

Water Utilities Update

Low – Income Oversight Board

Water Division

December 15, 2021

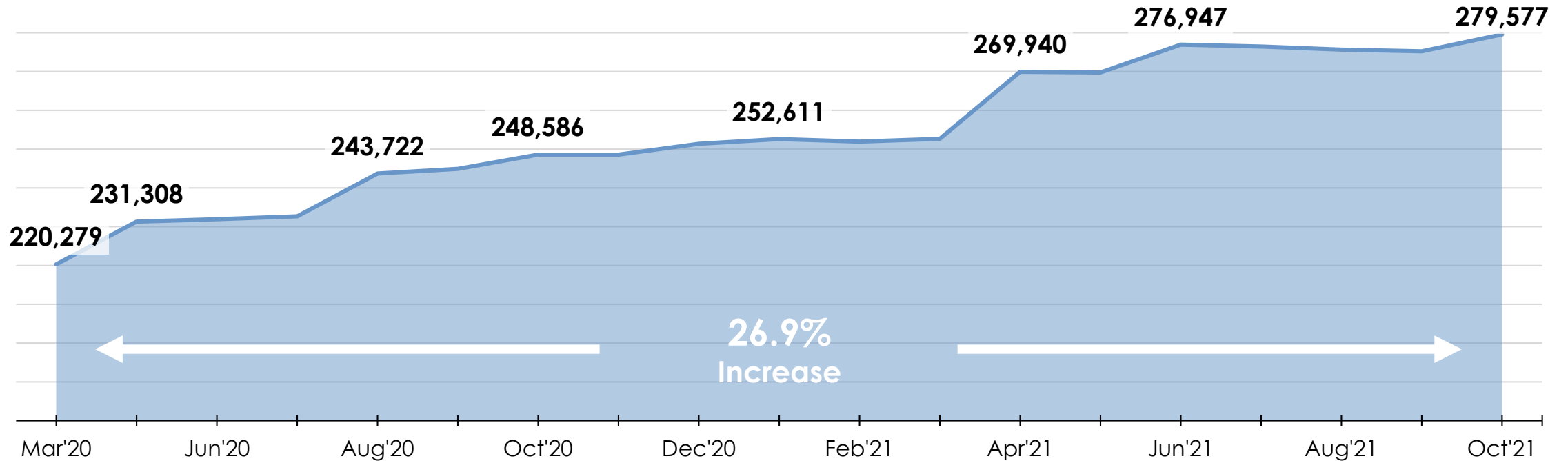


**California Public
Utilities Commission**

Overview

- Current Customer Assistance Program (CAP) Enrollment
- Conservation Reports
- Assembly Bill 1250
 - Acquisitions of failing or at-risk water systems

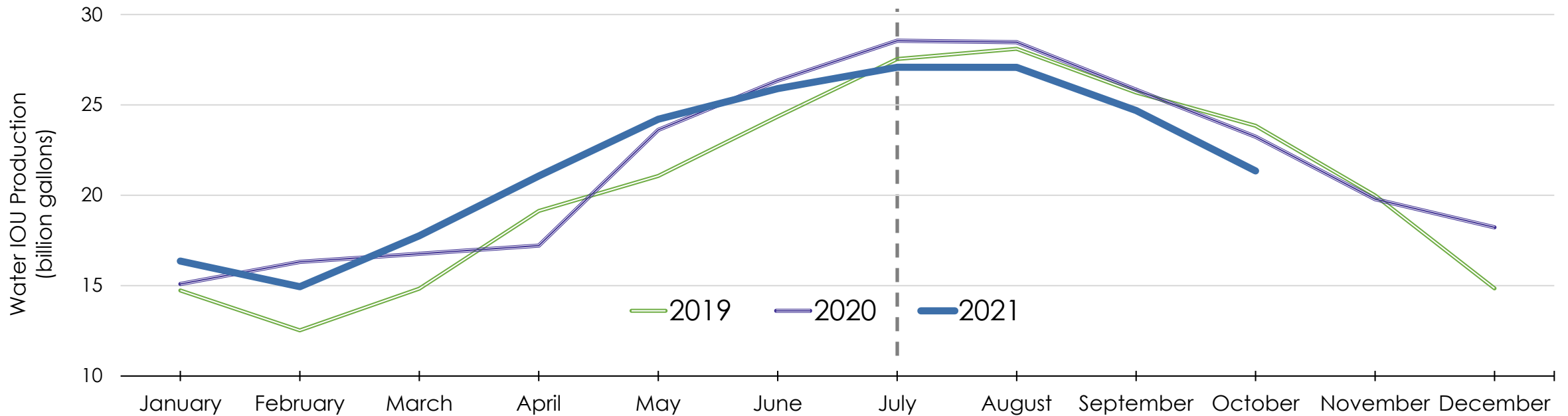
Total CAP Enrollment



- Between March 2020 and October 2021
 - Participation increased by 59,298 or 26.9%
 - % of Residential Customers increased from 18% to 23%
- **Data Exchanges** will increase from biannual to **quarterly** starting 2022

Water Usage Conservation

Investor-Owned Water Utilities



- Governor's Call for **Voluntary 15% Reduction**
 - Compared to 2020 usage
 - Starting from July 2021
- **Water IOUs** currently saving **6.3%**
 - Statewide: 5.6%

Assembly Bill 1250

Consolidation of Water and Sewer Systems

- Signed by the Governor on October 8, 2021, **effective January 2022**
- **Acquisitions** involving small community water systems identified by the State Water Resources Control Board as **failing or at-risk**
 - Commission must approve or deny **application within 12 months**
 - Systems valued under \$5,000,000 may be processed via advice letter
 - Commission must approve **advice letter within 180 days**
- Establishes the **Consolidation For Safe Drinking Water Fund**
 - For use by the Commission to cover associated regulatory costs
 - Fee of **\$10,000 per application** will be charged