration determinations for PFHxS, PFNA and HFPO-DO



CA Division of Drinking Water

May 27, 2025 – Memorandum to OEHHA from Darrin Polhemus

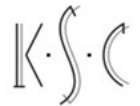
- ❖ Notification level recommendations for PFNA, PFDA, and ADONA no longer required
- ❖ 130 Public water systems serving 9.7 million impacted with PFHxS (at or above 2 ng/L)
- ❖ Request to OEHHA to establish Public Health Goal (PHG) for Perfluorohexane Sulfonic Acid (PFHxS)
- ❖ DDW intends to promulgate MCL for PFHxS



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Key State Legislative Actions (2025)

- ❖ SB 454 (McNerney) – Establish PFAS Mitigation Fund
 - ❖ Passed by the Senate, In the Assembly
- ❖ SB 682 (Allen) – Graduated timeline for prohibition of consumer products intentionally containing PFAS
 - ❖ Amended May 23, Passed by the Senate, In the Assembly
- ❖ AB 1148 (Sharp-Collins) – Food packaging thresholds to be set for bisphenols & ortho-phthalates
 - ❖ Amended June 17, Passed by the Assembly, In the Senate
- ❖ AB 794 (Gabriel) – Emergency regulatory authority for adoption of MCLs that are no more stringent than Federally adopted MCLs
 - ❖ Moved to Inactive File



Ocean Protection Council

- ❖ Released Draft 2026-2030 Strategic Plan
- ❖ Comments due August 1, 2025
- ❖ Select Key Objectives Related to Water Quality
 - ❖ Limit causes and impacts of ocean acidification, hypoxia, and harmful algal blooms
 - ❖ Including adoption of water quality objectives by the State Water Board by 2030
 - ❖ Protect and improve coastal and marine water quality
 - ❖ Identify and address sources of bacteria
 - ❖ Statewide wildfire response and water quality monitoring plan for coastal watersheds
 - ❖ Advance coordinated state investments to effectively reduce plastic and microplastic pollution, including projects to monitor and prevent pollution



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