

CALIFORNIA WATER LOSS CONTROL COLLABORATIVE

Summer Update 2017

This update includes the latest on the Water Loss Control activities in California and a preview of what is yet to come.

Water Loss TAP status

Since May 2016, the Water Loss Technical Assistance Program (Water Loss TAP) has been providing training and direct technical assistance to urban water system as they prepare to compile and submit their level 1 validated water audits to DWR by October 1, 2017, as mandated by SB 555.

The Water Loss TAP is composed of **four waves of interaction** between water system staff and water auditing experts, and is provided at **no cost** to participants.



Latest Stats:

Total registered in the WL TAP = 437 water systems
Wave 4 signups = 394

Registered systems not signed up = 44 and shrinking every day!
(Reminder – there are 452 urban water systems)

Wave 1 – Complete. **Wave 2 – Complete.** **Wave 3 – Complete.**

Wholesaler Track – Complete. Specifically designed for the wholesale agencies, a workshop and recorded webcast was added in June. Thanks to the water systems that requested this track, and those that participated.

Wave 4 – Wave 4 cresting! Over 300 Water Loss Audit validations have been performed! As the October 1 deadline nears, the number of rescheduled appointment has increased. **Water systems are being asked to not reschedule unless absolutely necessary; and we are aiming for any reschedules to stay within one week of the original appointment.** The anticipated timeframe for distributing the validation certificates & follow up documents is early to mid-September

SB 555 Water Loss Audit Rulemaking

California Senate Bill 555, passed in October 2015, requires all urban retail water suppliers to submit a validated water loss audit annually to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The first audit is due October 1, 2017.

Draft regulations were initially released March 3, 2017. The initial 45 day comment period resulted in minor modifications, followed by 2 additional revisions and 15 day comment periods. The proposed regulations, statement of reasons, notices and comment letters received during each comment period are located [at http://www.water.ca.gov/wateruseefficiency/wlaudits/](http://www.water.ca.gov/wateruseefficiency/wlaudits/).

To become final, the proposed [Water Loss Audits and Water Loss Control Reporting](#) need to go before the Water Commission and move through the Office of Administrative Law. With the next Water Commission meeting

scheduled for September 20, it is anticipated that rulemaking will be finalized after the October 1 submission deadline.

DWR Validated Audit Submission Portal is Live

Although rulemaking has been delayed, the portal for submitting validated water loss audits is up and running. It is the same site where Urban Water Management Plans (UWMPs) are submitted and will require the password that utilities use for that work. The link is: https://wuedata.water.ca.gov/secure/login_auth.asp

Water systems that have completed Wave 4 will be receiving their finalized validation document from the Water Loss TAP PM team in September, and are encouraged to submit by October 1!

Performance Standards Development

No earlier than January 1, 2019, and no later than July 1, 2020, SB 555 requires the adoption of rules requiring urban retail water suppliers to meet performance standards for the volume of water losses.

It is expected that data from the water audits submitted this fall will be a key dataset for development of the performance standards.

[SB 606](#) – Water Management Planning (Skinner and Hertzberg) currently in committee, would require the State Water Resources Control Board, in coordination with the Department of Water Resources, to adopt long-term standards for the efficient use of water. This bill as amended August 29, 2017, states “The standards for water loss for urban retail water suppliers shall be the standards adopted by the board pursuant to subdivision (i) of Section 10608.34” (Section 10609.12). Put simply, SB 606 is pointing back to Senate Bill 555, and its associated timeline for the development of water loss performance standards.

Water Audit Validator (WAV) Certificate

Validation services for 2017 are being provided by the Water Loss TAP at no charge to every urban water system. Looking ahead to 2018 and beyond, a subcommittee of the CA-NV AWWA Water Loss Control Committee is developing a **Water Audit Validator (WAV) certificate program** to expand the pool of validators authorized to validate water audits in California.

The development timeline:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y
		2017												2018											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	WL TAP Phase 1																								
2	WL TAP Wave 1,2 Sessions																								
3	WL TAP Wave 3 Training Sessions																								
4	WL TAP Wave 4 Validation Working Sessions																								
5	Validated Audits Due (2016 CY/2016-17 FY)																								
6	WAV Certificate Program Development																								
7	WAV Certificate Content Creation																								
8	WAV Trial Run and Team Testing - Refinement																								
9	WAV Certificate Marketing/Advertisement																								
10	WAV Sessions & Testing																								
11	Validation by WAV Certified and TAP PM Team(2017 CY/2017-18 FY)																								
12	Validated Audits Due (2017 CY/2017-18 FY)																								

For more information

Check out the Water Loss Control Collaborative [website](#), hosted by the California-Nevada Section of AWWA. To participate in the Collaborative, or for information about the WAV, contact Sue Mosburg at smosburg@sweetwater.org or 691-409-6882.

Water Loss TAP Registration information and resources are available at <http://www.californiawaterloss.org/>.



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