



State Water Resources Control Board

June 8, 2023

[Addressee]
[Address Line 1]
[Address Line 2]
[City State Zip]

NOTICE OF DATA BREACH

Dear [Addressee]:

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is writing to inform you of a recent incident that may impact the privacy of some of your information. While we are not aware of any access to or use of this information, we are providing this notification letter as a precaution to inform you of the incident and our response.

What Happened?	<p>On May 25, 2023, the State Water Board discovered an unauthorized disclosure of information which occurred on September 16, 2022. The disclosed information was contained in a document provided in response to litigation involving the 2021 and 2022 drought emergency regulations for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta watershed. A document containing information for water right holders in this watershed was shared with attorneys representing parties in the case. Within that document was information that could be used by a knowledgeable person to access your information in, or submit reports to, account(s) in the Electronic Water Rights Information Management System’s Report Management System (RMS), and the Water Right Form and Survey Submittal Portal (Survey Portal). Please note, the State Water Board has no indication of inappropriate access to or use of water right holder accounts. Information available in the following websites may have been impacted by this unauthorized disclosure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMS – https://rms.waterboards.ca.gov/login.aspx • Survey Portal – https://public.waterboards.ca.gov/WRInfo
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<p>What Information Was Involved?</p>	<p>The information involved includes your:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Right Identifier – login to above websites • Reporting Identifier – which functions as a password to above websites • Full name* • Address* • Phone Number*, and • Email Address* <p>*Of the water right holder, agent, person filing report, and qualified individual.</p> <p>The State Water Board does not solicit sensitive personal or financial information such as Social Security number, Driver's License number, or financial account numbers which could expose you to identity theft. If you did not submit this information as additional remarks or in an attachment, then it was not exposed during this incident.</p> <p>For right holders requesting financial relief from small domestic registration fees or compliance with measurement and reporting regulations, some State Water Board forms request substantiating information, such as annual income, household size, or existing and potential sources of funding. While we are not aware of any access to or use of this information, it could have been exposed if a right holder uploaded that information to the State Water Board's systems.</p>
<p>What We Are Doing:</p>	<p>We want to assure you that the State Water Board takes security and the handling of personal information seriously. Upon discovery of the incident, access to the affected websites was restricted. Your Reporting Identifier(s) has been reset and you will receive a separate letter with your new Reporting Identifier(s).</p> <p>The State Water Board will continue to enhance its security protocols to minimize the risk of a similar incident in the future.</p>
<p>What You Can Do:</p>	<p>When you receive your new Reporting Identifier(s), please confirm access to your account(s) on the respective websites. If you have questions or are unable to access your account(s), please see the Agency Contact information below.</p>
<p>For More Information:</p>	<p>For more information about online protections, you may visit the website of the California Department of Justice, Privacy Enforcement and Protection at www.oag.ca.gov/privacy.</p>

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Agency Contact:	We deeply regret any inconvenience or worry this incident may cause you. If you have questions or need further information about this incident, please contact State Water Board staff by phone at: (916) 341-5431 or email to: rms@waterboards.ca.gov .
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Sincerely,



Eileen Sobeck
Executive Director
State Water Resources Control Board