

# Advisory to California Water Agencies Regarding White House Executive Order on Water Regulations

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In light of the White House Executive Order on the Environmental Protection Agency review of Obama-era water regulations, we are recommending that California water agencies make a declarative statement about adhering to and maintaining stringent water quality standards.

This advice is in no way meant to be a value judgement on the President's action. Nor do we expect that the Executive Order necessarily directly impacts drinking water in your community. The media however, is presenting the issue as if water quality will suffer broadly under these new rules. And that is precisely why we are recommending getting out in front of the issue.

Polling and other opinion research we have performed for water districts throughout the state, shows that ratepayers trust their local water districts and have high confidence in their water quality. It is important to protect this positive public perception.

Examples of today's news headlines:

CNN: [Trump to sign order reviewing EPA water rule](#)

NY Times: [Trump Plans to Begin E.P.A. Rollback With Order on Clean Water](#)

The Verge: [Trump signs executive order to roll back clean water rule - The rule gives protection to 60 percent of the US's bodies of water](#)

NBC News: [Trump Signs Executive Order to Begin Water Rule Rollback](#)

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