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State Water Boards Third Web-based Performance Report Now Available

Key Accomplishments Noted for 2010-2011

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SACRAMENTO –The California Water Boards launched its third web-based annual *Performance Report* this week -- a report intended to illustrate the Water Boards' efforts over the last year and show the progress being made to protect and allocate California's water resources.

In an era marked by tightening water supplies and increasing pressures on the quality of water available for drinking, recreation, and habitat protection as well as economic and budgetary challenges – this "report card" communicates to the public the quality of California's waters and the performance of the Water Boards in protecting those waters.

Despite the challenges of shrinking budgets and fewer staff available to handle a large, increasing and diverse workload, the Water Boards collectively accomplished many of its priorities during this past year, including adoption of water quality plans designed to bring impaired rivers, lakes, and streams into compliance with water quality objectives, inspecting more than 5,000 facilities, and issuing, renewing, or reviewing almost 4,000 permits.

"This Performance Report page on the State Water Board website provides a transparent, easy to understand description of the different environmental protection measures that the state water boards are undertaking to protect and allocate California's waters," said State Water Board Chair Charles Hoppin.

This report makes information available in a publicly-accessible manner and is expected to lead to greater public interest and involvement in the work of the Water Boards. Establishing and using measures of environmental and Water Board performance, along with data and data systems, to track and report progress in meeting goals and targets helps the Water Boards to manage and evaluate its programs, activities, and priorities, and improve efficiencies.

The State Water Resources Control Board's mission is to preserve, enhance and restore the quality of California's water resources, and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations.

See the fact sheet:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/publications_forms/publications/factsheets/docs/performance_report2011fs.pdf

To learn more, visit the water boards' *Performance Report* at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/performance_report_1011/

