

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

TENTATIVE RESOLUTION NO. R9-2012-0069

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A REGIONAL MONITORING FRAMEWORK

1. WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) staff report entitled "A Framework for Monitoring and Assessment in the San Diego Region" outlines an approach for development and implementation of improved monitoring and assessment programs; and
2. WHEREAS, the San Diego Water Board and other parties need timely, reliable, and statistically and scientifically sound information to guide decisions about and evaluate the progress of efforts to protect and restore the quality and beneficial uses of waters in the San Diego Region; and
3. WHEREAS such information includes:
 - a. Determination of the status and trends of conditions throughout individual water bodies and watersheds as they relate to beneficial uses;
 - b. Identification of the primary stressors causing or contributing to unsatisfactory conditions;
 - c. Identification of the major sources of those stressors; and
 - d. Evaluation of the effectiveness (i.e., environmental outcomes) of programs and management actions intended to protect and restore the quality and beneficial uses of waters;and
4. WHEREAS, improved monitoring and assessment programs are needed to produce such information; and
5. WHEREAS, development and implementation of improved monitoring and assessment programs should be done through the coordinated and collaborative efforts of interested parties and the San Diego Water Board; and
6. WHEREAS, the San Diego Water Board recognizes that cost sharing and institutional arrangements will need to be part of development and implementation of improved monitoring and assessment programs; and
7. WHEREAS, improved monitoring and assessment programs will need to be developed and implemented in phases, so monitoring and assessment programs will evolve over time; and

8. WHEREAS, improved monitoring and assessment programs will need to be evaluated, updated, adapted, and refined over time; and
9. WHEREAS, it is important for the key findings of monitoring and assessment programs to be effectively communicated to the public, stakeholders, and decision-makers; and
10. WHEREAS, the staff report entitled “A Framework for Monitoring and Assessment in the San Diego Region” is consistent with the concepts set forth above.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Diego Water Board endorses the staff report entitled “A Framework for Monitoring and Assessment in the San Diego Region;” and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Diego Water Board supports development and implementation of improved monitoring and assessment programs for waters in the San Diego Region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Diego Water Board will provide leadership and actively work with interested parties to develop and implement improved monitoring and assessment programs for waters in the San Diego Region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Officer will invite interested parties to participate in development and implementation of improved monitoring and assessment programs for waters in the San Diego Region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Officer will, in consultation with interested parties, establish guiding principles, strategies, plans, and institutional arrangements as necessary to develop and implement improved monitoring and assessment programs for waters in the San Diego Region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Officer will make every effort to ensure that improved monitoring and assessment programs for waters in the San Diego Region build on, make use of, are coordinated with, and/or are part of other monitoring and assessment programs for waters in the San Diego Region, coastal southern California, and statewide, in order to make use of pertinent information produced by those programs and to avoid duplication of effort and unnecessary costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Officer will report to the San Diego Water Board periodically on the progress of development and implementation of improved monitoring and assessment programs for waters in the San Diego Region and on the information produced by those programs.

I, David W. Gibson, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region on December 12, 2012.

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David W. Gibson
Executive Officer