

The California Water Association (CWA) has a Utility Supplier Diversity Program (USDP) designed to encourage procurement with Women-, Minority-, and Disabled Veteran-owned Business Enterprises (WMDVBES). California's investor-owned water utilities have a long-standing commitment of seeking business relationships that provide their customers with excellent customer service and a reliable supply of high-quality water at a fair and reasonable price.

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has established the guidelines under which vendors may qualify as WMDVBES. ASIAN, Inc. is contracted by the CPUC to operate the Supplier Clearinghouse, which verifies and certifies that applicant firms qualify as WMDVBES and provides participating utilities with a current database. The CPUC and participating utilities only recognize and accept vendor certification from the Clearinghouse.

Therefore, even if your company is already certified by a comparable agency, you must still complete the Clearinghouse application, which may be obtained at www.asianinc.org. You can also call the Clearinghouse at (800) 359-7998. The verification process is performed quickly and at no cost to the applicant. Your acceptance as a WMDVBE may enhance your business opportunities with other regulated utilities (energy, telecommunications) in California.

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To learn more about how you can offer your company's products or services to investor-owned water utilities, please contact the Utility Supplier Diversity Program representative below.

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California Water Utilities' Supplier Diversity Program

Procurement opportunities for minority-, women-, and disabled veteran-owned business enterprises



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Investor-Owned Water Utilities

California Water Association (CWA) is a trade association of investor-owned water utilities providing high-quality water utility services to nearly 6 million people throughout California. Seven investor-owned water utilities currently participate in the Utility Supplier Diversity Program:

California American Water — Headquartered in Chula Vista, California American Water provides water service to 500,000 people through 182,000 customer connections in 30 communities.

California Water Service Company — Headquartered in San Jose, Cal Water serves nearly 2 million people through 437,000 customer connections via 28 Customer and Operations Centers.

Golden State Water Company — Headquartered in San Dimas, Golden State Water serves more than 1 million people through approximately 253,000 customer connections in 22 customer service areas.

Park Water Company — In California, PWC delivers water to 136,000 people in the Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties through 45,000 customer connections.

San Gabriel Valley Water Company — Based in El Monte, San Gabriel Valley Water serves a population of more than 320,000 through 92,000 customer connections in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties.

San Jose Water Company — San Jose Water, based in Silicon Valley, was founded in 1866 and delivers water to more than 1 million people through 216,000 service connections.

Suburban Water Systems — Based in Covina, Suburban provides service to 300,000 people through 75,000 customer connections located in Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

Products and Services We Purchase

Each year, investor-owned water utilities buy millions of dollars in products and services from qualified suppliers. Below are some of the products and services they commonly purchase.

Construction: general construction, concrete work, construction management, design, electrical, excavating, air-conditioning, painting, paving, plumbing, roofing, pipeline installation

Maintenance and repair: janitorial services, office machine services, landscaping, plumbing, air-conditioning, painting, electrical, pump repair, pipeline repair

Materials and supplies: office machines and supplies, furniture and fixtures, mechanical and electrical equipment, computers, computer-related supplies

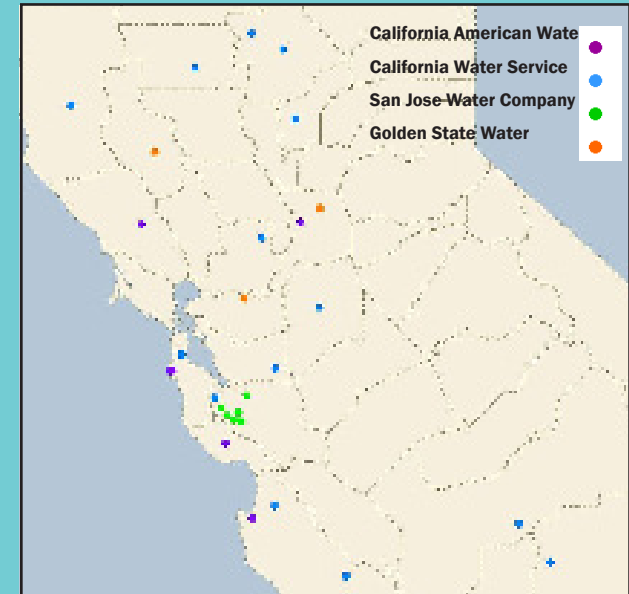
Promotional services: advertising, marketing, public relations, photography, printing, catering

Professional services: banking, auditing, consulting, architecture, legal, finance

Transportation: vehicle maintenance, automotive supplies, contract hauling, purchase of automobiles and trucks

Warehousing: material handling, equipment and parts, cleaning supplies, hydrants, valves, copper and iron ductile pipe, meters

Northern California Water Utility Service Areas



Southern California Water Utility Service Areas

