

**State Water Resources Control Board
March 20, 2012
Item 6 - Executive Director's Report**

DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Program Activity:

Office of Operator Certification: The Office of Operator Certification will be administering the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator examinations the week of March 25-31, 2012. These exams will be conducted at select various locations throughout the State. Currently, 832 applicants have been approved and scheduled to take the examination.

Cleanup and Abatement Account:

- On February 23, 2012, the Division approved the Riverdale Community Well Project in the amount of \$30,000 for a feasibility study to determine a long-term solution for the protection of the Riverdale community drinking water supply.
- For other previously approved projects, thirteen disbursements were made between February 4, 2012, and February 29, 2012, totaling \$645,629.

Site Cleanup Program:

- A total of \$1,236,334 was collected during the month of February.

Cleanup Fund/ Underground Storage Tanks: The following are the dates the Cleanup Fund is currently paying out by priority:

- Priority A – Paying out all reimbursements to date
- Priority B – Reimbursement Requests received through 12/31/2011
- Priority C – Reimbursement Requests received through 12/31/2011
- Priority D – Reimbursement Requests received through 01/31/2012

State Revolving Fund: Between February 9, 2012, and March 7, 2012, the Deputy Director of the Division approved the following Preliminary Loan/Grant Commitments:

CITY OF STOCKTON TUXEDO AVENUE SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT

The City of Stockton's Tuxedo Avenue pipeline is a 6,000 foot long, 36-inch diameter, redwood sewer pipeline that is 90 years old. The Tuxedo Avenue pipeline is located along the toe of the Smith Canal levee, with approximately half of the pipeline running along Tuxedo Avenue, and the other half beneath private backyards, houses, and structures. The City is concerned with the aging sewer pipeline, and the potential consequences that would result from structural failure. The Project will use cured-in-place pipe to rehabilitate and improve the structural integrity of the existing pipeline. The City qualifies as a disadvantaged community. Due to recent media reports of possible municipal bankruptcy. DFA has not yet finalized this funding contract and is in communication with the City over the outcome of bankruptcy mediation and their potential ability to repay a loan from the SRF.

Total CWSRF Preliminary Funding Commitment: \$3,250,000 (\$1,625,000 in principal forgiveness).

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA EL ESTERO BIOFUEL CONVERSION PROJECT

Fat, oil and grease from many restaurants across California continue to challenge the existing sewer infrastructure for many treatment plants. To mitigate such issues in one coastal city, facility upgrades funded by the CWSRF program will add new and innovative technology to one of the City of Santa Barbara's most energy-intensive facilities: the El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant. The plan entails modifying the current anaerobic digesters to accept and convert restaurant by-products to methane gas that can be used to create electricity for the plant. Other modifications and upgrades will be implemented with these funds, paving the way for construction of the on-site, self-contained electrical generation facility.

Total CWSRF Preliminary Funding Commitment: \$1,600,000

NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT RECYCLED WATER PROJECT

The North Marin Water District is located in Marin County, and serves the cities of Novato and San Rafael. The Project will provide approximately 193 acre-feet per year of tertiary-treated recycled water to landscape irrigation users in the District's Novato south service area. The Project includes the construction of a new booster pump station at the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District's Waste Water Treatment Plant, and construction of a recycled water facility consisting of membrane filtration modular units.

Total CWSRF Preliminary Funding Commitment: \$5,480,740

CITY OF DUNSMUIR WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The City of Dunsmuir is located approximately 50 miles north of Redding, in Siskiyou County. The Project includes replacement of approximately 7,000 linear feet of sewer main ranging in diameter from six to fifteen inches, 25 manholes, five rod holes (access for sewer cleanouts), and 113 laterals on City property. The Project also includes construction and installation of a 65-foot diameter secondary clarifier, traveling bridge filter, return activated sludge pump station and associated equipment. The City qualifies as a severely disadvantaged community.

Total CWSRF Preliminary Funding Commitment: \$5,810,000 (\$4,357,500 in principal forgiveness).

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA): Staff is reconvening the advisory committee (PAC) on April 20, 2012, to discuss plans for the next ten-year cycle of the groundbreaking GAMA Priority Basin Project. Topics will include revisions in the comprehensive sampling strategy.

- **Nitrate Pilot Projects in the Tulare Lake Basin and Salinas Valley** - SBX2 1 (Perata, 2008) added Water Code Section 83002.5 which requires the State Water Board, and other agencies (including Regional Boards), to develop pilot projects in the Tulare Lake Basin and the Salinas Valley to study nitrate contamination, identify remedial solutions, and funding options to clean up groundwater. It also directed staff to prepare a report to the Legislature. The University of California, Davis (UCD) is under contract to produce a comprehensive, independent report. This 1,300-page report is set for public release on March 13, 2012. Information on the UCD Report is posted at the SBX2 1 website (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nitrate_project/index.shtml). A State Water Board Workshop will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, to consider public input on the options outlined in the UCD Report.

- **Communities That Rely on Contaminated Groundwater** - AB 2222 (Caballero, 2008) added Section 10782 to the Water Code to require that the State Board submit to the Legislature a report that identifies communities that rely on contaminated groundwater as a primary source of drinking water. Staff has worked with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and has solicited input, as required by law, from other state agencies. The final draft has been posted to the AB 2222 website for public comment (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/gama/ab2222/index.shtml). The report comment period ends April 2, 2012.

Composting Facilities Statewide Order: Following two informal staff workshops in August 2011, staff conducted eight stakeholder workgroup meetings (divided between northern and southern California) in the remaining months of 2011. During these meeting draft concepts for a statewide conditional waiver of waste discharge requirements for composting facilities were discussed. The draft concepts include Water Quality Protection Measures such as pad and pond specifications to reduce percolation of waste waters to groundwater, tiered based on waste types (i.e., feedstocks) to be discharged, and site specific conditions (i.e., precipitation, depth to groundwater, proximity to domestic drinking water supply wells). The stakeholder workgroup is invited to propose alternative Water Quality Protection Measures that affect those factors that drive movement of contaminants to groundwater and that reduce percolation of waste waters to groundwater.

Additional workshops are tentatively scheduled for April and May 2012, for northern and southern California. A draft order is expected to be presented to the State Water Board in the Fall of 2012.

Ocean Plan Amendment: Desalination / Brine Provisions: State Water Board staff and the Southern California Coastal Research Project (SCCWRP) held a public stakeholder meeting on December 8-9, 2011 introducing a panel of experts convened to address scientific questions regarding the disposal of brine into the ocean. The panel, composed of five scientists from different disciplines, will be addressing the following questions : (1) how can the effects of these discharges be minimized through proper disposal strategies; (2) what models should be applied in order to predict how these plumes will behave; (3) can cumulative water quality effects associated with multiple plumes be evaluated with models; and (4) what are appropriate monitoring strategies for these discharges?

Another Expert Review Panel (ERP), for desalination intakes and seawater intake mitigation has completed its draft final report. The ERP and Water Board staff, held a public stakeholder meeting on March 1, 2012 to present and receive comments on the report. A second scoping meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2012, to supplement the original scoping meeting (held in 2007).

On-site Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS): The State Water Board released the public draft Policy for Siting, Design, Operation and Management of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) Septic Systems and the associated Supplemental Environmental Document on Friday, September 30, 2011 for a 45 day comment period. Staff conducted four workshops during the comment period to answer questions and take comments from the public. The comment period closed on November 14. Six hundred and fifty eight (658) comments were received on the draft policy. The OWTS Team is working on responses to comments and modifying the draft policy. Staff held an all-day meeting with key stakeholders on January 5 to discuss key issues raised in the comments. A revised draft policy is anticipated to be released this month. The Policy Documents and the comment letters can be found at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/owts/index.shtml.

Storm Water Caltrans MS4 Permit: The statewide NPDES permit for discharges by the California Department of Transportation of storm water from municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) is being reissued. This permit is commonly referred to as the Caltrans Permit. The current Caltrans Permit ([State Water Board Order No. 99-06-DWQ](#)) was issued on July 15, 1999. The current permit regulates all storm water discharges from Caltrans-owned MS4s, maintenance facilities and construction activities. Revisions to the permit are expected to complement many of the approaches in the Construction Storm Water General Permit ([State Water Board Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ](#)). A draft Tentative Order was released for public review on January 7, 2011. Comments were due on March 14, 2011. A public hearing on the draft Tentative Order was held on July 19, 2011. A revised draft Tentative Order was released for public review and comment on August 18, 2011. A workshop on the revised draft was conducted on September 21, 2011. Staff met with Caltrans on a bi-weekly basis in October through December 2011, to identify and resolve concerns raised at the hearing, workshop, and in written comments. Staff is currently finalizing revisions to the Tentative Order and preparing responses to comments received. Responses to comments received to date will be published when the second revised draft Tentative Order is released for public comment in late spring 2012.

Storm Water Industrial General Permit: The statewide General NPDES permit for discharges of storm water associated with industrial activities (commonly referred to as the Industrial General Permit) is being reissued. The current Industrial General Permit is [State Water Board Order 97-03-DWQ](#). The revisions to the Industrial General Permit are expected to follow many of the approaches in the Storm Water Construction General Permit (State Water Board Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ), adopted in 2009. On January 28, 2011, staff issued a Public Notice to release the draft revised Industrial General Permit for review. Staff level workshops were held on February 14 in the Cal/EPA Building and on February 23 at the Irvine City Council Chambers. A third workshop was conducted via the web on March 15, 2011. A public hearing was conducted on March 29, 2011. The comment deadline was extended and comments were due on April 29, 2011. Staff is in the process of evaluating over 250 individual comment letters received. Staff is addressing issues raised during the public comment period. Staff also conducted meetings with stakeholders to clarify issues.

Storm Water Phase II MS4 Permit: The statewide General NPDES permit for discharges of storm water from small municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) (commonly referred to as the Phase II Permit) is being reissued. The current Phase II MS4 Permit is [State Water Board Order No. 2003-0005-DWQ](#). It provides permit coverage for smaller municipalities, including non-traditional small MS4s, which are governmental facilities such as military bases, public campuses, and prison and hospital complexes. Revisions to the Phase II permit are expected to follow many of the approaches in the Storm Water Construction General Permit (Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ). On June 7, 2011, staff released a draft revised Phase II MS4 Permit for public comment. Comments were due on Monday, August 8, 2011. More than 50 letters requested an extension of this comment deadline. In response to these requests for additional time, the Board extended the public comment period to September 8, 2011. A workshop was held on August 17, 2011. Staff is in the process of evaluating the comments received. There have also been stakeholder meetings to discuss issues.

Suction Dredging Update: State Water Board staff and staff of the Central Valley Water Board, the Los Angeles Water Board, and the North Coast Water Board, submitted comments to the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) on its proposed revised suction dredge regulations. The comment letters have been posted at the following web page: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/suction_dredge.shtml). DFG plans to complete its rulemaking prior to the one-year expiration of its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, published on March 18, 2011.

Toxicity Policy Update: The external peer review documents for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) draft Test of Significant Toxicity (TST) were posted on the draft Toxicity Policy web page. Responses to the external peer reviewer's comments on the draft TST report, however, are not being released by U.S. EPA Headquarters in Washington D.C. As a result, in an abundance of caution, staff will submit the draft Toxicity Policy and Staff Report for additional external peer review. Peer review is expected to occur during winter 2012. Due to the time for peer review, staff anticipate releasing the next draft to the public in April 2012. The final Test Drive Analysis of the TST was posted on the draft Toxicity Policy web page. This updated report includes an additional 3,201 chronic toxicity endpoints provided by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program and California Environmental Data Exchange Network databases. The raw data obtained from each of the toxicity tests used in the Test Drive Analysis was added.

Bacterial Objectives for Inland Surface Waters: Staff has been working on a Bacteria Policy based on the U.S. EPA recommended criteria for Bacteria, originally issued in 1986. In December of 2011, the U.S. EPA released a new draft Recreational Water Quality Criteria document for bacteria. The proposed changes will require corresponding changes in the State's policy. The draft documents are found at <http://water.epa.gov/scitech/swguidance/standards/criteria/health/recreation/index.cfm>. Staff reviewed and commented on the draft criteria revisions.

Statewide Mercury Policy: Regional and State Water Board staff have been jointly working on a program to establish statewide fish tissue methylmercury objectives and to develop a mercury control program for reservoirs. Four CEQA scoping meetings on the reservoir mercury control program (the objectives were scoped previously) have been scheduled at different locations around the state in early March 2012.

Statewide Trash Policy: On October 12 and 13, 2011, staff conducted the third meeting of the Public Advisory Group (PAG) that will provide input on efforts to develop a Statewide Trash Policy. The meeting was conducted in San Pedro California and included a "field trip" to observe trash capture devices and a manufacturing facility that uses pre-production plastic pellets. The PAG consists of 10 individuals who have knowledge and expertise relative to trash and debris. A preliminary draft Staff Report/Substitute Environmental Document (SED) has been prepared by Tetra Tech and submitted to staff for review. After staff review, this SED will be presented to the PAG for review and comment. Following the PAG review the Draft SED will be released for public comment, initiating the formal public planning process for this project.

Once-through Cooling: Staff is working with power plant operators on evaluating implementation plans. Meetings have been held with Genon (November 14, 2011) and Dynegy (January 9, 2012). The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the Cal Independent System Operator each submitted their 2011 Grid Reliability Report in December 2011. Staff has been working with the Interagency Working Group (IAWG) to review implementation plans from the power plant operators, and the grid reliability studies. The IAWG has developed a draft

report to be considered for adoption by the Statewide Advisory Committee on Cooling Water Intake Structures (SACCWIS) on March 19, 2012. Staff has also submitted the administrative record for the July 2011 Policy amendment to the Office of Administrative Law.

NPDES permitting is progressing. The work is being performed by a contractor with U.S. EPA funding, but managed by State Water Board staff. The first permit to be brought before the State Water Board will be for the Pittsburg Power Plant in June 2012.

NPDES Permit Backlog: NPDES permits are effective for a fixed term not to exceed five years (40 CFR Part 122.46). They must be reissued prior to expiration to ensure that they reflect new requirements and discharges to surface waters do not adversely affect the quality of such waters. They may also be revoked or terminated. Typically, permit requirements remain in effect until the permit is reissued. Reissuing permits requires a significant amount of time and resources. It is considered a good indicator of overall program performance. According to the data extracted from the Water Boards' database and represented by the table below, as of mid-fiscal year 2011-12 approximately 27 percent of major permits and 28 percent of minor permits are currently expired.

NPDES Individual Permit Status

NPDES Permit Classification	Region	Expired	Current	Percent Expired	Percent Current
Majors	1	5	9	35.7	64.3
Majors	2	9	40	18.4	81.6
Majors	3	6	16	27.3	72.7
Majors	4	18	29	38.3	61.7
Majors	5	5	51	8.9	91.1
Majors	6	0	2	0	100
Majors	7	0	8	0	100
Majors	8	10	8	5.6	44.4
Majors	9	12	10	54.5	45.5
Total Majors		65	173	27.3	72.7
Minors	1	15	15	50	50
Minors	2	1	29	3.3	96.7
Minors	3	3	14	17.6	82.4
Minors	4	18	50	26.5	73.5
Minors	5	25	82	23.4	76.6
Minors	6	5	5	50	50
Minors	7	1	15	6.3	93.7
Minors	8	3	7	30	70
Minors	9	16	4	80	20
Total Minors		87	221	28.3	71.7

Low-Threat UST Closure Policy: The Draft Low-Threat UST Closure Policy (Policy) peer review has been received and is available on the website. The public comment period for both the Policy and the Substitute Environmental Document ends March 19, 2012. The Policy is scheduled for the April 17 Board meeting.

Wetland and Riparian Area Protection Policy: Staff are working on a draft EIR for the proposed Wetland Area Protection Policy (Policy) and Dredge and Fill Regulations (Regulations). This work includes finalizing the language for the draft Policy and Regulations, considering public comments received on the Initial Study/NOP DEIR (comment deadline closed May 20, 2011). The Office of Chief Counsel (OCC) is currently reviewing the draft dredge and fill regulations proposed by the Policy Development Team. The peer reviews requested by the State Water Board staff for the Technical Advisory Team's (TAT's) wetland definition were received in September 2011, have been provided for review and consideration to the Policy Development Team. The TAT wetland definition is proposed in the Policy for use by the Water Boards in all programs. With U.S.EPA grant funding, preliminary work has begun on Phase 2. This work is focused on categorizing wetland beneficial uses. The CRAM (California Rapid Assessment Method) peer review was posted on December 27, 2011 on the State Water Board Peer Review webpage.

Constituents of Emerging Concern (CECs): In partnership with the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project convened a scientific advisory panel to provide recommendations on how best to limit the impact of CECs on coastal and marine ecosystems. The State Water Board advanced the effort by providing funding for the panel to provide guidance on appropriate monitoring and management strategies for CECs in freshwater ecosystems. The panel conducted its fifth meeting on January 9-10, 2012. A draft report for public comment was released in February 2012.

At the end of March or early April 2012, staff will release a draft amendment to the Recycled Water Policy proposing monitoring requirements for constituents of emerging concern in recycled water based on the recommendations of a scientific advisory panel. Written comments on the draft amendment will be due in early June 2012.

Sanitary Sewer System Waste Discharge Requirements (SSS WDRs):

On January 24, 2012, staff conducted a workshop in accordance with notice of public workshop dated December 21, 2011. Public comment on the draft update of the SSS WDRs was received from over 12 individuals. Staff is now in the process of evaluating all of the written comment received and will propose changes to the draft proposal as necessary and appropriate.

Vector Control General Permit: Staff has proposed amendments to the Vector Control Permit. The proposed amendments respond to concerns raised by the Vector Control Association of California regarding the ability of its member agencies to spray in impaired waterbodies. A notice of adoption hearing, which opened the public comment period was posted on February 8, 2012. The public comment period closed on March 12, 2012. An adoption hearing is scheduled for April 3, 2012.

Statewide Policies/Significant General Permits: Appendix 1 provides the current status of pending Statewide Policies and Significant General Permits.

Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Update Report: See attached Appendix 2.

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

Release of Draft Technical Appendices to San Joaquin River Flow and Southern Delta Water Quality Substitute Environmental Document:

On February 24, 2012, the State Water Board released for public review three draft technical appendices to the substitute environmental document being prepared in support of potential changes to the San Joaquin River flow and southern Delta water quality objectives and the program of implementation for those objectives contained in the 2006 Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary. The draft technical appendices include the following:

- Scientific Basis for Alternative San Joaquin River Flow and Southern Delta Salinity Objectives (Scientific Report)
- Agricultural Economic Effects of Lower San Joaquin River Flow Alternatives (Agricultural Economics Report):
- Hydropower and Electric Grid Analysis of Lower San Joaquin River Flow Alternatives (Power Production Report):

The State Water Board is planning to hold a public informational meeting on the Agricultural Economics Report and the Power Production Report on March 21, 2012. State Water Board technical staff and consultants under contract with the State Water Board will describe the general approach taken for each report and will be available to answer clarifying questions.

Study Plan Dispute Issued for New Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project: Turlock Irrigation District and Modesto Irrigation District (Districts) are currently undergoing relicensing of their Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 2299, New Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project (Project). Before FERC can issue a new license, the Districts must seek water quality certification from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). On December 22, 2011, FERC issued its Study Plan Determination that addresses some, but not all, of the information needed to inform the State Water Board's ongoing water quality certification process.

On January 11, 2012, the State Water Board, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), each issued a Notice of Study Dispute contending that the studies required by FERC are not adequate to inform the mandatory conditioning authority of each agency. The State Water Board may also request the needed information under its own authority. The Districts filed two separate Motions to Disqualify Agency Dispute Panel Member with FERC. FERC subsequently denied the agencies recommended panel members. On March 2, 2012, the State Water Board submitted a letter to FERC recommending Mr. David White with NMFS as the replacement agency panelist. The schedule for the study dispute process will be established once the panel members are accepted by FERC.

Merced Irrigation District Withdraws of Petition for Reconsideration: In a letter dated February 7, 2012, Merced Irrigation District withdrew its Petition for Reconsideration of Investigation Order WR 2011-0003, originally filed on February 28, 2011. The withdrawal letter and other information about Merced Irrigation District's Merced River Hydroelectric Project are available on the State Water Resources Control Board website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/ceqa_projects.shtml#ferc2179

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT

Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Actions during January and February 2012:

a. ACL Complaints Issued

Region	Discharger/Facility	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Complaint Amount	Date Issued
JANUARY				
1	Rief, Dieter J. and R. Living Trust / 4232 Grand Road, Santa Rosa	Unpermitted discharge of well development water to surface water	\$5,600	1/4/2012
5F	Stanley and Vernal Gomes / M.F. Gomes Dairy	Failure to submit annual report for 2009	\$9,000	1/10/2012
5S	California Dept. of General Services / Nevada City Forest Fire Station	Failure to implement appropriate best management practices under general construction stormwater permit	\$168,000	1/3/2012
5S	Antonio P. and Mary R. Bettencourt, Tom Bloomfield, and F.A. Maggiore and Sons, LLC	Irrigation return flow discharges caused condition of pollution or nuisance and violation of water quality objectives for turbidity;	\$10,000	1/20/2012
FEBRUARY				
4	Atria West LLC / Building II	Late reports	\$6,000 (MMP)	2/6/2012
5S	John Bos / John Bos Dairy	Failure to submit 2009 annual report and monitoring well installation and sampling plan	\$4,500	2/17/2012
9	City of Oceanside / Collection System	Discharge of 5.35 million gallons of raw sewage to surface waters from 12/23/2010 to 12/28/2010	\$1,572,850	2/22/2012

b. ACL Orders Issued

Region	Discharger/Facility	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
JANUARY				
1	Fort Bragg Municipal Improvement District / WWTF	Effluent limit violations; three spills totaling 1,775 gallons raw sewage to surface water; discharge of 13,833 gallons undisinfectated effluent	\$31,069 (MMP: \$6,000; SEP: \$13,660)	1/19/2012
2	East Bay Municipal Utility Dist./ Various Facilities	Failure to implement adequate BMPs; point source discharges of chlorinated potable water to surface water without an NPDES permit	\$72,000	2/16/2012
4	Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County / Saugus Water Reclamation Plant	Effluent limit violations	\$180,000 (MMP; SEP: \$97,500)	1/13/2012
4	RP 120, LLC / Robertson Plaza	Late reporting violations	\$30,000 (MMP)	1/20/2012
4	Jean Martinez / Martinez Well	Late reporting violation	\$3,000 (MMP)	1/20/2012
5F	Joe Couto and Cody Raven / Former Raven Dairy	Failure to submit 2009 annual report	\$3,175	1/10/2012
5F	John L. Fagundes, Johnnie L. Fagundes, Bruce A. Fagundes, and John L. Fagundes Living Trust / Fagundes Agribusiness Dairy	Failure to submit 2009 annual report	\$7,200	1/10/2012
5F	Paul Souza Company and Dimas Valadao / Two Star Dairy	Failure to submit 2009 annual report	\$4,600	1/10/2012
5S	Joao and Maria Salvador / Salvador Dairy	Failure to submit 2009 annual report	\$877.25	1/12/2012
5S	Ed Hirdes / Hirdes Dairy	Failure to submit 2009 annual report	\$2,750	1/12/2012
6V	Green Valley Foods Products, Inc., and Hector Huerta / Cheese Processing Facility, Class II Surface Impoundment	Failure to submit nine plans and reports associated with odor control and design and construction of Class II surface impoundment	\$100,000	1/11/2012

Region	Discharger/Facility	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
FEBRUARY				
4	California Water Service Company / East Los Angeles Water Supply Wells	Effluent limit violations	\$6,000 (MMP)	2/1/2012
5S	Antonio Teixeira / Antonio Teixeira Dairy	Late submittal of 2009 annual report	\$1,523.50	2/14/2012
5S	Alberto and Carmen Azevedo / A & C Azevedo Dairy	Failure to submit 2009 annual report	\$5,800	02/17/2012
8	Pacific Clay Products, Inc. / Pacific Clay Products	Discharge of sediment-laden water and faulty bricks to surface water; failure to implement effective best management practices	\$40,000	2/10/2012

Additional Enforcement Orders Entered:

The Attorney General’s Office settled a matter on behalf of the Santa Ana Regional Board against Kirkhill Elastomer for \$1.6 million for multiple discharges of hydrocarbons and related pollutants.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS

Creek Watch iPhone App Voted a Top Innovative Mobile Solution: On February 8, 2012, the Creek Watch application was featured at the Government Mobility 2012 Making Governments Mobile Conference in Sacramento. Over a thousand individuals participated and voted for their favorite mobile solutions in 3 categories: Most Valuable Program, Coolest, Most Innovative Mobility Solution and Best of Show. Creek Watch was voted in the top three Most Innovative Mobility Solutions. Creek Watch was developed by IBM-Almaden Research Laboratory in collaboration with the State Water Board’s Clean Water Team staff and was launched in 2010. Creek Watch is an application that enables people to help monitor the health of their local watershed. Whenever passing by a waterway they can spend a few seconds using the Creek Watch application to snap a picture and report how much water and trash is seen. Creek Watch aggregates the data and shares it to help watershed groups and agencies track pollution and manage water resources. A map on the [Creek Watch Website](#) displays data that has already been contributed. Data is also accessible in table form. The application is now available in the [iTunes App Store](#).

OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING & PERFORMANCE

Resource Alignment Report: On October 18, 2011, the State Water Board adopted [Resolution No. 2011-052](#) approving a work plan to develop a report that assesses and aligns the Water Boards' priorities and resources with respect to performance targets. This report was scheduled to be heard by the State Water Board for discussion at its March 2012 meeting. To ensure that the information and data contained in the report are accurate, based on current data systems, the presentation of this report is now scheduled for the April 2012 State Water Board meeting.

Appendix 1

Statewide Policies/Significant General Permits

Division of Water Quality		
Status Code	Policy/Significant General Permit	Status
P	Anti-Degradation Policy / Implementation Triennial Review	Scoping meeting held on 11/17/08. Reviewing the 30+ comment letters received. Preparing recommendation for the Board. Work delayed by petitions.
A-12	Aquatic Pesticide General Permit – Weed Control, Aquatic Application	Expect to release formal draft in March 2012.
A-12	Aquifer Storage and Recovery Policy	Region 5 has developed a statewide general order for ASR. The draft order has been circulated to the MCC and stakeholder groups for comment. Changes have been made to the proposal based upon the comments received. Regional Board staff are working with State Water Board staff on a final proposal to be released for public comment and a public hearing before the State Water Board in the next several months.
A-12	Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS): Special Protections	Public Notice released on January 20, 2011. Public Hearing held on May 18, 2011. Written comment period closed on May 20, 2011. Staff presented the Special Protections for consideration of adoption by the Board on October 18, 2011. The Board at that time deferred making a decision and requested that staff bring it back in January of 2012. Staff has been working on clarifying edits to the Special Protections and is planning to bring it back to the Board for adoption in March 2012.

A-12	Bacterial Objectives for Inland Surface Waters	Staff preparing draft policy and staff report Public hearing targeted for 2012. U.S. EPA has released for comment draft revisions to the recommended bacterial indicators. Staff are reviewing the proposal and will prepare comments for US EPA consideration.
A	Biological Objectives Development	The technical team currently is responding to comments on the draft report on establishing statewide reference condition and is beginning to develop scoring tools for statewide application. The team also has scheduled the first of a series of three workshops to conduct pilot causal assessment studies. The Regulatory and Stakeholder Advisory Groups met in early January to review the Scientific Advisory Group's input on the technical work to date and to continue discussion of policy alternatives and implementation options.
A-12	Cadmium Objective and Implementation Policy	Final internal review of draft policy and staff report prior to upcoming release for public comment. New Staff was assigned to this project in January and is reviewing the project information.
A-12	Constituents of Emerging Concern (CEC) Monitoring – Recycled Water Policy	DWQ is revising Recycled Water Policy to implement CEC Task Force Report Recommendations. Staff are currently coordinating peer review for the Draft Revised Policy. DWQ is reviewing the first draft of the revised Recycled Water Policy.
P	Chlorine Residual Objectives and Implementation Policy	Scientific Peer review received. Report and policy will be revised as necessary to address peer review comments. Due to loss of key staff this project is currently on hold.
A-12	Composting Facilities Statewide Waiver	Continuing to meet with CalRecycle and Regional Boards on preparing draft statewide waiver. Targeting State Water Board consideration of statewide order for Summer 2012.

A-12	Grazing	The Water Boards have formed a work team to develop this Project (titled Statewide Grazing Regulatory Action Project or Grazing RAP). The work team is under the lead of R6 with active participants from R1, R2, R3, R5 and DWQ. The work team has completed the workplan and schedule for this Project and presented both items to MCC for its consideration in November; MCC accepted the workplan and schedule. The work team continues to collaborate on the tasks of 1) defining the problem (Problem Statement); 2) determining the scope of the Project, and 3) summarizing Water Board actions to date to correct or prevent the grazing impacts in order to determine potential final products from the Project. The work team completed the draft Problem Statement.
A	General Order (WDR) for Wastewater Discharges to Land (Revision to Order 97-10)	"Master" General Order drafted. Land Disposal (WDR) Program Review Steering Committee Briefed.
A-12	General Vector Control Pesticide Permit Amendment	Staff is considering amending NPDES General Permit to Allow Vector Control District to use pesticides in 303d listed waterbodies.
A-12	Listing Policy Update (Sediment Quality Objectives and Procedural Changes)	CEQA Scoping Meeting held on March 29, 2010. Comment period closed April 12, 2010. There was a delay due to loss of key staff. Staff has prepared amendment language to address the Sediment Quality Objectives component but further work is contingent on prioritization.
P	Marina Permit	Permit is postponed while working with other agencies and Marina and Boating groups to develop interim approaches.
P	Mercury Offset Policy	Partial economic analysis received from contractor (SAIC). No further contract funding available to complete economic analysis.
A	Mercury TMDL (Reservoirs)	A draft "framework" is being reviewed by the participating Regional Boards. The framework draws on existing TMDLs. The framework will go to Management in October and CEQA Scoping will be initiated. A stakeholder plan is being drafted.

A-12	Methylmercury Objectives	Staff are working on draft staff report and coordinating with efforts to develop statewide mercury TMDL. Updating economic analysis. Board Workshop targeted for Summer 2012.
A	Natural Sources	A draft natural source issue paper has been submitted to the Basin Planning Roundtable for review and comment. Issues include recommendation for how to deal with designations where natural background exceeds the water quality objectives
A	Nutrient Numeric Endpoints Tools	CEQA Scoping meeting held October 27, 2012. Working with technical advisory groups to produce an implementation strategy document. U.S. EPA contracting to have Nutrient Numeric Endpoint protocol updated with results of case studies and lessons learned. Technical aspects to be peer reviewed Fall 2012.
A-12*	Ocean Plan Amendment: model monitoring provisions, vessel discharges and non-substantive changes.	Public Hearing conducted on November 1, 2011. Staff is responding to comments and making edits to the Substitute Environmental Documentation and the Amendment.
A-12	Ocean Plan Amendment: MPAs and SWQPAs	Draft amendment, draft SED, and public notice released January 12, 2012. Comment period ends March 15, 2012. Public hearing scheduled for March 21, 2012.
P	Ocean Plan Amendment: vessel provisions	Pending completion of other Ocean Plan Amendments. Public Hearing was conducted on November 1, 2011.
A	Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) WDRs/Waiver	Developing concepts for WDRs/waiver for OHVs at State Parks.

A-12*	Onsite Waste Water Treatment Regulations/Waiver	<p>State Water Board released the public draft Policy for Siting, Design, Operation and Management of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS)—Septic Systems and the associated Supplemental Environmental Document on Friday, September 30, 2011 for a 45-day comment period. Staff conducted four workshops during the comment period to answer questions and take comments from the public. Workshops were held in San Luis Obispo, Redding, Santa Rosa, and Riverside. The public comment period closed on November 14, 2011. The comment period closed on November 14. We received 658 comments on the draft policy. The OWTS Team is working on responses to comments and modifying the draft policy. Staff held an all-day meeting with key stakeholders on January 5, 2012 to discuss key issues raised in the comments. The Policy Documents and the comment letters can be found at:</p> <p>http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/owts/index.shtml</p>
P	Potable Water General Order	Not assigned due to higher priorities
A	Rapid Diagnostic Tests for Bacterial Indicators in Coastal Waters	Results and lessons learned transmitted to U.S. EPA for consideration in national standards setting work for a new Rapid Method. Task Force preparing final results report. Task Force working with City of Los Angeles as next possible pilot testing location.
A-12	Sanitary Sewer System (SSS) WDR Update	Information Item presented to Board on September 21, 2010. Draft revised SSS WDR was released on March 24, 2011. Public Hearing to be scheduled at a later date. The comment period closed on Friday, May 13, 2011. Staff are reviewing the comments received. A Board Workshop was held on January 24, 2012.
P	Sediment Quality Objectives (SQOs) for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries: Phase II	Fish and Wildlife Objectives adopted by the Board April 6, 2011 and approved by OAL in June 2011. Phase II Human Health objectives in progress but are contingent on prioritization. Training sessions for regional board implementation of SQOs being planned.

A-12*	Storm Water CalTrans Permit	Released on January 7, 2011. Reviewing comments, which were due on March 14, 2011. Public hearing scheduled for July 19, 2011. Revised draft circulated for public comment on August 19, 2011. Board workshop conducted September 21, 2011. Staff is meeting with executive management and Caltrans to discuss the permit.
A-12*	Storm Water Industrial General Permit	Released on January 28, 2011. Staff workshops held February 14 and 23, 2011. Additional on-line staff workshop scheduled for March 15, 2011. Public Hearing conducted on March 29, 2011. Reviewing comments, which were due on Friday, April 29, 2011. Staff is revising the permit in response to the comments received. Staff is meeting with executive management and stakeholders to discuss the permit.
A-12*	Storm Water MS4 Phase II Permit	Revising to incorporate similar provisions to Construction General Permit and to incorporate TMDLs. Administrative draft released on February 22, 2011, with comments due on March 18, 2011. Released on June 7, 2011. Comment deadline extended from August 8, 2011 to September 8, 2011. A workshop on the draft permit was conducted on August 17, 2011. Staff is now evaluating the comments received. Staff is meeting with executive management and stakeholders to discuss the permit.
	Suction Dredge General Permit	On hold, and working instead with Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to coordinate with their suction dredge regulation and permit revision. On February 17, 2012, DFG released revised regulations for public comment. On March 5, 2012, State Water Board staff submitted timely comments that also included comments from staff of the Central Valley Water Board, the Los Angeles Water Board, and the North Coast Water Board. DFG plans to complete its rulemaking prior to the one-year expiration of its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking published on March 18, 2011.
P	Timber Activities on National Forest System Lands	At the December 6, 2011 Board meeting, the State Water Board adopted the MND, for this project but did not adopt the Statewide Conditional Waiver. Next steps and alternatives for regulation of non-point source discharges on NFS lands are currently being evaluated by the Staff.

P	Timber Activities on Non-federal Lands	Work with California Board of Forestry, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and Regional Water Boards. Work delayed pending the outcome of a petition.
A-12	Toxicity Control Provisions for the SIP	Staff held a staff-level workshop on August 22, 2011. Staff is now working on revisions to the policy and staff report. U.S. EPA headquarters has declined a request to release the peer review response to comments. As a result, in an abundance of caution State Board staff is initiating independent peer review of the policy. Due to the time for peer review staff anticipate releasing the next public draft in April 2012, for an anticipated adoption hearing in Summer 2012.
A-12*	Trash Policy	CEQA Scoping Meetings held on October 7, 2010 in Rancho Cordova and October 14, 2010 in Chino. A Public Advisory Group (PAG) has been appointed to provide input to Water Board staff on the development of this policy. The PAG has met on July 26, 2011, August 30, 2011, and October 12 and 13, 2011. Work on the Policy and the Substitute Environmental Document is proceeding.
A-12	UST Low-Threat Case Closure Policy	Targeting State Water Board consideration for April 2012.
P	Water Effects Ratios	No staff assigned and no start date
A-12	Wetland and Riparian Areas (Dredge and Fill) Policy – Phase I	Initial Study released for public comment on January 5, 2011. CEQA Scoping Meetings held on January 31, 2011 and February 8, 2011. Comment deadline closed on May 20, 2011. EIR contract support was finalized in August 2011 and work has begun. Phase I regulations are undergoing review by OCC and DWR. The scientific peer reviews for the wetland definition were received in September 2011. The CRAM (California Rapid Assessment Method) peer review was posted on December 27, 2011 on the State Water Board Peer Review webpage. Policy and DEIR are in process.
P	Wetlands and Riparian Areas Policy – Phase II	With U.S.EPA grant funding, preliminary work has begun on Phase 2. This work is focused on categorizing wetland beneficial uses.

P	Wetlands and Riparian Areas Policy – Phase III	Pending completion of Phase II.
<p>Note: * indicates Board Priority Status Code Key: White = Active effort (A) Orange = Targeted for completion in 2012 (A-12) Blue = Completed (C) Grey = Suspended or No statewide effort at this time or Pending (P)</p>		
<p>Policies/General Permits Completed in 2011</p>		
C	Aquatic Pesticide General Permit – Aquatic Animal Invasive Species	Adopted by State Water Board on March 1, 2011.
C	Aquatic Pesticide General Permit – Vector Control, (Adulticide/Larvicide)	Adopted by State Water Board on March 1, 2011.
C	Ocean Plan Triennial Review	Adopted by State Water Board on March 15, 2011.
C	Sediment Quality Objectives (SQOs) for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries: Phase II	Adopted by State Water Board on April 6, 2011. Approved by the Office of Administrative Law on June 13, 2011. Staff will submit to U.S. EPA.
C	Spray Applications Permit (CDFA and USFS Eradication Programs)	Adopted by State Water Board on March 1, 2011.
C	Storm Water MS4 Effectiveness Assessment Document (AB 739, Ch. 610, Statutes of 2007)	On October 27, 2010, staff issued a revised Notice of Staff Workshops and Opportunity for Public Comment on draft document. Workshops scheduled for November 4 in Sacramento and November 9 in Rancho Cucamonga. Comments were due 12:00 noon on November 30, 2010. Information Item presented to the Board on April 19, 2011.

Policies/General Permits Completed in 2010

C	Integrated Report Adoption (2010)	Board approved 303(d) list on August 4, 2010. Transmitted to U.S. EPA on October 13, 2010, and awaiting their approval.
C	Leaking Underground Fuel Tank (LUFT) Manual	The LUFT manual was drafted as a guidance document with state-of-the-art information on the cleanup of leaking UST sites. The LUFT manual is considered a draft/evergreen document that will be updated periodically in response to comments.
C*	Once-Through Cooling (316b) Policy	Approved by Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on September 27, 2010. Effective date October 1, 2010.
C*	Once-Through Cooling (316b) Policy Limited Revisions	Adoption Hearing held on December 14, 2010. No changes made to Policy.
C	South Bay Power Plant	Notice of Cancellation of Public Hearing issued on November 2, 2010 due to permit application withdrawal.
C	Storm Water Construction General Permit Limited Revisions	Adopted on November 16, 2010.
C	Once-Through Cooling (316b) Policy Amendment	Completed/adopted on July 19, 2011.

Division of Water Rights

Status Code	Policy/Significant General Permit	Status
(A)	Draft WQCP update for San Joaquin River flows and southern Delta salinity objectives	Draft SED science chapter was released October 29, 2010. Workshop held on SED science chapter January 6 and 7, 2011. Additional scoping meeting held June 6, 2011. Final Draft Technical Appendices released for public review in February 2012. Informational session on economic impacts and hydropower impacts appendices scheduled for March 20, 2012. Draft SED to be released in April 2012. Draft plan amendment to be brought to the Board for consideration in October 2012.
(A)	Russian River Frost Protection Regulation	On September 21, 2011, the State Water Board held a hearing during its Board Meeting to hear comments on the proposed adoption of the Russian River Frost Protection Regulation and the Draft Environmental Impact Report prepared in support of that proposed regulation. After hearing, the Board unanimously voted to adopt the proposed regulation with a minor edit and certified the draft EIR. The Board Resolution adopting the proposed regulation and certifying the draft EIR, also directs the Executive Director to prepare a Final Statement of Reasons with required responses to comments and submit the entire rulemaking documents to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for approval. OAL filed the regulation with Secretary of State on December 29, 2011 when it became effective. However, in January 2012, two lawsuits were filed against the regulation and the Mendocino County Superior Court issued an order that stayed the enforcement of the regulation. Hearings on the Court opinion are pending.
(C)	Delta outflow recommendations (SBX7 1)	The Board adopted the final report on August 3, 2010, and provided it to the Delta Stewardship Council on August 25, 2010.
(C)	Instream Flow Policy (AB 2121)	The Board adopted the Policy on May 4, 2010. The Division delivered the administrative record to OAL on August 11, 2010. OAL approved the administrative record in September 2010. The Division filed a Notice of Decision with the Secretary for Resources on September 28, 2010. The policy is now effective.

Status Code Key:

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Yellow = Targeted for completion in 2010 (A-10)

Blue = Completed (C)

Grey = Suspended or No statewide effort at this time or Pending (P)

APPENDIX 2

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM

This month's Irrigated Agricultural Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) monthly report will provide an update on activities of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) ILRP, as reported in the Central Valley Water Board's December 1-2, 2011 Executive Officer's report. Current and past ILRP program monthly reports can be found on the State Water Board Irrigated Agricultural Lands Regulatory Program Website: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/agriculture/

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CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM (ILRP)

Long-term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program

On 29 September 2011, Regional Board staff participated in a tour of a Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition (SVWQC) member's farm and participated in presentations from sub-watershed representatives on local groundwater efforts. Staff also attended the SVWQC quarterly meeting in Oroville where staff gave a presentation on groundwater quality issues and the long-term program.

On 30 September 2011, Regional Board staff conducted a Stakeholder Advisory Workgroup meeting. At this meeting, workgroup members and the general public provided comments on draft groundwater monitoring data needs for the irrigated lands program. The draft groundwater monitoring data needs were developed by the Groundwater Monitoring Advisory Workgroup. Stakeholder comments will be considered by Regional Board staff in the development of groundwater monitoring programs for ILRP WDRs.

On 24 October 2011, Regional Board staff met with members of the dairy industry in Modesto to discuss options for regulating irrigated lands owned by dairy operators in a manner consistent with the ILRP.

On 25 October 2011, the Executive Officer sent a memo to the State Water Board requesting approval of the recently adopted Basin Plan amendments to provide estimated cost and sources of financing for the ILRP. These amendments were adopted by the Central Valley Water Board at the 13 October 2011 meeting. The State Water Board considered these amendments at their regularly scheduled 10 January 2012 meeting.

On 26 October 2011, Regional Board staff met with the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to discuss coordination of pesticide monitoring. Topics of discussion included coordination of groundwater monitoring, developing prioritization lists for pesticide monitoring, and working to ensure that pesticide monitoring data collected for the ILRP can be reviewed by DPR.

East-side San Joaquin River Watershed WDR – Regional Board staff is currently developing draft WDRs. A working draft of the surface water monitoring requirements has been developed and staff is working on revising the draft monitoring requirements based on initial comments.

Sacramento River Watershed Rice WDR – On 22 September 2011 Regional Board staff met with the Rice Commission to discuss a groundwater prioritization strategy and straw proposals for gathering grower information. On 11 October 2011, Regional Board staff took a tour of a rice farm sponsored by the rice commission and discussed potential nitrate issues associated with rice with a UC Davis rice researcher. Staff has developed internal draft WDRs for Sacramento Valley Rice Operations. These WDRs are currently being reviewed internally.

Tulare Lake Basin WDR - On 20 October 2011, Regional Board staff met with the Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition to discuss development of WDRs under the Long Term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. Topics of the discussion included groundwater vulnerability within the Coalition boundaries, development of groundwater Management Plans, and identification of potential wells to be used for groundwater quality monitoring.

Westlands WDR - On 27 September 2011, Regional Board staff met with the Westlands Coalition to discuss development of WDRs under the Long Term ILRP. Topics of the discussion included Coalition boundary issues, proposed high groundwater vulnerability areas, and overall process and schedule.

Individual General WDR – Originally, Regional Board staff intended to bring the draft general WDRs applicable to individuals before the Central Valley Water Board prior to any of the third-party WDRs. This plan has been modified so that the initial set of two to three third-party WDRs will be completed prior to Board consideration of the general WDRs for individuals.

Compliance & Outreach – Postcards

In October 2011, ILRP staff mailed 59 postcards to non-participating landowners in Placer and Nevada Counties. ILRP staff screened these landowners' parcels using aerial photography to target agricultural operations with the potential to discharge waste to surface waters.

Also in October 2011, ILRP staff mailed an additional five postcards to landowners in Stanislaus County. These postcards were mailed to the new landowners of parcels that were dropped from the regional coalition because the original owner sold the property.

Compliance & Outreach - Exemption Claim Inspections

In September and October 2011, Regional Board staff completed seven inspections to verify landowner exemption claims to the ILRP. Landowners can respond to ILRP staff's postcards or 13267 Orders by claiming their land is not used for agriculture, not irrigated, or that it has no irrigation tail water or storm water runoff (no waste discharges to surface waters). These claims create a need for verification inspections. Staff verified that the lands associated with these inspections were exempt from regulatory coverage under the ILRP.

Approval to Join a Coalition

In October 2011, the Executive Officer approved 35 irrigated lands owners or operators to join a coalition group. Nine of these applications are the result of ILRP postcard mailings, and three of the applications are the result of CWC §13267 Orders. These approvals add about 8,200 acres to the program.

Coalition Groups

California Rice Commission (CRC)

On 26 October 2011, a stakeholders meeting for the Rice Pesticides Program was held at the Regional Board office. There were no exceedances of the performance goals for the 2011 season. Stakeholders agreed the 2011 implemented management practices were effective and should continue through the 2012 season.

East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition

The East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition and the Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition are working jointly to meet the requirements of the San Joaquin River chlorpyrifos and diazinon Total Maximum Daily Load. On 7 October 2011, the coalitions provided a flow chart that describes actions the coalitions will take to address further exceedances. The flow chart and proposed process for responding to additional exceedances is under review.

On 17 October 2011, the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition submitted Performance Goals for Black Rascal Creek, Deadman Creek, and Hilmar Drain as part of its approved Management Plan implementation schedule. The Performance Goals are under staff review.

Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition (SVWQC)

On 14 September 2011, a letter from the Executive Officer was sent to the Coalition in response to the Coalition's proposed 2011 Management Plan monitoring schedule. This proposed schedule was submitted in February 2011, and was the subject of discussions between the Coalition and Regional Board staff for a number of months afterwards. This letter outlined the issues involved and the actions to be taken by the coalition and by Regional Board staff to ensure that future Management Plan monitoring is consistent with ILRP program requirements.

Regional Board staff and coalition representatives held the quarterly Management Plan meeting on 20 September 2011. The meeting focused on the 2012 monitoring plan and Management Plan monitoring obligations, as well as a review of toxicity exceedances in 2011 and source evaluations for various Management Plan elements.

A letter was sent from the ILRP staff to the SVWQC on 30 September 2011 acknowledging and accepting the coalition's Annual Management Plan Progress Report.

On 6 October 2011, a letter was sent from the Executive Officer to the SVWQC reviewing the chlorpyrifos and diazinon TMDL annual report submitted January 12 2011. This letter noted that in the next several months, Regional Board staff will begin working with the coalition to develop a new Order for General WDRs with a plan that will ensure the necessary data are collected to determine compliance with the TMDLs.

San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition

On 24 October 2011, the San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition submitted Performance Goals for Kellogg Creek, Mormon Slough at Jacktone Road, and Sand Creek at Highway 4 Bypass as part of its approved Management Plan implementation schedule. The Performance Goals are under review.

Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition (SSJVWQC)

On 20 October 2011, Regional Board staff met with the Tule Sub-watershed to discuss required Management Plans and recent widespread toxicity to Fathead minnow. Regional Board staff clarified the requirements of the MRP Order regarding submittal of Management Plans and Exceedance Reports and requested the required documents be submitted.

Westlands Coalition

On 27 September 2011, Regional Board staff met with the Westlands Coalition to discuss current Coalition issues including the submittal of required Management Plans and new formatting tools for Electronic Data Deliverable submittals. During the meeting, Regional Board staff requested the Westlands Coalition submit a schedule for Management Plan development and implementation. On 14 October 2011, a letter was issued to the Westlands Coalition formally explaining the data formatting tools.

On 14 October 2011, the Westlands Coalition submitted a schedule for Management Plan development and implementation. Regional Board staff is currently reviewing the schedule.

Westside Coalition

On 30 September 2011, the Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition submitted its Focused Plan III Management Plan for Poso Slough and Salt Slough. The Focused Plan addresses exceedances in these subwatersheds by identifying irrigated agriculture sources, identifying management practices to implement and a schedule. The Focused Plan is under review.

Other Projects

Data Management

Data reports received through 1 September 2011 that arrived in an electronic SWAMP comparable format are currently being prepared for loading into a California Environmental Data Exchange Network (CEDEN) comparable database provided by the Central Valley Regional Data Center (CV RDC). These reports and future data sets will be sent to the CV RDC to be uploaded into CEDEN for state-wide assessment efforts.

At this time, 38 reports have been successfully processed and loaded into the CEDEN comparable database. The next round of reports is due in December 2011.

In a joint effort, the CV RDC and ILRP staffs are in the process of performing the final reviews of previously loaded data sets to begin the transfer of those sets to CEDEN. It is estimated that 28 of the reports will be ready and transferred before the year's end.

Concurrent to processing and loading of submitted electronic data, data submission feedback packages have been developed to assist the coalitions with formatting and reviewing data prior to submission to meet the electronic data submittal requirements of the program. The feedback packages contain guidance documents, electronic versions of quality assurance project plans, review checklists and code look up lists. The Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition received a feedback package on 8 August 2011 for their 1 June 2011 quarterly data submittal. The Westside San Joaquin Water Coalition received their feedback package on 19 August 2011 for their 30 June 2011 semi-annual monitoring report. The California Rice Commission received their feedback package for the 2009 and 2010 annual monitoring reports on 9 September 2011. The Westlands Stormwater Coalition received their feedback package for their 1 March 2011 quarterly data report in September 2011.

Prop 84 Grant Funding

The first-round of successful applicants is being processed. Some of the projects may start before the end of the year with the remaining expected to start after the rainy season. The second-round of applicants should take place early in 2012.