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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 21-50

The purpose of this All County Letter is to provide the implementation date and final ZIP code selection for the CalFresh Water Pilot. Pilot benefits will be available to CalFresh households living in selected ZIP codes in Kern County with out-of-compliance water systems under the California Safe Drinking Water Act.



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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 21-50

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CALFRESH PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL CONSORTIUM REPRESENTATIVES
ALL QUALITY CONTROL PROGRAM COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: CALFRESH WATER PILOT IMPLEMENTATION DATE AND
FINAL ZIP CODE SELECTION

REFERENCE: [CALIFORNIA WELFARE & INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 18901.25](#); [ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE No. I-23-18](#) AND
[ALL COUNTY LETTER 20-97](#)

The purpose of this All County Letter (ACL) is to provide the final implementation date and confirm ZIP code selection for the CalFresh Water Pilot (Pilot), that was developed under the mandates of [Welfare and Institutions Code section 18901.25](#).

For additional background information and details regarding the Pilot design and benefit mechanism, please refer to [ACL 20-97](#), released on September 2, 2020.

PILOT IMPLEMENTATION DATE

The start date of the Pilot is **March 1, 2022**. The pilot is scheduled to last for 12 months, dependent upon the final number of pilot-eligible households and adequate funding.

PILOT ZIP CODES

The following Kern County ZIP codes have been selected for participation in the Pilot.

- **93241** (Lamont)
- **93220** (Edison)
- **93243** (Gorman-Lebec)

- **93311** (Bakersfield)
- **93387** (Bakersfield)
- **93386** (Bakersfield)

These ZIP codes meet the eligibility criteria for participation in the Pilot.

PILOT NOTICING

The following notice will need to be issued to eligible pilot households on February 1, 2022, indicating the Pilot start date of March 1, 2022.

- The General Informing Notice ([CF 304A](#)) must be provided to qualifying CalFresh pilot-eligible households with information regarding the Pilot implementation date, eligibility criteria, benefit amount and pilot duration.

Additionally, the following notices must be issued by the county and must meet adequate noticing timeframes. Ten-day notice rules apply only to the pilot discontinuance Notice of Action.

- The *Notice of Approval for the CalFresh Water Pilot* ([CF 304B](#)) will be provided to households when they have been approved for Pilot participation. It will include the start date, monthly pilot benefit amount and anticipated end date.
- The *Notice of Discontinuance for the CalFresh Water Pilot* ([CF 304C](#)) will be provided when the Pilot ends or when a household loses pilot eligibility.

This ACL, and other CDSS Letters and Notices, are available online at:
<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/letters-and-notices>.

If you have any questions or need additional guidance regarding this letter, please contact the CalFresh Policy and Employment Bureau at CalFreshPolicy@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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