

CATA Curricular Code Change Proposal

Contest: California Water Issues

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(Name, School, Email)

Issue: (Describe the reason/rationale for the proposed change.)

These proposals are a combination of suggestions from the state final host site regarding test make-up and tie breaker rules and an attempt to modify the reference list to make it more concise and easier to navigate for study material.

Please answer yes or no to **ALL** the questions below.

This proposal will require a contest to open out of rotation. **No**

The change will affect General Rules. **No**

The change will affect the awards needed. **No**

The proposed change will affect tabulations/scorecards. **No**

The proposed change will affect contest forms. **No**

The proposed change will affect contest hosting site. **No**

(e.g. additional facilities, new sections, additional scoring, etc.)

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, you need to include the following signatures:

CATA Approved Contest Advisor's Signature: **n/a**

CDE Host Site Contest Coordinator's Signature: **n/a**

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please explain.

*It is recommended that you, or a representative, attend the pre-conference governing board meeting to answer any questions regarding proposed curricular code changes to contests that are requested to be opened out of rotation.

Description: (Describe what is changing.):

I am proposing the following changes:

- I propose changing the title of the contest to make it more reflective of the general nature of the contest subject. The contest as it is set up is meant for students to learn about the overall structure, history and uses of California's water system. The word "Issues" might imply that there would be discussion or debate about water policy. I believe this contest is best suited to be a general knowledge activity which gives contestants an overall understanding of the topic.

- I propose clarifying the exact make-up and tie breaking procedures of the test. Dr. Rocca at Fresno State suggested that this would make the contest fit better with the Judging Card system test sheet and make the tie breaker workable.

- I propose modifying the reference section to make it more streamlined and avoid duplication and make it a more manageable amount to be able to study.

- remove reference "C" as it is too broad to be able to study effectively

- Modify reference "I" by selecting links specifically for the Oroville Dam/Reservoir and the San Luis Dam/Reservoir and removing letter "d." as it is now part of letter "b."

Proposed CATA Code Change: (Only include the section that the proposed change pertains to – do not include the entire contest. Reference numbered section. If editing text show new text with old text in parenthesis. For large changes set track changes in the Word document and attach the file, with edits, to this document when submitting.)

Contest Title:

CALIFORNIA WATER (~~California Water Issues~~)

Tie Breaker

- Ties ~~between (scores for) individuals and teams will be broken by the respective individuals or team scores on the true/false questions.~~ **resolved by adding the score of 5 questions pre-selected randomly by the contest host.**
- If a tie still exists, ~~the total score of the individuals or team scores on the multiple-choice questions will be used.~~ **(the total score true/false questions will be used.)**
- ~~(Finally, if a tie still exists the total score of multiple choice questions will be used.)~~

Rules

- I. The contest consists of a 100 point written examination, which will be made up of 50 true/false and 50 multiple choice questions, based on materials listed in the **References (Resources)** section below.

VII. References:

~~C. (<https://www.watereducation.org/water-related-organizations/agencies>)~~

Section VII will have to be re-lettered from "A" to "K" if approved.

I. <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project>

- Operations
- Environmental Roles
- Management

1. <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/SWP-Facilities>

- a. California Aqueduct
- b. Dams/**Reservoirs**
 - Oroville

Add: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/SWP-Facilities/Oroville>
- San Luis

Add: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/SWP-Facilities/San-Luis>

- c. Pumping Plants
 - + Edmonston Pumping Plant
 - + Harvey O. Banks Pumping Plant

~~(d. Reservoirs)~~

~~(- <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/SWP-Facilities/Oroville>)~~