

**April 18, 2024**  
**SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

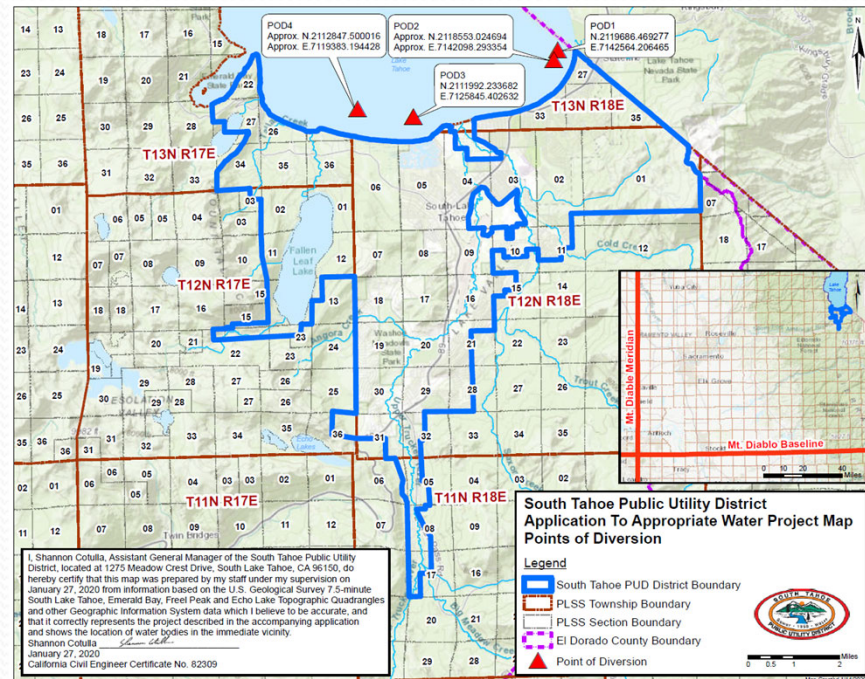
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**Item 6B:**  
**Revised Surface Water Rights Application**

**Presented By:**  
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# Recent Steps in STPUD Water Supply Journey

A. January 2020: Submit Amended Application No. A023393 and exhibits to the SWRCB



B. Fall 2023: Receive request from SWRCB for “re-noticing” of application

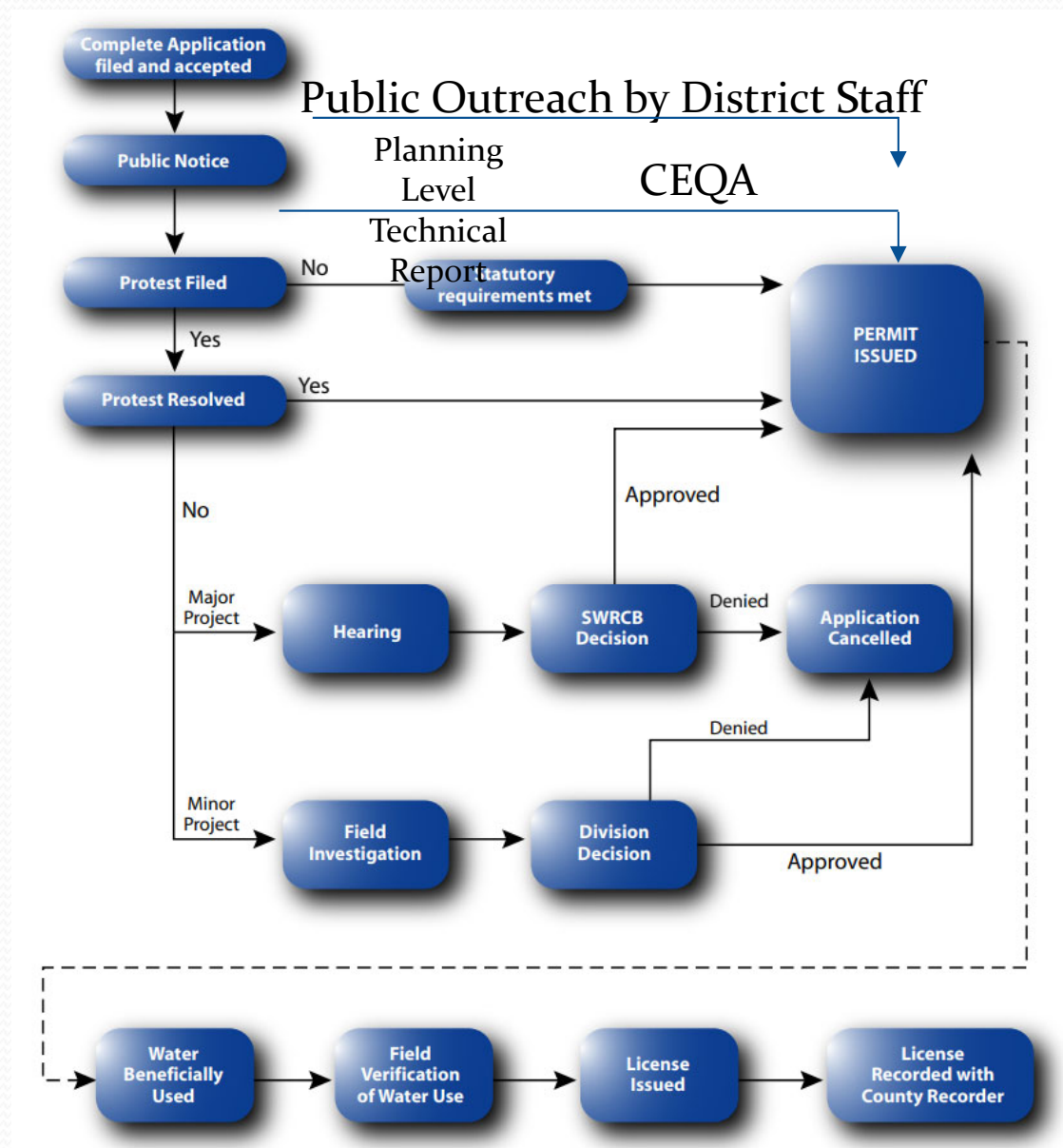
C. February 2024: Hold Board Workshop on Surface Water Rights

D. April 2024: Staff Report “Options for Water Supply Augmentation”

# Benefits of Surface Water

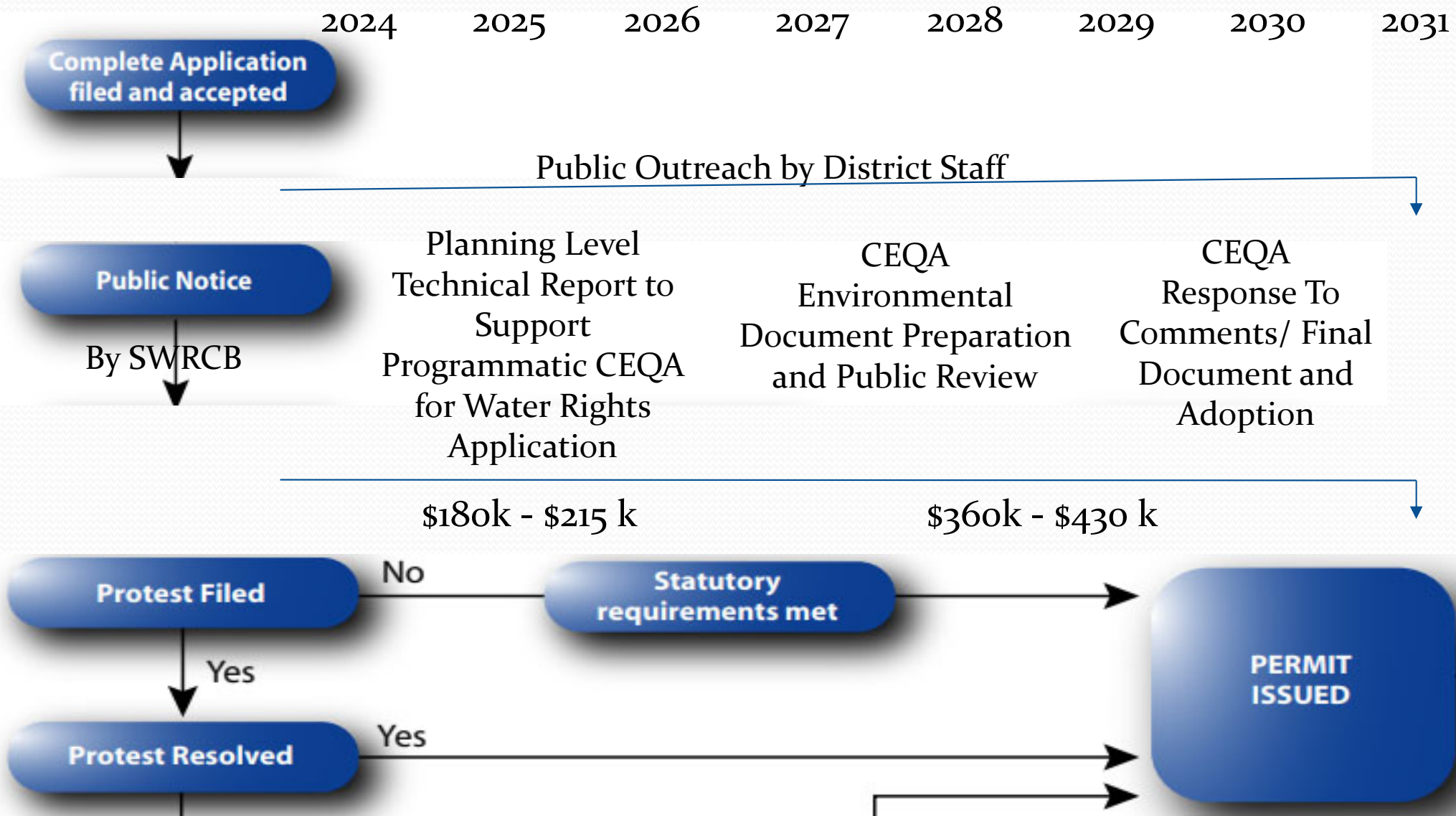
1. Diversify Water Supply: Currently 100% Groundwater
2. Surface Water higher “priority” than Groundwater
3. Broader Water Security
4. Replace Contaminated Groundwater: PCE, arsenic, uranium
5. Supplement Low-Yield Groundwater Wells
6. Address Increased Regulation: **PFAS**
7. Avoid Costly and Otherwise Unnecessary Distribution System Upgrades
8. Surface Water more “scalable” than Groundwater
9. Leverage Availability of an Exceptionally Clean Surface Water Source (Lake Tahoe)

# Water Rights Permitting Process



Source: [CHA377 water right process \(ca.gov\)](http://CHA377.waterrightprocess.ca.gov)

# Water Rights Technical Report and Programmatic CEQA Document Timeline (Assuming 8-year process)



# Next Steps in STPUD Water Supply Journey

1. Submit Change Petition to the SWRCB for Application No. A023933 (**by April 30, 2024**)
2. Proceed with Water Supply Master Plan
  - Refine scope (Groundwater and Surface Water)
  - Issue RFP for Technical Support (**by June 2024**)
  - Select Consultant and bring proposal to Board for consideration
3. Prepare for Public Notice of Surface Water Rights application
  - Receive response from SWRCB on Change Petition, with direction for next steps (Noticing and CEQA)
  - Lead Public Outreach in advance of SWRCB Public Notice
  - Respond to comments/protests filed in response to SWRCB Public Notice
4. Develop Programmatic CEQA (for Water Supply MP and SW Rights Application)
  - Refine scope based on results of Water Supply Master Plan and SWRCB Public Notice
  - Work with Technical and Legal Consultants to prepare proposal for Board consideration
  - Prepare Draft CEQA: post, receive/respond to comments and hold hearing to adopt
5. SWRCB Issues Permit

*Annually: Report to State on use of SW (and GW in lieu of SW)*