

## *The Water Loss TAP*

# SEPTEMBER UPDATE

*As the first wave of the Water Loss Technical Assistance Program (Water Loss TAP) ebbs, the tide is rising quickly for the next wave of activity. This update is the place to learn more about what has been happening, what is around the corner, and how you can hop aboard.*

### What is the Water Loss Technical Assistance Program (Water Loss TAP)?

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. The Water Loss TAP is provided at **no cost** to participants.

### What happened in Wave 1?

The first wave of the program, the in-person work sessions referred to as **Wave 1**, kicked off in August. These sessions, 25 in total, took place around the state of California to accommodate the spatial spread of participants.

**Over 700 participants** attended the sessions. With instruction from the team of presenters, participants engaged with key concepts behind water auditing, and explored the fundamentals of data validation in the Water Audit Software. Instructors provided direct feedback on how participants could improve their data communication moving forward.

### What is around the corner?

Now that **Wave 1 is completed**, the Water Loss TAP is diving headfirst into **Wave 2 teleconference work sessions**. This wave offers a more personal touch with a two-hour phone interview between a water auditing expert and each utility's water audit team to examine the utility's FY14-15 or CY15 water audit.

Objectives of this call:

**Review the FY14-15 or CY15 water audit.** This step serves as a diagnostic assessment of each utility's experience and familiarity with their water audit.

**Discuss water audit data and data validity scores.** Intentional inputs indicate the reliability of the data going into the water audit.

**Amend as needed.** Applying the lessons learned in this wave will streamline data compilation and review for the final submission of a level 1 validated audit in October 2017.

**Utilities have already begun signing up for call time-slots**, and the first round of calls begins the second week in October.

### How can I get involved?

As a first point of reference, be sure to check out the website: [californiawaterloss.org](http://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](#).