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Small Water System Program Proposed Fees

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1976 | US EPA delegates primacy to CA

1992 | Local Primacy Agency (LPA) agreements est.

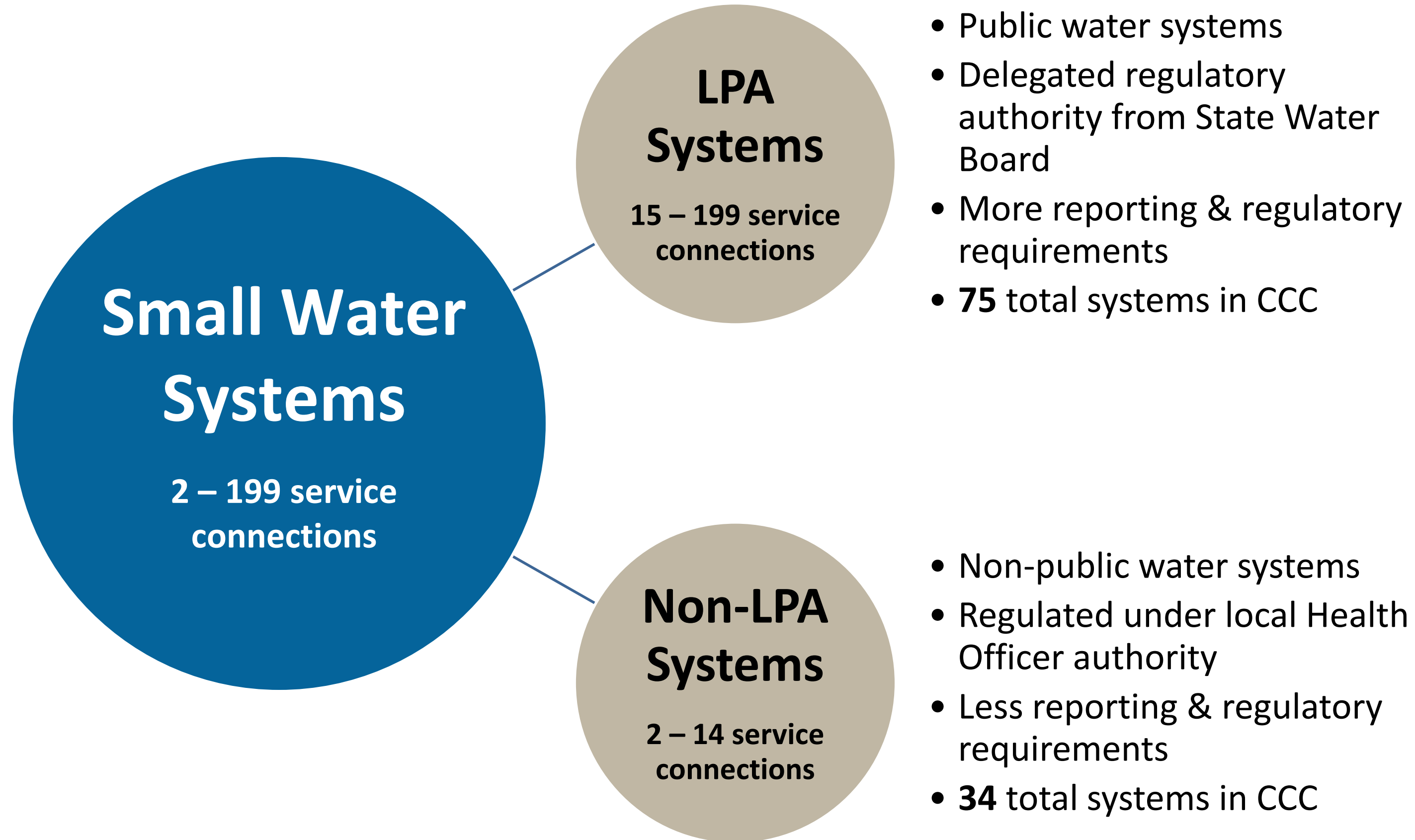
1996 | Contra Costa Co. enters first LPA agreement

2013 | Latest Contra Costa LPA agreement

2017 | Amended Contra Costa LPA agreement

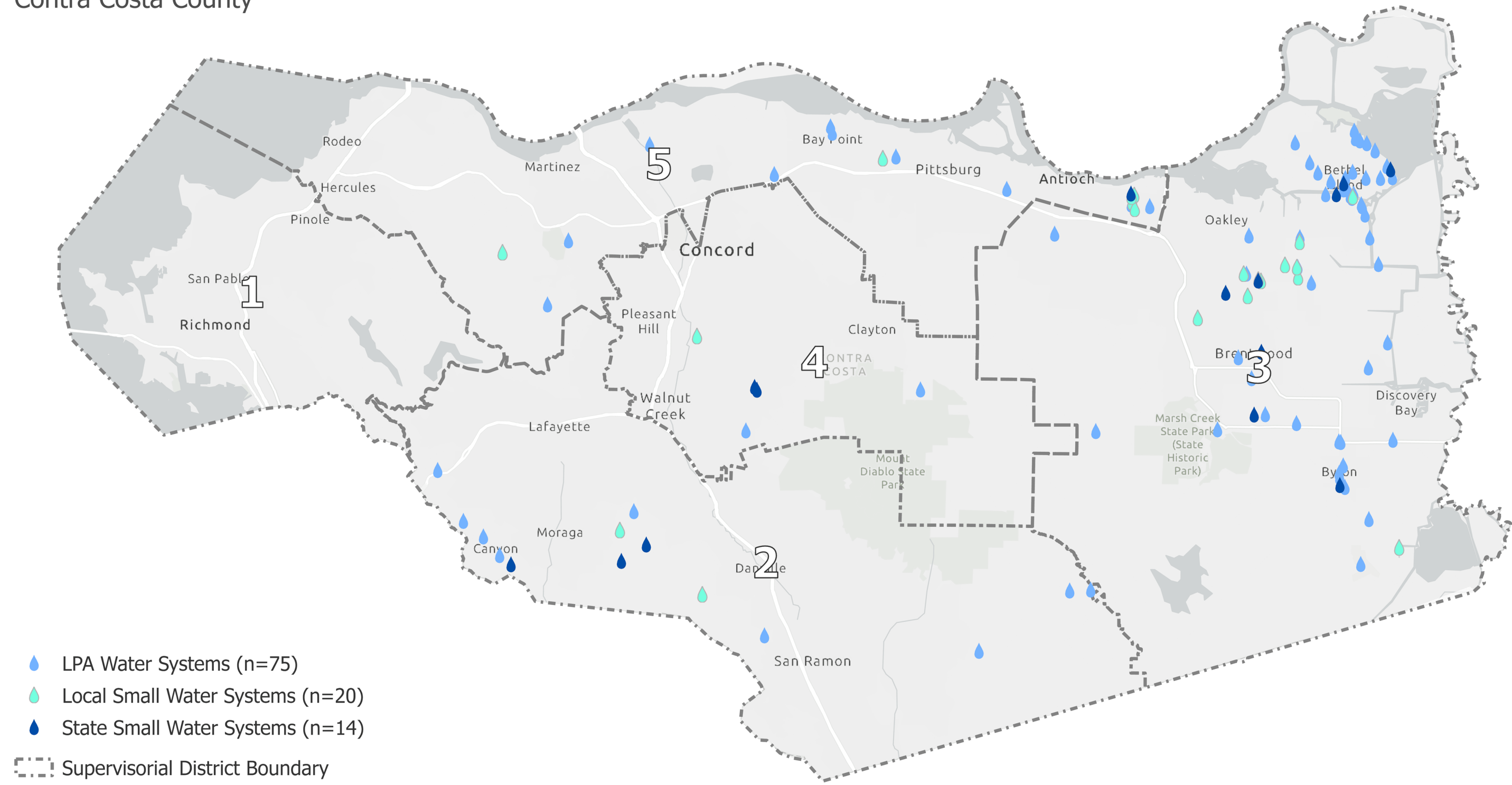
****75 LPA-delegated Small Water Systems (SWSs) in Contra Costa County****

Overview



Small Water Systems in Contra Costa

LPA, Local, and State Small Water Systems
Contra Costa County



Source: Contra Costa Environmental Health, 8/18/2025.

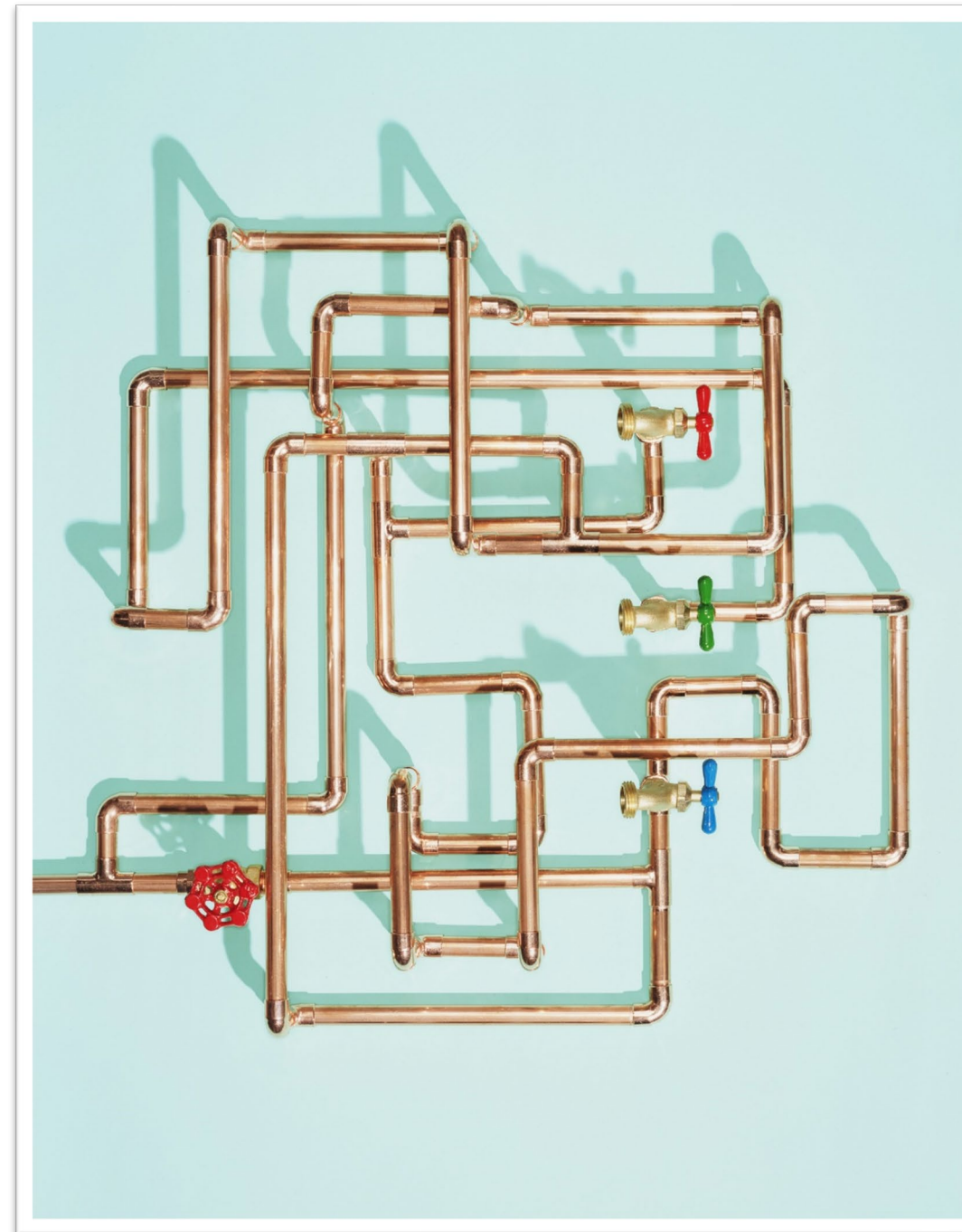
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Types of LPA Small Water Systems



Community Water Systems

- A public water system that serves **at least 15 service connections used by yearlong residents OR serves at least 25 yearlong residents** of the area served by the system
 - apartments & condominiums
 - rural mobile home parks
 - large residential subdivisions
- Total # in Contra Costa = **28**



Types of LPA Small Water Systems



Transient, Non-Community Water Systems

- A non-community water system that **does not regularly serve at least 25 of the same persons over six months** per year
 - rural gas stations & restaurants
 - campgrounds
 - marinas
 - churches
- Total # in Contra Costa = **42**



Non-Transient, Non-Community Water Systems

- A public water system that **is not a CWS AND that regularly serves at least 25 of the same persons over six months** per year.
 - rural schools
 - office buildings
 - industrial buildings
 - businesses
- Total # in Contra Costa = **5**

Types of Non-LPA Small Water Systems



Local Small Water Systems

- A non-public water system that serves **between 2-4 service connections AND does not** regularly serve drinking water to **more than an average of 25 individuals** daily for **more than 60 days per year**
 - 2-4 parcels sharing a water source
- Total # in Contra Costa = **20**



State Small Water Systems

- A non-public system that serves **at least 5, but not more than 14, service connections AND does not** regularly serve drinking water to **more than an average of 25 individuals** daily for **more than 60 days per year**
 - small subdivision
- Total # in Contra Costa = **14**



LPA System Fee Comparison

| Permit Type | Unit | Capacity | Current Fees | Proposed Fees | Percent Change | SWB Fees | # of Active SWSs |
|--|-------------|----------|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Small Water System Annual Permit Fee Comparisons | | | | | | | |
| Community ground water system | connections | 15-24 | \$1,392 | \$3,867 | 178% | \$677 | 10 |
| Community ground water system | connections | 25-99 | \$1,392 | \$3,631 | 161% | \$677 - 1121 | 12 |
| Community ground water system with treatment | connections | 25-99 | \$1,392 | \$4,368 | 214% | \$677 - 1121 | 1 |
| Community ground water system | connections | 100-199 | \$1,740 | \$4,697 | 170% | \$1132 - 2253 | 5 |
| Non-transient, non-community groundwater system | | | \$1,215 | \$4,058 | 234% | \$862 - 2256 | 3 |
| Non-transient, non-community groundwater system w/ treatment | | | \$1,392 | \$4,180 | 200% | \$862 - 2256 | 2 |
| Transient, non-community surface water system | | | \$1,392 | \$5,728 | 311% | \$1,509 | 2 |
| Transient, non-community transient groundwater system | | | \$510 | \$2,329 | 357% | \$1,509 | 35 |
| Transient, non-community groundwater system w/ treatment | | | \$870 | \$2,509 | 188% | \$1,509 | 5 |



Staff Recommendations

1

DIRECT staff to terminate the Contra Costa County **Local Primacy Delegation Agreement** no later than February 28, 2026, **returning** the **regulatory oversight** of the delegated small **public water systems** back to the **State Water Resources Control Board**.

2

ADOPT an **amendment** to the Env Health Division fee schedule **adjusting** SWS Program **non-public water system regulatory fees**.

- **Local Small Water Systems: \$474**
- **State Small Water Systems: \$910**

LPA Small Water System Operator Outreach



Mass Electronic
Mailing



Individualized
Letter



Phone
Calls



On-site
Visit





Next Steps



OPEN the public hearing regarding the adoption of the proposed fees charged by EH Division Small Water Systems Program; RECEIVE testimony, public comments, and any objections to the resolution; and CLOSE the public hearing.



CONSIDER staff's presentation, all testimony, public comments, objections, staff report, NBS Fee Study Appendix A.6, and all other testimony and materials presented to the Board prior to the close of the public hearing.



ADOPT the proposed fees adjusting non-public Small Water Systems Program regulatory fees charged by EH Division, effective September 16, 2025.



DIRECT staff to terminate the Contra Costa County Local Primacy Delegation Agreement returning regulatory oversight of delegated small public water systems back to the State Water Resources Control Board.



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Thank you