

Legislation and Communications Committee

# Quarterly State and Federal Regulatory Update

Item #6d October 13, 2025

## Quarterly Update on Regulatory Activities

### Subject

Quarterly State and Federal Regulatory Update

### Purpose

Provide update on federal and state regulatory developments

### Next Steps

- Regulatory matrices will be updated quarterly and posted on Metropolitan's website
- Key rules will be presented at their respective committees

#### USEPA

- Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances
- Waters of the United States

# Notable Updates

#### CARB

Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation

#### **SWRCB**

- Manganese
- Pest Control Permit
- Water Measurement and Reporting
- Water Quality Control Plan Bay-Delta

# USEPA Spring 2025 Unified Agenda



# Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for PFAS

- Keep MCLs for PFOA and PFOS
- Extend compliance deadlines for PFOA and PFOS MCLs from 2029 to 2031
  - Publish proposed rule in October 2025 and promulgate by April 2026
- Rescind MCLs for PFHxS, PFNA, Gen-X, and the Hazard Index concept with PFBS
  - Publish proposed rule in fall 2025 and promulgate by February 2026

# USEPA Spring 2025 Unified Agenda



# Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)

- Designate PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances
  - Rule promulgated in May 2024
  - USEPA to defend designation of PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances
- Designate seven other PFAS as hazardous substances
  - Final rule delayed indefinitely
  - Proposes to create framework document

# Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

September 4, 2025

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)

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- Revise definition of "hazardous waste" to include PFAS for corrective actions at treatment, storage, and disposal facilities (TSDFs)
  - Rule proposed in February 2024 and promulgate by April 2026
- List nine PFAS and their salts and isomers as "hazardous constituents"
  - Rule proposed in February 2024 and promulgate by April 2026

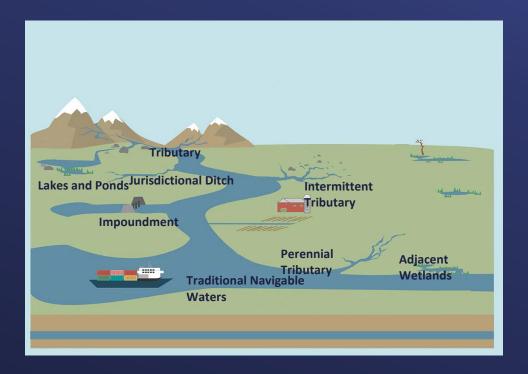


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# Waters of the United States (WOTUS)

- USEPA intends to revise definition of WOTUS in response to the Supreme Court's 2023 decision in Sackett v. EPA
- Proposed rule expected fall 2025



#### September 25, 2025

# CARB Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) Regulation



# California Air Resources Board (CARB) adopts ACF amendments

- Removes private fleet provisions
- Adds AB 1594 (Garcia, 2023) language
  - "Traditional Utility-Specialized Vehicle"
  - Alters exemption requirements
- Staff provided comments
  - Add Class 2b vehicles
  - Adjust mileage thresholds
  - Modify mutual aid exemption
  - Remove "tractors" from exempt list
- Additional 15-day change packages expected

## Manganese Notification and Response Levels

# Water Boards

# Revised Notification and Response Levels

- Proposed revised notification and response levels for manganese
  - 0.05 mg/L notification level
  - 0.20 mg/L response level
- Informational item presented at the October 7, 2025 Board meeting



#### September 26, 2025

## Pest Control Permit

# Water Boards

# Proposal to consolidate four existing statewide NPDES general permits into one Pest Control Permit

- Aquatic Weed and Algae Control Permit
  - Algae control
- Vector Control Permit
  - Mosquito control
- Spray Applications Permit
  - Pests, plant disease, and weed control
- Aquatic Animal Invasive Species Control Permit
  - Mussel control
- Public comments due November 12, 2025

#### September 26, 2025

## SWRCB Water Measurement and Reporting

# Office of Administrative Law only approved parts of SB 88 Water Measurement and Reporting regulations

- Approved Chapter 2 (Appropriation of Water) and 2.7 (Water Diversion and Use Reports) revisions
- Chapter 2.8 (Water Measurement) forthcoming



Source: American Rivers



#### September 16, 2025

# SWRCB Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan

# State Water Resources Control Board rescinded Revised Draft Sacramento/Delta Bay-Delta Plan Updates

- Public hearings cancelled
- New draft expected shortly



Source: United States Geological Survey





Quarterly Update on Federal and State Regulatory Activities

Questions

