

State of California  
Regional Water Quality Control Board  
San Diego Region

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT  
December 12, 2012

ITEM: 9

SUBJECT: Tentative Resolution: Resolution in Support of a Regional Monitoring Framework (*Lilian Busse*)

PURPOSE: Endorse "A Framework for Monitoring and Assessment in the San Diego Region."

RECOMMENDATION(S): Adopt tentative Resolution No. R9-2012-0069.

KEY ISSUES: None.

DISCUSSION: Tentative Resolution No. R9-2012-0069 (Supporting Document 1) would endorse "A Framework for Monitoring and Assessment in the San Diego Region" (Supporting Document 2). The Framework includes several revisions intended to address comments and suggestions made by the Board and interested parties.

The framework document outlines a systematic, question-driven, water body-oriented approach to monitoring and assessment. The framework document also outlines a collaborative "ten-step process" for implementation of this approach.

On October 30, 2012, staff held a public workshop to discuss the framework with interested parties. Approximately 25 people attended. In general, concerns expressed at the workshop had to do with implementation details, not with the framework itself. Staff plans to address these concerns as implementation proceeds.

Implementation has begun with initiation of three projects intended to better coordinate and improve monitoring and assessment. Implementation will continue with the leadership of the Monitoring, Assessment, and Research Unit (MARU) and two senior staff specialists. Staff will provide periodic progress reports to the San Diego Water Board about implementation and about the results produced by improved monitoring and assessment.

Staff believes the San Diego Water Board's support of the framework is essential for successful implementation. The Board could express its support for the framework by adopting the tentative resolution.

LEGAL CONCERNS:

None.

SUPPORTING  
DOCUMENTS:

1. Tentative Resolution No. R9-2012-0069: "Resolution in Support of a Regional Monitoring Framework"
2. "A Framework for Monitoring and Assessment in the San Diego Region" (*November 2012*)

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