

Water Utilities Update

Low – Income Oversight Board

Water Division

October 13, 2023

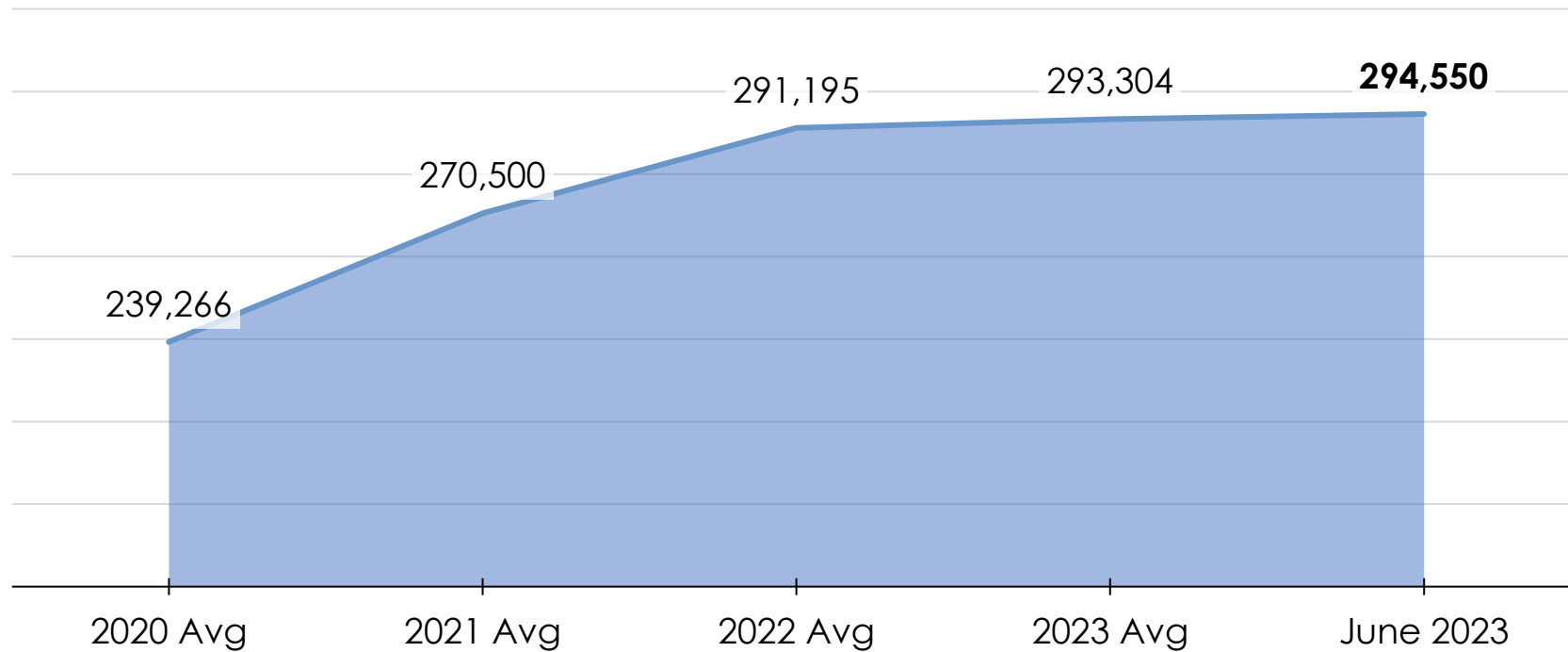


**California Public
Utilities Commission**

Overview

- Customer Assistance Program (CAP) Enrollment
- Water Utility Acquisitions Proceeding
- Bill Arrearage Assistance

Total CAP Enrollment



- As of June 2023, CAP participation is about 25% of total IOU residential customers

Order Instituting Rulemaking R.22-04-003

Water Utility Acquisitions

- Main Goals
 - Review and improve upon the existing framework from 1999
 - Assess acquisitions of failing or at-risk water systems
- 4 Workshops
 - Workshop #1: Inadequately Operated & Maintained Systems
 - Held on November 29 with Workshop Report issued February 10
 - Workshop #2: Price and Valuation
 - Held on March 9 with Workshop Report issued June 26
 - Workshop #3: Ratepayer Impacts
 - Held on June 13 with Workshop Report issued September 18
 - **Workshop #4:**
 - **Date: December 5**
 - Agenda
 - Acquisitions involving municipal and mutual water systems
 - Acquisition timeline
 - Other potential topics

California Extended Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program

- Administered by State Water Resources Control Board
 - Extension of original 2021 arrearage program
 - Utility's responsibility to apply, not customers
 - \$600 million in funding
 - Paid directly to the utility
 - Covers water and wastewater debt accrued between Mar 4, 2020 and Dec 31, 2022
 - Original program covered up to June 15, 2021
 - Applies to all Residential and Commercial customers