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State Water Boards Fifth Web-based Performance Report Now Available

Key Accomplishments Noted for 2012-2013

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SACRAMENTO – The California Water Boards launched their fifth web-based annual *Performance Report* this week -- a report intended to document the Water Boards' accomplishments over the last year and show continued progress in their mission to protect and allocate California's water resources.

The "report card" describes the Water Boards' performance in an era marked by tightening of water supplies; increasing pressures on the quality of water available for drinking, recreation, and habitat protection; and ongoing expectations for clarity and accountability by the regulated community.

Despite shrinking budgets, fewer staff and an increasing workload, the Water Boards collectively oversaw more than 24,000 dischargers; took about 131 individual permit actions; conducted 6,090 inspections; completed more than 215 penalty and compliance actions; and adopted plans to address more than 90 "listings" for polluted waterways.

Enhancements to this web-based report include improved navigation, expanded information on performance trends, and accelerated efforts to analyze water quality data to determine the overall effect that our regulatory programs are having on the waters they are designed to protect.

"In addition to reporting on our work, we want to report the effect that our programs are having on water quality, which is why we are here," said State Water Board Chair Felicia Marcus. "This is a new feature of the report, where progress towards achieving specific water quality standards has now been assessed for more than 30 percent of the action plans in the State. This online report gives us important information so we can improve our efficiency and effectiveness in protecting our water resources."

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.





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See the fact sheet:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/performance_report_1213/docs/pr201213_factsheet.pdf

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

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/performance_report_1213/