

The Water Loss TAP

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER UPDATE

The Water Loss Technical Assistance Program (Water Loss TAP) is in the midst of the second wave of activity. This update includes the latest on the Water Loss TAP as well as a preview of what is yet to come.

The Water Loss TAP connects urban water suppliers in California with the **training and support necessary to compile and complete level 1 validation of their water audits**. Level 1 validated water audits will be submitted by **October 1, 2017** to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), as mandated by California Senate Bill 555.

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

What is happening in the Water Loss TAP?

In total, 410 utilities in the state of California are registered to participate in the program. To date, over 130 of these utilities have completed their Wave 2 Call and are now halfway through the program.

These Wave 2 calls began in October, and continue through February. Held as a teleconference between utility staff and members of the Water Loss TAP Team, these two hour calls serve as an opportunity to review and discuss water audit data and data validity scores, highlight best practices, and develop notes on how to amend as needed. Applying the lessons learned will streamline data compilation and review for the final level 1 audit validation in October 2017.

What is next for the Water Loss TAP?

Following the completion of the Wave 2 calls in February, Wave 3 will kick off as another round of in-person work sessions located around the state of California. These work sessions will be another opportunity to answer questions and address common issues that surfaced during the Wave 2 calls.

As the final touch-point prior to the final Wave 4 Level 1 Validation call, these Wave 3 work sessions will also clarify the exact requirements for the final state submission.

How does the Water Loss TAP fit into other water conservation efforts?

The Water Loss TAP ensures compliance with SB 555 which dovetails with November's draft Executive Order B-37-16 "Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life." This Executive Order details key water conservation efforts, and, similar to SB 555, seeks to develop rules for validated water loss audit reports, technical assistance for water loss audits, and a plan for minimizing leaks. With the validated audits compiled through SB 555 compliance, future conservation goal setting and standards will have a baseline of comparison to build from.

Who has more information?

As a first point of reference, be sure to check out the website: californiawaterloss.org. This site houses [resources](#) to catch up on, or refresh, previous Water Loss TAP interactions. You will also find [up to date tracking](#) of registrations and Wave 2 Call scheduling. If your utility has yet to register for the Water Loss TAP, you will find a [link to register](#) on the website as well as a link to [claim a Wave 2 Call Time](#).