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The Water Replenishment District and the DDW-Glendale Field Office hosted a first-of-its-kind permit amendment workshop.

Pico Rivera, CA – September 7, 2023 – The State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water (DDW) - Glendale Field Office, in collaboration with the Water Replenishment District (WRD), is pleased to share the success of an important in-person workshop that drew an exceptional turnout of drinking water purveyors and engineering consultants in efforts to prepare for new drinking water standards expected to be adopted in early 2024.

The workshop, which took place at WRD’s Albert Robles Center for Water Recycling and Environmental Learning, focused on drinking water system permitting. Attendees had the unique opportunity to interact directly with DDW District Engineers, WRD representatives, and regional experts in groundwater quality.

Highlights:

- This first-of-its-kind workshop attracted an audience of more than 70 water professionals in south Los Angeles County. It allowed DDW engineers to provide a general overview of the permit amendment process for new PFAS treatment.
- Attendees were invited to ask questions to the engineers who elaborated on the permit amendment requirements for installing PFAS treatment.
- The dialogue included questions about water quality testing, testing components, treatment media, monitoring requirements, and permitting processing times.

“This workshop signifies our commitment to ensuring the sustainability of drinking water resources in Southern California. We believe that by coming together, we can find innovative solutions to the challenges posed by the changing regulations and emerging technologies, and ways to streamline the permitting process for these technologies,” says Dmitriy Ginzburg, Hollywood District Engineer, DDW-Glendale Field Office.

Stephan Tucker, General Manager for WRD, shares, “The Water Replenishment District is delighted to partner with DDW for this permit amendment workshop. It exemplifies our shared dedication to responsible water management and equipping our local water purveyors with the right resources to successfully acquire the permits needed for their PFAS treatment systems.”

The Division of Drinking Water - Glendale Field Office, in partnership with the Water Replenishment District, extends its heartfelt gratitude to all attendees who contributed to the success of this workshop. The workshop exemplified our shared commitment to ensuring the sustainability of drinking water resources in the Central and West Coast Basins.

About the State Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water:

The Division of Drinking Water (DDW) regulates public drinking water systems. For more information, visit www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/.

About the Water Replenishment District:

The Water Replenishment District (WRD) is steadfast in providing, protecting, and preserving high-quality groundwater. WRD serves over 4 million residents in southern Los Angeles County and manages the Central and West Coast Basins' groundwater resources. For more information, visit www.wrd.org.

Workshop photos can be viewed [here](#).

The Water Replenishment District of Southern California is the regional groundwater management agency that protects and preserves the quantity and quality of groundwater for two of the most utilized urban basins in the State of California. The service area is home to over ten percent of California's population residing in 43 cities in southern Los Angeles County. WRD is governed by a publicly elected Board of Directors which includes Joy Langford., Rob Katherman, John D. S. Allen, Sergio Calderon, and Vera Robles-DeWitt.