

DWSRF Policies

Section viii. Governing Authorities

Applicants must have the authority to:

- a. Operate a public water system; a.
- b. Assess fees for domestic water supply on property owners and consumers in the targeted area or community;
- c. Legally bind, or cause to be legally bound by the subject system, affected individual property owners in the targeted area or community to accept and pay for domestic water supply from the subject system;
- d. Hold, or cause to be held by the subject system, all necessary water rights or legally contract for the water supply needed to supply the targeted area or community;
- e. Acquire and/or construct necessary facilities; e.
- f. Acquire necessary rights to an adequate water supply source;
- g. Enter into a financing agreement with the State Water Board on behalf of the targeted area or community;
- h. Assess and/or charge homeowners, as necessary, to fund any part of a project not provided as DWSRF financing and to operate and maintain the project for the long-term;
- i. Enter into contracts, as necessary, with adjacent or neighboring PWSs for water supply sources;
- j. Enter into contracts, as necessary, with adjacent or neighboring PWSs for the purposes of consolidation. This includes the authority to transfer existing facilities (e.g. wells and distribution pipelines) to achieve a consolidation or regional solution; and
- k. If the project involves an extension of water service from an existing PWS, undertake the formation necessary to cover the targeted area or community, including LAFCO approval of a boundary extension, annexation, or formation of a new CWS or a regional authority.