

**State Water Resources Control Board  
March 18, 2014  
Item 6 - Executive Director's Report**

**DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**Program Activity:**

**Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF):** Between the dates of February 4, 2014, and March 3, 2014, the Acting Deputy Director approved the following funding agreements:

- \$6,000,000 for the Lake Berryessa Wastewater Storage and Disposal Facilities Project (CWSRF Project No. C-06-7869-110).

**Clean Beaches Initiative Grant Program:** Approximately \$18 million remains available for the Clean Beaches Initiative Grant Program. The Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) temporarily closed the Clean Beaches Initiative grant program solicitation on January 16, 2014, to review submitted proposals. The Clean Beaches Task Force met on February 25, 2014, to review the applications and determine which proposals to invite to submit a detailed application. From the three proposals that were submitted, one applicant was not invited to submit a detailed application, one applicant was prompted for more information with which to make a decision, and one applicant has been invited to work with Division staff to develop a more feasible proposal. The solicitation has now been reopened until April 15, 2014, to allow additional applications for projects to be submitted.

**Stormwater Grant Program (SWGP):** The Full Proposal solicitation for Round 2 of the SWGP closed on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014. A total of 37 Full Proposals were submitted, requesting \$50 million in grant funds. Approximately \$36 million in funding is available. DFA, DWQ, and Regional Board staff are currently reviewing the proposals for technical merit, and a recommended funding list will be developed by early May. The SWGP is funded through Proposition 84.

**DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY**

**Aquatic Weed Control Permit Outreach Efforts:** The Aquatic Weed Control Permit, adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) in March 2013, became effective on December 1, 2013. From August 2013 through December 2013, State Water Board staff presented information on the permit application requirements at workshops sponsored by the Association of California Water Agencies and Pesticide Applicators Professional Association. Workshop participants included pesticide applicators, consultants, and local agency representatives. Staff explained the history of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System regulation of pesticide applications, who needs to apply for a permit, the permit application process, and application streamlining opportunities. State Water Board staff is scheduled to conduct further outreach at the Pesticide Applicators Professional Association's seminar in Chico in late March 2014.

**California Department of Transportation Municipal Storm Water Permit – Public Hearing on Permit Amendment to Incorporate Implementation Requirements for Total Maximum Daily Loads:**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is subject to waste load allocations for up to 85 Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for impaired surface water bodies throughout the state. The existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Storm Water Permit does not contain implementation requirements for most of the TMDLs. State Water Board staff developed proposed implementation requirements in consultation with (Regional Water Quality Control Board) Regional Water Board staff and Caltrans representatives. A public notice soliciting comments on the proposed permit amendment to incorporate TMDL implementation requirements was issued on February 11, 2014. A State Water Board public hearing will be held on March 18, 2014. State Water Board consideration of adoption of the proposed amendment is tentatively scheduled for May 20, 2014.

**Groundwater Monitoring Program for Oil and Gas Production Areas – Senate Bill 4**

**(Pavley, 2013):** Senate Bill 4 (SB 4) required the Department of Conservation's Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) to adopt regulations specific to well stimulation, including hydraulic fracturing. Emergency interim regulations were adopted January 1, 2014. State Water Board staff continue to meet regularly with DOGGR staff to implement the requirements of SB 4. DOGGR's interim regulations address immediate requirements for well operators, including groundwater monitoring criteria for groundwater sampling and testing related to well stimulation. To date, the State Water Board has received three groundwater monitoring plans from well operators, and five submittals requesting exemption from the groundwater monitoring plan requirement. State Water Board and Regional Water Board staff is coordinating and regularly communicating with well operators to implement the requirements of SB 4. State Water Board staff is also maintaining an on-line application system for third-party contractors to become designated water samplers to conduct property owner requested water sampling and testing as required by SB 4. The list of qualified third-party contractors is now at 75 and can be found on the State Water Board's web site at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/groundwater/sb4.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/groundwater/sb4.shtml)

**Newport Watershed Selenium Stakeholder Meetings:** At the invitation of the Santa Ana Regional Water Board, staff from the State Water Board, Division of Water Quality, attended a series of three facilitated stakeholder meetings, held in January and February 2014, to bring the Newport Bay Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) to completion. Participants included representatives from the Regional Water Board, Orange County, business and development interests, environmental groups, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Geological Survey, and a consultant team. The goal of the group was to reach agreement on the elements of a phased TMDL to be adopted by the Santa Ana Regional Water Board by the end of 2014.

**Nitrate-SBX2 1 Expert Panel Nominations and Formation of an Advisory Committee:**

On February 20, 2014, the State Water Board distributed a Notice to solicit nominees for an Expert Panel and, announce the formation and meeting of an Advisory Committee. These actions are in fulfillment of Recommendation 14 of Chapter 1 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2008 (SBX 2 1, Perata) Report to the Legislature.

Recommendation 14 recommends that the State Water Board convene a panel of experts to assess existing agricultural nitrate control programs and develop recommendations to ensure that ongoing efforts are protective of groundwater quality. The Water Boards and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) will use the findings to inform ongoing regulatory and non-regulatory efforts. In carrying out their charge, the panel will consider methods used

for groundwater monitoring, mandatory adoption of Best Management Practices, tracking and reporting of nitrogen fertilizer application, estimates of nitrogen use efficiency or a similar metric, and farm-specific nutrient management plans as source control measures and regulatory tools. The Expert Panel's findings and recommendations will be evaluated by the Water Boards and CDFA and, where appropriate, implemented in the State Water Boards' agricultural nitrate control programs to the extent funding is available. The Water Boards will periodically evaluate their programs to avoid duplication with new programs and unnecessary costs.

The Advisory Committee kick-off meeting was held on March 10, 2014. The Advisory Committee is tasked with reviewing proposed questions submitted by the public and recommending which questions should be addressed by the Expert Panel. The deadline to receive nominees to the Expert Panel was March 7, 2014.

**Public Forum for Industrial General Storm Water Permit Training Team:** On February 27, 2014, State and Regional Water Board staff provided a public Industrial General Permit Training Team Forum to address professional training qualifications required in the proposed Industrial General Storm Water Permit that will be considered for State Water Board adoption on April 1, 2014. The public forum, held at the Central Valley Regional Water Board office in Rancho Cordova, provided an overview of the proposed statewide training program for qualified industrial storm water practitioners that will hold required professional industrial storm water management responsibilities per the proposed permit. During the forum, State Water Board staff and selected industrial general permit training team members shared proposed curriculum, qualifications, and expectations for the trainer, and solicited stakeholder feedback. Approximately 50 participants from all over the state, representing all aspects of the regulated community affected by the proposed training program, attended the forum.

**Salt and Nutrient Management Planning:** The Regional Water Boards' fourth quarter 2013 updates to the State Water Board indicated that approximately 91 percent by area of Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment Program priority groundwater basins and approximately 47 percent of all groundwater basins in California are covered by a salt and nutrient management planning group. Nine final or draft salt and nutrient management plans have been received by the Regional Water Boards. The Regional Water Boards are currently reviewing these plans and considering possible Basin Plan amendments based on the plans.

**Statewide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program:** As part of the continuing effort to address the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit backlog the State Water Board's Training Academy, together with State Water Board staff, has been conducting ongoing classes. The first class, NPDES Permit Template training was conducted in January 2014 for Regional Water Board staff in southern California, and in February 2014 for North Coast Regional Water Board staff. To complement the face-to-face training, the Training Academy has provided three 90-minute webinar sessions on the same topic to train staff not able to attend the previous training.

The State Water Board Training Academy also provided NPDES Wastewater Facility Inspections Training. The first class was conducted on January 28 and 29, 2014 in Riverside; the second class was conducted in Sacramento on February 25 and 26, 2014. Pretreatment Program training was provided at the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board office in Oakland on March 19, 2014, and at the Santa Ana Regional Water Board office in Riverside on April 2, 2014.

**National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Backlog:** National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits are effective for a fixed term not to exceed five years (40 Code of Federal Regulations section 122.46). Existing permits must be renewed prior to expiration to ensure that they are updated with new requirements, and pollutant discharges to waters of the United States do not adversely impact beneficial uses. NPDES permits may also be rescinded or terminated. Typically, NPDES permit requirements remain in effect until the permit is reissued. Reissuing permits requires a significant amount of time and resources. The State Water Board uses permit reissuance status as an indicator of overall NPDES program performance. Based on the State Water Board’s database, as of February 27, 2014, approximately 25 percent of major permits (permits for municipal treatment plants with one million gallons per day (MGD) of discharge or greater or industrial facilities with a high level of threat to water quality) have expired, and approximately 30 percent of minor permits (permits for municipal treatment plants with less than one MGD of discharge or industrial facilities with a low level of threat to water quality) have expired as shown in the table below.

Regional Water Board	Expired	Current	Percent Expired	Percent Current
<b>Major Permits</b>				
1	1	13	7	93
2	4	43	9	91
3	7	15	32	68
4	17	33	34	66
5	18	35	34	66
6	1	1	50	50
7	0	8	0	100
8	6	12	33	67
9	6	16	27	73
<b>Total Majors</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Minor Permits</b>				
1	8	21	27	73
2	2	25	7	93
3	5	12	13	88
4	17	46	29	71
5	30	63	35	65
6	4	6	56	44
7	0	13	8	92
8	4	7	55	45
9	15	4	75	25
<b>Total Minors</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>70</b>

**Division of Water Quality’s 2013/14 Performance Targets:** This month, the Division of Water Quality has included Performance Targets in Appendix A at the end of this report.

**State Water Board Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP):** This month’s ILRP report is included in Appendix B at the end of this report.

**Statewide Policies/Significant General Permits:** This month's Policy and Permits Table is included in Appendix C at the end of this report.

## **PROPOSED DRINKING WATER PROGRAM REORGANIZATION**

The Secretary for Environmental Protection and the Secretary of California Health and Human Services released the Drinking Water Reorganization Transition Plan on March 13, 2014. This Transition Plan describes the proposed transfer of the Drinking Water Program from the Department of Public Health to the State Water Board.

## **DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

**Delta Science Program Independent Review Committee Recommendation and Upcoming Phase 4 Public Workshop:** On February 13, 2014, the Delta Stewardship Council – Delta Science Program (DSP) submitted a report prepared by an independent review committee (committee) to the State Water Board titled *Recommendation on the Method to Develop Regional Flow Criteria for Priority Tributaries to the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta)*. On March 19, 2014, the State Water Board will hold a public workshop to receive information and solicit input on the committee's recommendation of the method that the State Water Board should use to develop flow criteria for priority tributaries to the Bay-Delta. During the workshop, Division of Water Rights staff will present a brief overview of Phase 4, including the goals and anticipated timelines for the Phase 4 process. Dr. Cliff Dahm, the DSP's independent review committee chair, will present an overview of the recommendation and findings. The public may review and comment on the recommendation from the committee or provide alternative recommendations of methods to develop flow criteria for priority tributaries to the Bay-Delta. The notice and additional information concerning the development of flow criteria and objectives for Phase 4 of the Bay-Delta effort, can be found online

at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/bay\\_delta/flow\\_objectives/public\\_process.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/flow_objectives/public_process.shtml)

**Updated Study Report Comments on Yuba River Development Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2246):** On December 2, 2013, Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) filed the Yuba River Development Project's (Project) Updated Study Report (USR). The USR contained an update on 48 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved studies which are being conducted to inform Project relicensing. On January 30, 2014, State Water Board staff filed comments on the USR, which included a new study request. The study request proposed by State Water Board staff, *Fish Passage Assessment for Spring-run Chinook and Central Valley Steelhead*, would require YCWA to: 1) compile and analyze available information on fish passage alternatives developed by the Yuba Salmon Forum; 2) discuss potential Project operational changes associated with each fish passage alternative; 3) quantify the amount of available habitat for Chinook and steelhead associated with each fish passage alternative using the United States Environmental Protection Agency's 2003 temperature standards; 4) describe potential effects to special status species present in areas affected by the fish passage alternatives; and, 5) evaluate sediment pass-through options (25, 50, and 100 percent) associated with fish passage alternatives that require modifications to Englebright Dam. The State Water Board staff USR comment letter is available online at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/water\\_quality\\_cert/cega/projects.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/cega/projects.shtml). YCWA had until March 1, 2014, to file comments with FERC on the State Water Board's study request.

**Updates Related to the Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2299):** Modesto Irrigation District and Turlock Irrigation District (Districts) are undergoing the relicensing of their Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project (Project), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 2299 on the Tuolumne River. The relicensing is following FERC's Integrated Licensing Process (ILP). The Districts filed their Draft License Application with FERC on November 26, 2013, and their Updated Study Report (USR) with FERC on January 6, 2014. The USR outlines the results from some of the studies conducted in second year study implementation. On February 26, 2014, State Water Board staff provided comments on the USR. There are multiple studies which have yet to be finished (scheduled to be completed in 2014 and 2015), which are required before the environmental analyses can begin through the National Environmental Policy Act and California Environmental Quality Act processes. The State Water Board has been an active participant in this process, submitting comments in an effort to notify the Districts and FERC of the information necessary to develop a water quality certification that will be protective of water quality objectives and beneficial uses. The Districts must obtain a water quality certification from the State Water Board in order for FERC to issue a new license. Under the ILP, the Districts must file a Final License Application with FERC by April 30, 2014.  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/water\\_quality\\_cert/ceqa\\_projects.shtml#2299](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/ceqa_projects.shtml#2299)

**Memorandum of Understanding between the State Water Board and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission:** On November 19, 2013, the State Water Board executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regarding the coordination of pre-application activities associated with hydropower projects. In mid-January 2014, in accordance with item 5 under the Communication section of the MOU, the State Water Board posted a table that provides project-related information for hydropower project undergoing licensing by FERC. This table includes the status and projections of FERC projects and will be updated semi-annually. The FERC MOU, table, and related information are available on the Division of Water Rights Water Quality Certification webpage, which is online at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/water\\_quality\\_cert/ferc\\_mou/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/ferc_mou/index.shtml).

**Update of Division of Water Rights Program Activities:** The Division of Water Rights completed the following activities during the first seven months of the 2013–2014 fiscal year:

	Fiscal Year1
<u>Permitting</u>	
Applications Rejected	0
Applications Cancelled	3
Registrations Issued	70
Registrations Renewed	25
New Statements Processed	1516
New Groundwater Recordations Processed	37
Permits Issued	10
Temporary Urgency Permits Issued	2

<u>Licensing</u>	
Licenses Issued	4
Amended Licenses Issued	7
<u>Petitions</u>	
Time extension Orders Issued	5
Change Orders Issued	20
<u>Transfers Approved<sup>2</sup></u>	
Orders Issued on Temporary Urgency Change Petitions	1
Orders Issued on Temporary Change for Transfer Petitions	42
Orders Issued on Long Term Transfer Petitions	0
<u>Monitoring and Reporting</u>	
Annual Reports of Permittee and Licensee Processed	1100
Supplemental Statement of Diversion & Use Processed	2175
Annual Groundwater Recordation Processed	46
Ownership Changes Processed	467
<u>Enforcement</u>	
Permit, License and Registration Revocations Issued	45
Cease and Desist Notices Issued	301
Final Cease and Desist Orders Issued	28
Administrative Civil Liability Complaints Issued	34
Final Administrative Civil Liabilities Issued	31
Administrative Civil Liability Orders Paid	33
Settlement Agreement Orders Issued by Executive Director	2
Settlement Agreement Orders Issued by Delta Water Master	8
<u>Water Quality Certifications</u>	
Certifications on FERC projects	3
Application Denials on FERC projects	0
Certifications on Non-FERC projects	1
Application Denials on Non-FERC projects	0
<u>Adjudicatory Actions</u>	
Water Right Decisions Issued by the Board	0
Division Decisions Issued	0
Water Right Orders Issued By the Board	0
<u>Orders on Petitions for Reconsideration</u>	
By the Executive Director	0
By the State Water Board	0
Administrative Records Completed	0

<sup>1</sup> These numbers may reflect work that was completed in past months that were not previously reported.

<sup>2</sup> Transfers may also be accomplished under change petitions filed pursuant to Water Code section 1700 *et seq.*

### **Department of Water Resources (DWR) and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)**

**Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP):** On February 28, 2014, the Executive Director modified an Order approving a temporary change for the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project. DWR and USBR's TUCP was originally filed on January 29, 2014. The TUCP requested the State Water Board temporarily modify water right permit and license terms for the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project (Projects). Specifically, the TUCP requested temporary modification of Delta outflow (with an alternative method of compliance limiting export rates to 1500 cfs for sustainable health and safety) and Delta Cross Channel Gate requirements imposed pursuant to State Water Board Decision 1641 (D-1641).

**The Executive Director issued an Order on January 31, 2014, approving the temporary change that does the following:**

- Allows a reduced level of Delta Outflow so that DWR and Reclamation can conserve water in upstream reservoirs;
- Requires that water saved as a result of this action remain in storage to release later in the season for health and safety and ecosystem protection;
- Requires the Department and Reclamation to report flows, storage, and water deliveries, and to communicate this to the State Water Board;
- Provides flexibility to the Department and Reclamation to operate the Delta Cross Channel Gates to conserve water and to minimize salinity intrusion from San Francisco Bay, and
- Allows limited water exports from the Delta for public health and safety needs.

**The Executive Director modified the January 31, 2014 TUCP Order twice in February:**

- On February 7, 2014, based on discussions with DWR and Reclamation, the Executive Director modified the Order to provide that if precipitation events occur that enable DWR and Reclamation to comply with the Delta outflow and Delta Cross Channel gate closure requirements contained in D-1641, then D-1641 requirements shall be operative, except that any State Water Project and Central Valley Project exports greater than 1500 cubic feet per second shall be limited to natural and abandoned flow. Essentially, this allows DWR and Reclamation more flexibility to pump and store water when storms add more water to the system.
- On February 28, 2014, at the request of DWR and Reclamation, the Executive Director extended the modified Delta Outflow requirements into March. This modification will allow the Projects to continue to conserve stored water that will be needed to maintain water supplies, improve water quality, and protect fishery resources later in the year. In order to be fully considered, comments on this modification should be submitted no later than March 10, 2014.

The TUCP, Order, a list of parties submitting comments, objections and petitions for reconsideration of the TUCP Order can be found at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/drought/tucp.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/tucp.shtml)

Information on related drought activities including the recently posted Frequently Asked Questions can be found

at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/drought/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/)

The Executive Director anticipates that additional revisions to the Order will need to be made based on evolving conditions. Next steps will be announced on or about March 21<sup>st</sup>.



## OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT

### Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) and Cleanup and Abatement Actions Issued February 2014:

#### a. ACL Complaint(s) Issued

Region	Discharger/Facility	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Complaint Amount	Date Issued
WATER QUALITY				
8	Ardus International / A1 Salvage	Failure to submit 2012-2013 scrap metal annual report	\$1,750 (MMP + staff costs)	2/11/2014
8	All Met Recycling	Failure to submit 2012-2013 scrap metal annual report	\$1,750 (MMP + staff costs)	2/11/2014
8	Fortus Property Group / Valley View Center	Failure to submit 2012-2013 scrap metal annual report	\$1,750 (MMP + staff costs)	2/11/2014
WATER RIGHTS— <i>No ACL COMPLAINTS ISSUED FEBRUARY 2014</i>				

#### b. ACL Order(s) Issued

Region	Discharger/Facility	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
WATER QUALITY				
2	San Francisco Public Utility Commission / Drinking Water Distribution System	Effluent limit violations (chlorine, pH)	\$69,000 (MMP)	2/11/2014
2	TRC Companies / Former Velcon Filters Groundwater Treatment System	Effluent limit violations (vinyl chloride)	\$6,000 (MMP)	2/11/2014
2	Chevron Products Company and General Chemical / Chevron Richmond Refinery	Effluent limit violation (sulfide)	(\$3,000 (MMP)	2/21/2014
3	Cambria Community Services District / Wastewater Treatment Plant Collection System	Discharges of raw sewage totaling 371,925 gallons to surface waters on three occasions in 2011	\$226,826.60 (CAA: \$113,413.30; ECA: \$113,413.30)	2/14/2014
4	City of Burbank / Water Reclamation Plant	Effluent limit violations [bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, total coliform organisms]	\$6,000 (MMP)	2/11/2014
4	620 Gramercy Place Home Owners Association / 620 Gramercy Place	Effluent limit violation (copper)	\$3,000 (MMP)	2/11/2014
4	TFX Aviation, Inc.	Effluent limit violations (total dissolved solids, pH)	\$9,000 (MMP)	2/12/2014

Region	Discharger/Facility	Violation(s) Addressed	ACL Order Amount	Date Issued
4	California Water Service Company/ Stations 63-01 and 63-02	Effluent limit violation (total suspended solids)	\$3,000 (MMP)	2/12/2014
4	Ventura County Waterworks District No. 8 / Well Nos. 31C and 31D	Late report	\$3,000 (MMP)	2/17/2014
4	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power / Los Angeles Aqueduct Filtration Plant and Los Angeles	Effluent limit violation (copper)	\$3,000 (MMP)	2/17/2014
4	Donald Sterling Corporation / Sterling Ambassador Towers	Effluent limit violations (settleable solids, total suspended solids, copper, selenium, zinc)	\$51,000 (MMP)	2/27/2014
4	Westmount Oasis / 18-Unit Courtyard Housing Project	Effluent limit violations (tetrachloroethylene)	\$6,000 (MMP)	2/28/2014
4	Chinatown Gateway, LLC / Chinatown Los Angeles Project	Effluent limit violations (sulfides, mercury)	\$9,000 (MMP)	2/28/2014
5	Henry J. Tosta / Reeve Road Heifer Ranch	Discharge of dead cows to groundwater; CAO violations including failure to timely submit proof of legal disposal of animal carcasses, failure to timely remove manure containing animal remains, and failure to timely submit groundwater remediation plan	\$310,775 (all to WDPF)	2/6/2014
5	Nevada County Sanitation District No. 1 / Cascade Shores Wastewater Treatment Plant	Effluent limitation violations (copper, pH, ammonia, BOD, total coliform organisms)	\$66,000 (MMP; all to CP)	2/12/2014
5	Vintage Production California, LLC	Discharge of hydraulic fracturing fluids to oil well drilling sump not permitted by general waiver	\$60,000 (all to WDPF)	2/20/2014
6	Gary L. and Jean Y. Ormachea / Spalding Tract Subdivision (Lassen County APN 077-254-20-11)	Failure to comply with cease and desist order requiring connection of septic system to community system or abandoning septic system.	\$559 (all to WDPF)	2/13/2014
OE (2)	Dublin San Ramon Services District / Wastewater Treatment Plant	Allowed WWTP operation by person not properly certified	\$3,900 (all to CAA)	2/26/2014
OE (2)	Jesus Holguin	Operation of WWTP without proper certification	\$2,000 (all to CAA)	2/11/2014
OE (8)	San Bernardino County / Chino Airport	Failure to submit technical reports required pursuant to CWC 13267	\$10,000 (all to WDPF)	2/12/2014
<b>WATER RIGHTS</b>				
WR	Carl A. Elkins (Mokelumne River, San Joaquin County)	Failure to submit 2010 annual use report	\$3,000 (WRF)	2/12/2014

c.Cleanup and Abatement Order(s) Issued

Region	Discharger/Facility	Action(s) Required	Date Issued
2	Marinwood Plaza, LLC	Submit report assessing effectiveness of interim remedial measures; submit workplan to define vertical and lateral extent of groundwater pollution off-site; submit off-site remedial investigation report delineating extent of contaminants of concern and assessing potential for impacts to off-site wells; submit and implement workplan to evaluate interim remedial action alternatives for soil, soil vapor, and groundwater contamination; submit and implement remedial action plan; submit and record deed restriction to limit on-site occupants' exposure to site contaminants	2/18/2014

**Travel Centers of America Judgement:** On February 18, the State Water Board obtained a \$4.8 million judgment against Travel Centers of America and its affiliates for underground storage tank (UST) leak prevention violations documented by Office of Enforcement and Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPA) staff at six facilities located in Merced and Kern counties. The judgment also enjoins Travel Centers of America to comply with numerous provisions of the Health and Safety Code and Title 23, as well as to engage in more rigorous monitoring, record-keeping, and reporting. Violations included failure to perform timely secondary containment and annual monitoring certification tests; failure to install or repair line leak detectors; and failure of the primary or secondary containment to store a hazardous substance.

Under the terms of the judgment, Travel Centers of America will pay \$1 million in civil penalties to the Cleanup and Abatement Account, as well as pay \$800,000 to the State Water Board, Kern County Environmental Health Division (EHD), Merced County EHD, and the Western States Project for reimbursement of investigation and enforcement costs.

Up to \$2 million of the judgment may be suspended for improvements that enhance environmental compliance at its facilities. These enhancements must exceed existing requirements, and include developing and implementing an Enhanced Environmental Compliance Program for 13 Travel Centers of America facilities in Kern, Merced, Riverside, San Bernardino, Shasta, and Tehama counties. The judgment also suspends \$1 million in penalties for a period of five years, provided that the remainder of the judgment is timely paid and specified UST leak prevention regulations are not violated within that period.

## Appendix A

### Division of Water Quality 2013/14 Performance Targets Status

Items	Status
Antidegradation Policy	State Water Board has identified this project as one of the priorities for 2014. DWQ is in the scoping stage for this project. Focused stakeholder meetings were held in October and November 2013. The notes from all the meetings were circulated to the participating stakeholders. State Water Board member briefings were completed on February 4, 2014. The work team, composed of members from the State Water Board and Regional Water Boards, will convene in on April 21, 2014 to consider stakeholder comments and how to best address the application of the Antidegradation Policy to groundwater.
Bacterial Standards for Ocean and Inland Surface Waters	The State Water Board is developing proposed statewide bacteria water quality objectives and a control program to protect human health in waters designated for water contact recreation (REC-1) from the effects of pathogens. The bacteria objectives would be adopted as amendments to the Statewide Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays and Estuaries Plan (currently under development) and the California Ocean Plan. Focused stakeholder meetings are planned for March – May 2014. Public release of draft documents is targeted for fall 2014.
Desalination WQC Plan Amendments	Staff is in the process of completing the draft Staff Report/Substitute Environmental Document and anticipates public release of the amendments in late spring 2014 and a Board hearing in summer 2014.
General Waste Discharge Requirements for the use of Recycled Water	The governor's drought declaration emphasizes the need for farmers to have ready access to recycled water for irrigation and to allow other recycled water users ready access for the use of recycled water for all allowable uses under title 22. Staff is developing a general waste discharge requirement for the use of recycled water. Staff plans to release the draft order for public review in April 2014.
Industrial General Permit (Storm Water)	State Water Board staff reviewed and responded to over 100 public comments received during the public comment period for the Final Draft Industrial General Permit. On February 19, 2014, the final draft permit, with identified minor modifications made in response to public comments, was made available to interested parties and posted on the State Water Board website. A Response to Comments document is also posted on the Board's website. The State Water Board will consider adoption of the Final Draft Industrial General Permit at its April 1, 2014 meeting.
Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems General Order	The Draft Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems General Order (General Order) has been reviewed. Staff has met several times with Central Valley Clean Water Association (CVCWA) in to get their input before release of the draft Order. Next step is to finalize the draft order and prepare the package for public notice. Staff anticipate taking the item to the State Board for approval in May/June 2014.
Toxicity Water Quality Control (WQC) Plan Amendments	The draft toxicity amendment, revised staff report, and the responses to the public comments received in summer 2012 are currently undergoing internal review. Another comment period will begin once these documents are released in spring 2014, and an adoption meeting is anticipated for late summer 2014.

Items	Status
Trash WQC Plan Amendments	The draft Staff Report/Substitute Environmental Document was posted for public comment on March 14, 2014 with a Board hearing tentatively planned for April 22, 2014.
Utility Vaults Permit (Wastewater)	State Water Board staff has been meeting with seven utility companies to discuss the necessary revisions to the General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Discharges from Utility Vaults and Underground Structures to Surface Waters, Order 2006-0008-DWQ, NPDES No. CAG990002 (Utility Vaults Permit). The Utility Vaults Permit has expired and is being revised for reissuance. State Water Board staff anticipates issuing the draft revised permit for public comment in early 2014, and taking it to the State Water Board for consideration of adoption in summer 2014.
Wetlands (Policy) WQC Plan Amendments	In April 2013, staff conducted focused stakeholder outreach. The objective of the outreach was to provide an overview and to receive feedback on the key issues of the draft policy amendments. Staff is in the process of completing the draft Staff Report/Substitute Environmental Document and anticipates circulation of the draft Policy by fall 2014 and an adoption hearing by winter 2015.

## **APPENDIX B**

### **IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2014 REPORT**

#### **STATE WATER BOARD ILRP JANUARY REPORT:**

On January 6, 2014, ILRP staff participated in a Farm Food Safety Conservation Network steering committee meeting to discuss proposed revisions to the United States Department of Agriculture Food Safety Modernization Act.

On January 7, 2014, ILRP staff attended the State Board of Food and Agriculture meeting regarding draught conditions.

On January 8, 2014, ILRP staff participated in a National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) meeting with Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and U.S. EPA Region 9 to discuss NWQI monitoring criteria. Tetra-Tech also participated in the meeting and stated they would be able to provide training on setting-up a monitoring network in Calleguas Creek. Tetra-tech stated they would assist in providing similar training in other regions of the state.

On January 13, 2014, ILRP staff participated in a California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) pyrethroid webinar.

On January 14 -15, 2014, ILRP staff participated in a panel discussion at the CASA Winter Conference. Panel discussion focused on new bioenergy recovery technology and opportunities.

On January 16, 2014, ILRP staff person was voted to represent the State Water Resources Control Board on the California Certified Crop Advisors Board of Directors.

On January 21, 2014, ILRP staff participated in a California Bioresource Alliance (CBA) planning committee meeting to initiate planning of this year's annual CBA symposium.

On January 23, 2014, ILRP staff participated in a town hall meeting in Bakersfield. The town hall meeting was called by Assemblyman Rudy Salas to discuss impacts of biosolids land application in Kern County.

On January 31, 2014, ILRP staff participated in a Farm Food Safety Conservation Network (FFSCN) planning committee meeting to discuss the next annual FFSCN symposium.

#### **REGIONAL WATER BOARD ILRP JANUARY REPORT:**

This month's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) report covers the month of January 2014 and will provide an update on the activities of the North Coast, San Francisco, Central Coast, Los Angeles, Colorado River Basin, Santa Ana, and San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board ILRPs.

Future monthly reports will alternate between the status of the ILRP from the Central Valley Regional Water Board for one month, and the status of other Regional Water Board ILRPs for the alternate month.

Current and past ILRP program monthly reports can be found on the State Water Board Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program website:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/agriculture/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/agriculture/)

**For additional information** on the statewide ILRP, please contact State Water Resources Control Board staff:

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ILRP contact information for each Regional Water Board is found at the end of each report below.

## **NORTH COAST REGION AGRICULTURAL LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM Update – January 2014**

### **Water Quality Compliance Program for Discharges from Agricultural Lands**

#### Update on Permit Development:

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board staff continue to develop the Agricultural Lands Discharge Program, focusing on a series of targeted permits specific to agricultural commodities or geographic areas. In the near term, staff will focus efforts on developing permits for discharges from each of the following commodities/areas: vineyards and orchards, agriculture in the Tule Lake watershed, and outdoor lily bulb cultivation. Staff will continue to implement the Scott and Shasta River TMDL Waivers of Waste Discharge Requirements and participate in the development of the statewide Grazing Regulatory Action Plan. Staff will continue to address discharges from marijuana cultivation through education, compliant response, and enforcement, while also developing regulatory options for the Board's consideration. Finally, staff are proposing to study groundwater and surface water quality in Butte Valley to help assess the risk from agricultural discharges.

Staff have completed project plans for the development of the vineyards and orchards, agriculture in the Tule Lake Basin, and lily bulb cultivation discharge permits. A short summary of the project plans is provided below:

- Agriculture Discharges in the Tule Lake Basin - This permit and the lily bulb cultivation discharge permit are scheduled to be developed in parallel and prior to the vineyards and orchards discharge permit. Staff are currently in discussions with stakeholders to explore the potential for a third party program to facilitate compliance with the permit. Staff will prepare a draft permit for discussion and comment at the next formal meeting of the Tule Lake Basin Advisory Group scheduled for early- to mid-2015.
- Lily Bulb Cultivation – This permit and the Tule Lake Basin discharge permit are scheduled to be developed in parallel and prior to the vineyard and orchards discharge permit. Regional Water Board staff plan to meet with stakeholders interested in the development of this permit in February 2014. Staff will prepare a draft permit for discussion and comment at the next Lily Bulb Advisory Group meeting scheduled for mid-2015.

- Vineyards & Orchards – With input from Advisory Group members and other stakeholders, staff plan to develop draft requirements for third party programs, including certification programs, by mid-2014. Through 2015, staff will focus more closely on the lily bulb and Tule Lake Basin discharge permits, however work will continue simultaneously on certain elements of the vineyard and orchard discharge permit. This effort will include coordination with the San Francisco Bay Region’s development of a discharge permit for vineyards in the Sonoma Creek and Napa River watersheds.

For additional information on the North Coast Regional Water Board’s Water Quality Compliance Program for Discharges from Agricultural Lands, please see the following Web site or contact Ben Zabinsky at (707) 576-6750 ([BZabinsky@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:BZabinsky@waterboards.ca.gov)).

You may also click on the following link:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water\\_issues/programs/agricultural\\_lands/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/agricultural_lands/)

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION  
AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY PROGRAM  
Update – January 2014**

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) completed the following:

- a) On December 11, 2013, the Regional Water Board renewed the Tomales Bay Grazing Waiver (Resolution R2-2013-0039) for a second, five year term.

Regional Water Board staff continued to work on:

- a) Developing general waste discharge requirements (WDRs) for vineyard operations in the Napa River and Sonoma Creek watersheds;
- b) Renewal of a paired conditional waiver of WDRs Order and general WDRs Order for confined animal facilities, and
- c) Scheduling and conducting field inspections of properties enrolled under the Tomales Bay Grazing Program.

Progress on the Vineyard Order is ramping up with the replacement of key staff. Regional Water Board staff is meeting with key stakeholders to introduce staff and to reinitiate dialogue, continuing to coordinate with the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, and to support the development of third-party technical assistance capacity in both watersheds to help implement the WDRs. Regional Water Board staff has secured contract support to assist in CEQA impact analysis and documentation. The goal is to publicly notice a tentative Order and CEQA document by mid-summer.

With the renewal of the Tomales Bay Grazing Waiver the Regional Water Board plan to mail out compliance reminders to current permittees and other eligible operations, and over the next calendar quarter, conduct field inspections in the watershed.

Regional Water Board staff is also working to renew the waiver of WDRs and general WDRs for confined animal facilities (CAFs). Although Regional Water Board staff expect to maintain previous permit requirements, staff propose to include additional requirements for grazing pastures associated with confined facility operations, surface and water well testing, and



adjusted fees. These changes should align the Regional Water Board CAF permit with the requirements set forth by the North Coast Regional Water Board for cow dairies.

Furthermore the geographic scope of the permit will extend region-wide and it will apply to various types of confined animal facilities (e.g., horse facilities), not just cow dairies. Regional Water Board staff is developing a focused technical assistance group, and will be meeting stakeholders prior to, and overlapping with, the public release of the draft which is anticipated for late winter/early spring.

**For additional information**, please contact Jim Ponton at (510) 622-2492 or [jponton@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jponton@waterboards.ca.gov)

### **CENTRAL COAST REGION IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM Update – January 2014**

This update provides information on the status of the following activities: enrollment, numbers of farms/ranches and acreage in tiers, status of compliance with nitrate loading risk determination reporting requirements, inspections, cooperative groundwater monitoring and status of drinking water notifications.

#### Enrollment

Since the launch of the electronic-Notice of Intent (eNOI) in 2010, enrollment in the Agricultural Order has continued to experience a steady increase over time. Current enrollment includes approximately 426,208 acres, which is 98% of the estimated irrigated acreage in the Central Coast region. Table 1 below includes enrollment statistics for the Agricultural Order, as of January 6, 2014. Table 2 below includes numbers of farms/ranches and acreage in each Tier.

**Table 1. Agricultural Order Enrollment Statistics<sup>1</sup>**

Central Coast Region Irrigated Agriculture Total Estimated Acreage	<b>~ 435,000 acres</b>	
Agricultural Order Total Enrolled Acreage	<b>~ 426,208 acres</b>	
	(~ 421,832 acres) Represented in eNOI	(~ 4,300 acres) Enrolled pre-2010, ~ 73 Growers have not submitted eNOI.
Total eNOI Submittals	1748 eNOI Submittals or 4305 farms/ranches	

<sup>1</sup> Data reported in GeoTracker as of January 6, 2014.

**Table 2. Agricultural Order Tiers<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Tier</b>	<b>Number of Farms/Ranches</b>	<b>Acreage</b>
Tier 1	2,344	171,975
Tier 2	1,812	220,413
Tier 3	46	23,525
Pending	103	5,919

<sup>1</sup>Tiers as of January 6, 2014. Pending Tiers are not yet assigned due to inaccurate reporting of farm locations or are new enrollments waiting for tier assignment. Farm/Ranches without eNOI are not included.

Annual Compliance Form – Status of Nitrate Loading Risk Reporting

The State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ 2013-0101 (State Order) required growers with Tier 2 and Tier 3 farms to comply with the Agricultural Order Groundwater Nitrate Loading Risk Determination reporting by January 15, 2014 and then annually by October 1. As of January 16, 2014, more than one thousand Tier 2/Tier 3 farms/ranches have reported the nitrate loading risk determination (~60% compliance). While growers continue to come into compliance, this reflects a significant effort by growers in response to a new reporting requirement.

Inspections

During December 2013, Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) staff conducted inspections of nine farms/ranches. At this time, Regional Water Board staff is following up with growers regarding the results of inspections. The purpose of the farm/ranch inspections is for Regional Water Board staff to visit the enrolled farm/ranch and engage in dialogue with the grower and/or landowner to do the following:

- Discuss and evaluate compliance with the Agricultural Order;
- Verify accuracy of information reported to the Water Board (e.g. eNOI, Annual Compliance Form);
- Identify, observe, and document areas where the grower and/or landowner is successfully implementing management practices;
- Identify, observe, and document areas of concern and improvement needed;
- Assess how the grower is using an iterative process to implement management practices to protect and improve water quality (e.g., How is the grower implementing practices? How is the grower evaluating practices? What plans does the grower have for improvement, if practices are not successful in controlling discharge?);
- Provide an opportunity for the grower and/or landowner to take follow-up actions using an iterative, adaptive management approach to implement improved management practices to protect and improve water quality;
- Require additional information or actions, as appropriate.

To help growers anticipate inspections, staff developed a farm/ranch inspection grower resource document. This document is available with other grower resource documents on the Water Board's website:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water\\_issues/programs/ag\\_waivers/docs/resources/4growers/ilrp\\_inspection\\_form\\_121713.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/ag_waivers/docs/resources/4growers/ilrp_inspection_form_121713.pdf)

### Drinking Water Notifications

Based on results of individual groundwater monitoring, Regional Water Board staff issues “Drinking Water Notification” letters to those growers and landowners whose domestic water supply wells exceed the drinking water standard for nitrate or nitrogen. The purpose of these letters is to notify growers that their domestic well exceeds the drinking water standard for either nitrate or nitrogen, and presents a health risk to those who may be drinking or cooking with the water. The letter also includes a grower resource document titled “Nitrate in Drinking Water” which provides important information about the domestic well, human health risks associated with drinking water containing elevated levels of nitrate/nitrogen, and a list of resources and contacts where growers and persons using the well can obtain additional information and assistance. This guide is also available on our website and in English and Chinese translations.

As of January 6, 2014, the Regional Water Board has issued 60 drinking water notification letters to growers and landowners who have one or more domestic drinking water wells which exceed the drinking water standard – some farms/ranches have multiple groundwater wells with exceedances. The letter requests that the grower provide confirmation that they have notified the domestic well users of the nitrate exceedence, posted an appropriate public health notification, and identify any treatment method or alternative drinking water supplies provided to ensure safe drinking water, if applicable.

### Cooperative Groundwater Monitoring - Central Coast Groundwater Coalition

On November 1, 2013, the CCGC submitted a revised workplan to the Regional Water Board to address the new requirements in the State Order. In addition, the CCGC also submitted a new workplan to add members and groundwater monitoring in the southern counties (San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties). The Executive Officer approved these workplans on December 17, 2013 and December 18, 2013, respectively. In addition, the CCGC submitted their final membership list on November 22, 2013. More detailed information regarding the CCGC and implementation of cooperative groundwater monitoring requirements is available on the CCGC website at: <http://www.centralcoastgc.org/>

### Conclusion

Regional Water Board staff continues to implement the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program to improve and protect water quality and make progress towards the Regional Water Board goals of clean groundwater, healthy aquatic habitat and properly managed land that protects watershed functions. Future updates to the State Water Board will continue to report out on the status of implementation, including compliance. For additional information about the Central Coast Water Board’s Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, go to:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water\\_issues/programs/ag\\_waivers/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/ag_waivers/index.shtml)

In addition, the Regional Water Board receives routine Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program updates at each Board Meeting. More detailed information regarding status of implementation may also be found in the related staff reports at the link below:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board\\_info/agendas/2014/2014\\_agendas.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2014/2014_agendas.shtml)

**For additional information** on the Central Coast Region Conditional Waiver for agricultural lands, please contact Angela Schroeter at (805) 542- 4644 or [aschroeter@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:aschroeter@waterboards.ca.gov). Or click on the following link:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water\\_issues/programs/ag\\_waivers/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/ag_waivers/index.shtml)

## **LOS ANGELES REGION CONDITIONAL WAIVER FOR IRRIGATED LANDS** **Update – January 2014**

### **Compliance with the Renewed Conditional Waiver**

The Nursery Growers Association Los Angeles County Irrigated Lands Group (NGA-ILG) and the Ventura County Agriculture Irrigated Lands Group (VCAILG) are the two discharger groups in the Los Angeles Region that have formed to comply with the Conditional Waiver. To comply with the Conditional Waiver, these groups must submit Water Quality Management Plans (WQMPs) to reduce pollutants discharged from their members' growing operations.

VCAILG submitted their 2012 WQMP in March 2013. Regional Water Board staff provided lengthy comments on the WQMP in July 2013 and after two revisions VCAILG submitted their final version on January 7, 2014. Under the new WQMP, VCAILG has created a new survey to collect and quantify BMP implementation which will assist Regional Board staff in determining the location and size of best management plans (BMPs) and how they relate to the water quality monitoring data in Ventura County.

NGA-ILG submitted their 2013 WQMP on July 26, 2013. Regional Water Board staff reviewed the document and provided comments on November 26, 2013. NGA-ILG submitted their revised draft on January 27, 2014. NGA's WQMP requires all growers in Los Angeles County to implement BMPs. The amount of implementation is dependent on the size of the facility and its risk to water quality. BMPs will be monitored through yearly site visits and reported to the Regional Water Board. These WQMPs are crucial to effective BMP implementation and Regional Water Board staff is working closely with VCAILG and NGA-ILG to ensure that the WQMPs will result in water quality improvement.

### **Enrollment**

Regional Water Board staff sent out Notices of Violation to 12 growers in Ventura County on October 17, 2013 for non-enrollment in the Waiver. As a result, several growers have contacted Regional Water Board staff to confirm that they will be enrolling in the Conditional Waiver. Regional Water Board staff will continue to conduct enforcement, as necessary.

Regional Water Board staff is currently involved in talks with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) and Southern California Edison (SCE) to enroll the nursery growers leasing DWP and SCE property. Staff from DWP plan to send a letter to tenants in February 2014. The letter will give growers information about the Conditional Waiver and the Regional Water Board, and also inform tenants that their lease could be at risk if they do not enroll in the Waiver program. On September 11, 2013 SCE sent out a packet to 118 tenants that included information about the Conditional Waiver, an enrollment form for NGA-ILG, and a letter stating if tenants do not enroll in the Waiver program in 45 days their lease could be terminated. This effort resulted in 56 tenants enrolling in the Conditional Waiver program. Out of the remaining tenants 17 were found to be exempt from the program, 10 responded but have not yet enrolled, and 35 did not respond. Regional Water Board and SCE staff will coordinate on how to enroll the remaining growers in the Conditional Waiver program.

### **GIS Database**

Regional Water Board Staff has been creating a geographically referenced database of data relevant to the Irrigated Lands Program in the Regional Water Board region. Data includes water quality monitoring results and mailing addresses of Conditional Waiver program members and growers that are targeted for outreach/enforcement actions. This database is consistently being updated as Regional Water Board staff receives more information on enrollment and BMP

implementation. Regional Water Board staff recently updated known areas of commercial agricultural activity using data provided by the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner, and also updated geographically referenced surface water monitoring data in Ventura County.

### **Education Workshops and Outreach**

VCAILG provided three classes in January 2014. One of the classes is being offered online to allow growers flexibility in attaining their eight required hours of education. The class takes approximately two hours to complete and has a quiz at the end to ensure that participants have absorbed the material. NGA-ILG organized a conference in January 2014 for growers concerning regulatory updates and BMP implementation at nurseries. Since renewal of the waiver, both VCAILG and NGA-ILG have provided numerous opportunities for their members to receive all eight hours of education credit required by the Conditional Waiver.

### **Interagency Coordination**

Regional Water Board staff has been working with the Ventura County Resource Conservation District (RCD) to apply for 319(h) grants to improve conditions at the Central Ditch in the Calleguas Creek watershed. The Central Ditch is impaired for Organochlorine pesticides. The RCD submitted their full proposal for 319(h) funding in January 2014. Regional Water Board staff continues to work with the NRCS, EPA, and State Board staff on the National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) in the Calleguas Creek watershed. The NWQI program provides financial assistance to help farmers and ranchers implement conservation systems to reduce nitrogen, phosphorous, sediment and pathogen contributions from agricultural land. In December 2013 and January 2014, Regional Water Board staff provided data to Tetra Tech on the Calleguas Creek watershed and VCAILG's surface water monitoring program. Tetra Tech will analyze the current monitoring program and make recommendations as to how Regional Water Board staff can better determine the effectiveness of BMPs implemented under the NWQI program. Regional Water Board staff also continues to work with local NRCS staff in Ventura County to reach out to growers about the NWQI.

### **Grant Management**

Regional Water Board staff is overseeing a Proposition 84 grant for a mobile irrigation laboratory to improve irrigation efficiency on farms in Ventura County (Grant Agreement No. 10-417-554). The grantee is the Ventura County Resource Conservation District. Under the grant, RCD staff travels to farms, evaluates irrigation efficiency, recommends improvements, and provides cost share funding to implement the recommended improvements. The goal of the grant is to reduce dry-weather loading of agriculture-related pollutants. Regional Water Board staff reviews invoices and attends regular technical advisory committee meetings, including a meeting in January 2014, as part of their oversight of this grant.

Regional Water Board staff continues to manage a Clean Water Act section 319(h) grant which was executed for the purpose of identifying the contribution of and reducing metal loadings from nurseries and other irrigated agricultural lands in the San Gabriel River Watershed (Grant Agreement No. 11-098-554). The grantee is the Council for Watershed Health (CWH). The CWH has reported the status of their project in bi-monthly meetings with Regional Water Board staff and other stakeholders, and has identified priority locations for BMP implementation along the San Gabriel River. The drought has negatively affected the project, however, preventing collection of baseline copper data imperative to assess the effectiveness of implemented BMPs. CWH requested an extension of one year to wait for rain to create sufficient runoff to collect samples. The request was approved on August 23, 2013.

**For additional information** on the Los Angeles Region Conditional Waiver for Irrigated Lands, please contact Jenny Newman at (213) 576-6691 [jnewman@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jnewman@waterboards.ca.gov) or [Barbara Barry at \(213\) 576-6681 bbarry@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Barbara Barry at (213) 576-6681 bbarry@waterboards.ca.gov)

**COLORADO RIVER BASIN  
CONDITIONAL WAIVER FOR AGRICULTURAL DISCHARGES  
Update – January 2014**

Colorado River Basin Regional Water Board (Regional Water Board) staff is implementing Board Order R7-2012-0047, a Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for agricultural wastewater discharges and discharges of wastes from drain operation and maintenance activities within the Palo Verde Valley in Riverside and Imperial Counties. In October 2013, Palo Verde Irrigation District (PVID) submitted its Coalition Group's membership farming over 6 acres in the compliance program. The enrollment of irrigated lands covered 93,000 acres and over 99% of the farms. A Quality Assurance Project Plan submitted by PVID in compliance with the Conditional Waiver was approved on October 25, 2013. The water quality monitoring and reporting program will begin this winter.

Board Order R7-2013-0002 for the Bard Unit of Reservation Division (Imperial County) Conditional Waiver was adopted on January 17, 2013. This Conditional Waiver affects about 7,000 acres of farmland along the Colorado River near Yuma, Arizona. Implementation will not begin until 2014 though staff continues to coordinate with the Bard Water District representatives on the formation of a local coalition group.

Regional Water Board staff is actively working with interested parties in the Coachella Valley to develop a Conditional Waiver of WDRs for consideration for adoption in early 2014. This Conditional Waiver affects about 60,000 acres of farmland in central Riverside County north of the Salton Sea. Regional Water Board staff is preparing the environmental documents to be prepared pursuant to CEQA and the draft conditional waiver. In September 2013, Regional Water Board staff received notification of the incorporation of the Coachella Valley Irrigated Lands Coalition group. Riverside County Farm Bureau and Coachella Valley Water District assisted the formation of this coalition group, and through a Memorandum of Understanding, are providing funding for start-up costs.

Regional Water Board staff is also coordinating with interested parties in the Imperial Valley (over 450,000 acres of irrigated lands) to develop a Conditional Waiver of WDRs for consideration for adoption in 2014.

**Grant Management**

Regional Water Board staff is overseeing a \$900,000 Proposition 50/84 Agricultural Water Quality Grant Program project (Grant Agreement 09-351-557) titled the Precision Drain Cleaning BMP Plan. The grantee is the Imperial Irrigation District. The goal of the grant project is to reduce impacts of IID's dredging and maintenance operations throughout the over 1,300 mile drainage system by implementing a drain improvement program.

Under the grant, IID staff will:

- Develop a protocol to classify, prioritize, and rectify substandard earthen drainage segments,
- Implement drain improvements as determined necessary,

- Implement a program to utilize vegetation (i.e., salt grass) as a drain erosion inhibitor, and
- Implement a GPS-guided drain cleaning program.

Regional Water Board staff is also managing a \$340,000 Clean Water Act section 319(h) grant which was executed for the purpose of completing the construction of treatment wetlands for diverted flow from the Alamo River in Imperial County where suspended solids, nitrogen, phosphate, and fecal coliform originating from agricultural lands will be removed through organic activities prior to being released back to the Alamo River on its journey to the Salton Sea (Grant Agreement 12-411-257). The grantee is Desert Wildlife Unlimited.

For additional information on the Colorado River Basin Conditional Waivers for agricultural discharges, please contact Doug Wylie at (760) 776-8960, or at [dwyllie@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dwyllie@waterboards.ca.gov).

**SANTA ANA REGION  
CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL  
DISCHARGES (CWAD PROGRAM)  
Update – January 2014**

No change in “ILRP” status from Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board). The Regional Water Board ILRP coordinator retired, as result, all work to develop the Regional Water Board CWAD waiver has temporarily come to a halt. The Regional Water Board will be hiring to fill the position which includes the nonpoint source (NPS) program as well as work on CWAD). The Regional Water Board will get their ag waiver moving again as the new hire comes up to speed.

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**SAN DIEGO WATER BOARD IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM  
(AG WAIVER)  
Update – January 2014**

San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) staff continues to progress on several fronts related to their current Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Agricultural and Nursery Operations (Ag Waiver).<sup>1</sup> General tasks currently include: conducting inspections at randomly selected facilities to assess the level of Discharger familiarity with the Ag Waiver conditions; developing the informal enforcement processes for documented noncompliance; and working through processes associated with renewing the Ag Waiver in 2014.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water\\_issues/programs/irrigated\\_land/irrigated\\_ag.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/irrigated_land/irrigated_ag.shtml)).

Activities in the San Diego Region include:

1. Regional Water Board staff is working through an additional list of 135 agricultural operations that have reportedly left the existing agricultural monitoring groups/coalitions, and failed to file an individual notice of intent (NOI) for coverage under the Ag Waiver. The identified operations are being investigated by the Compliance and Enforcement Assurance Unit to evaluate enforcement alternatives and prioritize further actions according to available resources.
2. Regional Water Board staff continue to research and develop a list of potential agricultural operations that may be classified as “non-filers” (e.g., failed to enroll in a monitoring group or file a notice of intent (NOI) to enroll as an individual operation).
3. Regional Water Board staff had teleconferences and attended meetings with Rainbow Municipal Water District (RMWD) Board member Griffiths to discuss RMWD Board’s desire to form a monitoring group.
4. Regional Water Board staff sent out over 100 letters to notify agricultural operators, which are eligible for enrollment or enrolled in the Ag Waiver, of our intent to conduct site visits/inspections during the week of September 20 through 27, 2013. Although there were a couple of mis-communications with dischargers during the period while our office phone system was off-line, staff successfully scheduled and completed 46 inspections/site visits at agricultural operations between September 18 and October 1, 2013.
5. Regional Water Board staff continues to develop draft revisions to the Ag Waiver, draft Monitoring and Reporting requirements, and associated CEQA documents for regional management review and comment prior to release for public review. An administrative draft of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study and Environmental Checklist for the Tentative General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Wastes from Commercial Agricultural and Nursery Operations within the San Diego Region has been released.
6. On October 9, 2013, Regional Water Board staff sent out 255 letters to members of Rainbow Municipal Water District Monitoring Group (RMWDMG) to notify them that RMWDMG is not recognized by the San Diego Water Board as a monitoring group. San Diego Water Board further advised these members that in order to comply with our Ag Waiver they may form or join a new approved monitoring group or submit a complete NOI for coverage as an individual discharger.
7. On January 17, 2013, San Diego Water Board staff sent out 51 letters to growers who may no longer be participating in the San Diego Region Irrigated Lands Group. San Diego Water Board advised them that the Ag Waiver requires any member who ceases to participate in a monitoring group to file a Notice of Intent (NOI) with the San Diego Water Board to enroll as an individual under the Ag Waiver. The NOI must be filed with the San Diego Water Board within 30 days of ceasing to participate in the monitoring group.

**For additional information** on the San Diego Regional Water Boards Irrigated Lands Program, please contact Mr. Dat Quach at (619) 521-5899 ([dquach@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dquach@waterboards.ca.gov)).



## **STATE WATER BOARD ILRP FEBRUARY REPORT:**

On February 3, 2014, ILRP staff participated in a Farm Food Safety Conservation Network steering committee meeting to discuss proposed revisions to the United States Department of Agriculture Food Safety Modernization Act.

On February 4, 2014, ILRP staff participated in a California Bioresource Alliance (CBA) planning committee meeting to initiate planning of this year's annual CBA symposium.

On February 11, 2014, ILRP staff meet with CalRecycle and California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) to discuss the Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) anaerobically digestible material) ADM) exclusion.

On February 12, 2014, ILRP staff participated in the California Roundtable on Agriculture and the Environment (CRAE) meeting held at the California Farm Bureau Office.

On February 25, 2014 ILRP staff participated in a National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) meeting with Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and U.S. EPA Region 9 to discuss NWQI monitoring criteria. Tetra-Tech also participated in the meeting and stated they would be able to provide training on setting-up a monitoring network in Calleguas Creek. Tetra-tech stated they would assist in providing similar training in other regions of the state.

On February 26, 2014, ILRP staff participated with CalRecycle in a Local Enforcement Agency Enforcement Advisory Council meeting.

## **REGIONAL WATER BOARD ILRP FEBRUARY REPORTS:**

This month's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program 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 February 6-7, 2014 Executive Officer's report. Current and past ILRP program monthly reports can be found on the State Water Board Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program website:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/agriculture/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/agriculture/)

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## **CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM (ILRP)**

### **General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Development**

#### **Tulare Lake Basin WDRs**

Applications to serve as a third-party representing growers under General Order R5-2013-0120 (Tulare Lake Basin Area Irrigated Lands General Order) have been received from six prospective third-parties and are under staff review. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) staff is working with the prospective third-parties to modify proposed boundaries to ensure complete coverage for all growers in the Tulare Lake Basin Area.

### **Sacramento Valley Rice WDRs**

On November 19, 2013, Regional Water Board staff met with the California Rice Commission and the Sacramento River Source Water Protection Program to discuss comments received for the administrative draft WDRs.

### **Sacramento River Watershed WDRs**

On November 22, 2013, Regional Water Board staff met with representatives of the Sacramento River Source Water Protection Program and the Sacramento River Water Quality Coalition to review comments submitted for the administrative draft of the Sacramento River Watershed WDRs and to discuss revisions to be included in the tentative WDRs.

On December 19, 2013, Regional Water Board staff posted the Tentative Order for the Sacramento River Watershed WDRs and a Notice of Public Hearing for March 11-12, 2014. Written comments from the public are due no later than January 21, 2014.

### **Delta WDRs**

On November 7, 2013, Regional Water Board staff and the San Joaquin County and Delta Coalition held a meeting to discuss the Draft Waste Discharge Requirements.

On December 16, 2013, Regional Water Board staff posted the Tentative Order for the San Joaquin County and Delta Area WDRs and a Notice of Public Hearing for March 11-12, 2014. Written public comments will be accepted until January 17, 2014.

### **Western San Joaquin River Watershed WDRs**

On November 25, 2013, Regional Water Board staff participated in a phone conference with the Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition representatives regarding the comments on the Tentative Draft of Waste Discharge Requirements and a Monitoring and Reporting Program for Growers that are Members of a Third-party Group within the Western San Joaquin River Watershed. Issues associated with the tentative order were discussed.

By the December 2, 2013 deadline, the Central Valley Water Board received five comment letters on the Tentative Draft of Waste Discharge Requirements and a Monitoring and Reporting Program for Growers that are Members of a Third-party Group within the Western San Joaquin River Watershed.

On December 18, 2013, Regional Water Board staff met with the representatives of the Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition to discuss outstanding issues in the tentative order following the public review and comment period.

### **Grasslands Bypass Project**

On December 20, 2013, Regional Water Board staff met with the Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee in Los Banos to discuss the status of the draft WDRs for surface water discharges from the Grassland Bypass Project. Regional Water Board staff was given a short tour of the Grassland Bypass Project. The draft administrative WDRs will incorporate relevant requirements from the Irrigated Land Regulatory Program and is expected to be released in February 2014.

### **Compliance & Outreach – Storm Water Inspections in the East San Joaquin Foothills**

In November and December 2013, Regional Water Board staff continued to inspect the foothill portions of the East San Joaquin River Watershed for parcels that may have sediment discharges in the rainy season. Regional Water Board staff conducted several hundred foothill storm water inspections during this time. Twenty seven of these inspections required follow up with growers to inform them of the need for improved erosion and sediment controls at their properties. Regional Water Board staff has focused on the foothill portion of Stanislaus County after becoming aware that many parcels in that area were being converted to orchards from grazing land. Regional Water Board staff has noticed that the process for doing this usually involves denuding the vegetation from parcels. This leaves minimal sediment and erosion control measures in place, which could lead to a pollution discharge. Administrative Civil Liabilities have been issued in the past for parcels that have undergone similar transformations and had major discharges of sediment in doing so. The goal of these inspections is to warn landowners to prevent similar situations in the future. Regional Water Board staff enforcement letters are planned to be mailed to the landowners whose parcels have been identified as having minimal sediment and erosion control measures in place.

### **Compliance & Outreach – Water Code section 13260 Directives**

In December 2013, Regional Water Board staff mailed 23 NOVs to landowners who failed to respond to a previous 13260 Directive Order. Landowners in the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed whose parcels are used for commercial irrigated lands (as determined by Regional Water Board staff inspections) are being mailed the directives which require the recipients to submit proof of coalition membership or a Report of Waste Discharge.

### **Compliance & Outreach – Pre-ACL Settlement Letters for Failure to Comply with 13260 Directives**

In October 2013, Regional Water Board staff mailed pre-Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) letters to four growers who did not respond to 13260 Directives or subsequent Notices of Violation. In November 2013, two of the growers satisfactorily addressed the issues identified in the pre-ACL letters and Regional Water Board staff does not intend to pursue further enforcement. Regional Water Board staff is currently preparing ACL Complaints for the remaining two growers. An additional nine pre-ACL settlement letters are being prepared for mailing in January 2014.

### **Coalition Groups**

#### **California Rice Commission Coalition**

On December 30, 2013, the California Rice Commission submitted the 2013 Annual Monitoring Report required by the ILRP, which is currently under Regional Water Board staff review.

#### **East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition**

On November 27, 2013, Regional Water Board staff received the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition Quarterly Monitoring Data Report for the period April-June 2013.

On December 3, 2013, the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) provided an update on the development of the Groundwater Quality Assessment Report that is required to be prepared by the Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Growers within the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed. The Coalition's update included information on the modeling to assess vulnerability and the approach to identify vulnerable areas within the Coalition boundary and on the Central Valley Floor.

In response to December 2, 2013 Regional Water Board staff comments on the revised draft templates for Farm Evaluation, Nitrogen Management Plan, and Sediment and Erosion Control Plan, the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition submitted the final Farm Evaluation Template on December 6, 2013. The Farm Evaluation Template to be used under the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed General Order was approved by the Assistant Executive Officer on behalf of the Executive Officer on December 9, 2013. The approved template can be found at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/irrigated\\_lands/forms/eastside\\_sjr\\_coalition/2013\\_1206\\_farm\\_eval\\_resp.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/forms/eastside_sjr_coalition/2013_1206_farm_eval_resp.pdf)

On December 10, 2013, the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) submitted a revised Monitoring Program Update report per the October 9, 2013 conditional approval by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer. The submittal included updates to the Coalition Monitoring Program update for the 2014 water year, and an addendum with additional analysis/evaluation of past use and water quality data.

#### **Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA)**

On October 17, 2013, representatives from the KRWCA submitted a Notice of Intent to form a third-party under the Tulare Lake Basin Area Irrigated Lands General Order. On November 20, 2013, the Assistant Executive Officer issued a Notice of Applicability to the KRWCA designating the entity as a representative third-party under the Tulare Lake Basin Area Irrigated Lands General Order for growers within portions of Fresno, Kings, and Tulare Counties.

#### **Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition (SVWQC)**

On November 18, 2013, the SVWQC submitted a request to move their Pine Creek (Butte County) monitoring site downstream to improve the reliability of runoff during scheduled monitoring events. The request is under Regional Water Board staff review.

On December 18, 2013, the SVWQC submitted two requests to the Executive Officer to consider management plans for sediment toxicity on Stony Creek and aquatic toxicity to *Ceriodaphnia dubia* on Cache Creek complete.

#### **San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition**

On November 27, 2013, the San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition submitted its Quarterly Monitoring Data Report for the period between July and September 2013, as required by Order No. R5-2006-0053. After review, these data will be posted on the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program web site.

#### **Tulare Lake Basin Third-party Groups**

On December 12, 2013, Regional Water Board staff met with representatives of six prospective third-parties and the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority (all of which formed from the previous SSJWVC) to discuss coverage for growers under the recently adopted Tulare Lake Basin Area Irrigated Lands General Order. Topics of discussion included coverage of irrigated agricultural areas outside existing irrigation district boundaries and planned staff outreach efforts to enroll new growers in previously uncovered areas.

#### **Westside Coalition**

On November 20, 2013, Regional Water Board staff held a quarterly management plan meeting with Westside Coalition representatives. Agenda items included discussion of Focused Plan IV revisions, an update from the Coalition on October 29, 2013 grower meeting, and an update on Regional Water Board staff review of the June 2013 SAMR.

On November 30, 2013, the Westside Coalition submitted its Semi-annual Monitoring Report covering the period March through August 2013, as required. The report is under Regional Water Board staff review.

### **Other Projects**

#### **Data Management**

Data from 2009 through 2012 for all Coalitions are available to the public on CEDEN. The latest transferred occurred in November 2013 and added data through early-2013 for some coalitions. The next transfer is planned for March 2014 and will add data through mid-2013 for most coalitions. New data will continue to be transferred to CEDEN on a quarterly basis.

Data reports received in acceptable condition through December 31, 2013 are currently being processed and loaded into the California Environmental Data Exchange Network (CEDEN) comparable database provided by the Central Valley Regional Data Center (CV RDC).

Data collected prior to 2009 will continue to be available on the ILRP surface water quality data webpage until those sets have been processed and transferred to CEDEN as resources permit. Regional Water Board staff is currently processing the Westside Coalition and Sacramento Valley Coalition data collected between 2004 and 2008. Once complete, these sets will complement the existing data on CEDEN providing all of the data submitted by both Coalitions since program inception. The current goal is to complete the Westside Coalition data by mid-2014. The next priority historical dataset will include data collected by the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition between 2004 and 2008.

#### **Rice Pesticides Program**

On December 27, 2013, the California Rice Commission submitted the 2013 monitoring report for the Rice Pesticides Program. The report was distributed to RPP stakeholders for review as required by Resolution R5-2010-9001.

#### **Prop 84 Grant Funding**

To date, fifty-five projects have been completed and invoiced. Twenty-two projects are still open. The completion and invoicing of projects are required by December 2014. The soil erosion model submission has been extended for one year so that additional field data may be collected. In 2013, the field crew encountered difficulties in communications (notification of irrigation start), the variability of field parameters (crop type, soil type) and the various irrigation management practices used by farmers. Additional field data to be collected in 2014 will provide more assurance that the model can be used to estimate the sediment load reduction due to implementation of the grant projects.

The CURES website at <http://www.curesworks.org/bmp/projects84.asp> has additional information on the Prop 84 funding and photos of completed projects.

## Appendix C Statewide Policy and Significant General Permit Table

### Status Code Key:

White = Active effort (A)
Lavender = Targeted for completion in 2013 (A-13)
Green = Targeted for completion in 2014 (A-14)
Orange = Targeted for completion in 2015 (A-15)
Blue = Completed 2013 - 2010 (C2013 - C2010)
Gray = Suspended or No statewide effort at this time or Pending (P)
Note: * indicates Board Priority

### State Board (SB)

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*A	Antidegradation Policy	<b>2014-03-05</b> State Water Board has identified this project as one of the priorities for 2014. DWQ is in the scoping stage for this project. Focused stakeholder meetings were held in October and November 2013. The notes from all the meetings were circulated to the participating stakeholders. State Water Board member briefings were completed on February 4, 2014. The work team, composed of members from the State Water Board and Regional Water Boards, will convene in on April 21, 2014 to consider stakeholder comments and how to best address the application of the Antidegradation Policy to groundwater.
*A	Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Policy Implementation	<b>2014-03-05</b> The Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) Policy became effective on May 13, 2013. Staff prepared a 5-year implementation schedule for the Policy. The Regional Boards must amend their Basin Plans to incorporate the Policy by May 13, 2014 (end of 1st year of implementation). Local agencies are scheduled to develop their Local Agency Management Plan (LAMP) during the second and third year of implementation. Regional Boards review and approval of the LAMPS may take place in the fourth year of implementation. Current accomplishments include the adoption of basin plan amendments by Regions 3 and 7. Region 5 plans to adopt its Basin Plan Amendment at its March Board Hearing(27-28 Mar 2014). The Final Draft of the LAMP Guidance document is currently under review. Division of Water Quality staff is working on finalizing Draft LAMP Guidance for Regional Water Board LAMP workgroup review. LAMP workgroup is currently reviewing OWTS Policy reference table that will be included with LAMP Guidance. LAMP Guidance will be transmitted to the Deputy Management Committee in April 2014.
*A	Russian River Frost Protection Regulation	<b>2013-10-10</b> The Russian River Frost Protection Regulation became effective on December 29, 2011 and was challenged. The Mendocino County Superior Court issued orders that stayed the enforcement of the regulation, invalidated the regulations, and overturned the Board's CEQA document in adopting the regulation. The State Water Board appealed the court decision in May 2013.

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*A-14	Caltrans Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Permit Reopener	<b>2014-02-27</b> The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Municipal Storm Water Permit was adopted by the State Water Board on September 19, 2012 and became effective on July 1, 2013. Implementation requirements for Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) were not included in the permit at the time of adoption. Working closely with Caltrans staff, State and Regional Water Board staff are developing implementation requirements for eight categories of pollutants associated with the over 85 TMDLs to be implemented. On February 11, 2014, the proposed permit amendment containing the proposed TMDL implementation requirements was issued for public comments and review. The State Water Board will hold a public hearing on March 18, 2014, prior to consideration of adoption, tentatively scheduled for May 20, 2014.
*A-14	Draft WQCP update for San Joaquin River flows and southern Delta salinity objectives	<b>2014-02-25</b> Draft Substitute Environmental (SED) released on December 31, 2012 for public comment. Hearing to receive comments on the SED was held on March 20-21, 2013, and comments were received by March 29, 2013. Revised Draft SED to be recirculated for public comment spring/summer 2014. Draft plan amendment to be brought to the Board for consideration in fall/winter of 2014.
*A-14	Industrial General Storm Water Permit	<b>2014-03-03</b> The Industrial General Storm Water Permit regulates storm water discharges from specific industrial sectors. Approximately 9,000 individual facilities statewide are covered by the current permit. The final draft of this reissuance was posted to the internet and released to the public on February 19, 2014. The final draft permit addresses public comments from previously released drafts. The deadline to submit written comments on the final draft permit is March 4, 2014, at noon. A State Water Board meeting to consider adoption is scheduled for April 1, 2014.
*A-14	Ocean Plan Amendment: desalination and brine provisions	<b>2014-03-03</b> State Water Boards staff is preparing amendments to the Ocean Plan to include the following elements: (1) provisions to minimize adverse impacts to aquatic life associated with the intakes for desalination facilities; (2) a narrative receiving water limitation for salinity to ensure that brine discharges from desalination facilities will not impact marine life; (3) implementation provisions; and (4) monitoring. On October 11 2013, the Expert Review Panel released its final report on environmental effects of effluent diffusers and methodologies to address mitigation. Staff is completing the draft Staff report and substitute environmental document. Staff anticipates public release of the amendments in late spring 2014 and potential public hearing in summer 2014.
*A-14	Wetland Area Protection and Dredge and Fill Permitting Policy – Phase I	<b>2014-03-05</b> Selected stakeholder meetings were held in April 2013 to receive comments on specific issues related to the Preliminary Draft Wetland Policy posted online January 28, 2013. Separate meetings were held with representatives of the business, utilities, environmental advocacy and Central Valley Joint Ventures stakeholder groups. State Water Board staff will consider these comments in preparing the draft Wetland Policy which is scheduled for public release by fall 2014.
*A-15	Sediment Quality Objectives (SQOs) for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries: Phase II*	<b>2014-02-05</b> Development of human health objectives is in progress. Staff, the SQO Advisory Committee, and Agency Coordinating Committee have met quarterly to create a process for implementing the tiered assessment framework developed by Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP). Staff is also meeting monthly with RB4, the Port of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and SCCWRP (known as the Harbor Technical Work Group [HTWG]) to collaborate on studies that will assist in the development, testing, and implementation of Phase II SQO's. The HTWG will refine plans in support of the ports TMDL activities. Staff established a sediment quality workgroup to coordinate contracts and projects, and address technical issues within coastal regions. Staff anticipates release of the draft SQO amendments and substitute environmental document in June 2015.

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A	General Waste Discharge Requirements for the use Recycled Water	<b>2014-03-05</b> The governor's drought declaration emphasizes the need for farmers to have ready access to recycled water for irrigation and to allow other recycled water users ready access for the use of recycled water for all allowable uses under title 22. Staff is developing a general waste discharge requirement for the use of recycled water. Staff plans to release the draft order for public review in April 2014.
A	Grazing	<b>2014-02-27</b> The Water Boards have formed a work team to develop this project (titled Statewide Grazing Regulatory Action Project or Grazing RAP). The work team, under the lead of R6 with active participants from R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R7, R8 and DWQ, generally meets monthly. The work team focused on developing its stakeholder outreach strategy, a fact sheet, an updated schedule and implementation tools. Some outreach to stakeholders such as the USFS, BLM and the CCA has begun. An update to MCC was provided on February 24, 2014 to receive direction regarding next steps. Website: <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/grap.shtml">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/grap.shtml</a>
A	Mercury TMDL (Reservoirs)	<b>2014-02-21</b> Staff from Regions 2 and 5 is developing a TMDL and implementation plan to address 74 reservoirs around the state that are impaired by mercury. In March 2012, staff held CEQA Scoping meetings in Sacramento, Oakland, Riverside and Redding. Currently staff is working on the scientific and technical analysis (source analysis, linkage, targets, implementation plan considerations) and developing options for load and waste allocations. In addition, staff are developing a framework document to outline the elements that could be in a statewide plan to reduce fish mercury levels in the reservoirs. The framework document is being integrated with the statewide methylmercury objectives project. Stakeholder meetings will be tentatively scheduled to begin in mid-March 2014.
A	Methylmercury Objectives	<b>2014-03-03</b> Staff is preparing a draft policy and staff report and coordinating on efforts to develop statewide mercury TMDL. A draft staff report is expected to be sent to peer review in July 2014. Stakeholder outreach meetings are expected in 2014.
A	Municipal Storm Water Statewide Permitting (MS4 Phase 1)	<b>2014-03-03</b> Central Valley Water Board staff is meeting with stakeholders to determine how to implement regional permitting in the Central Valley Region. State Board staff is participating to identify permitting options that are consistent with Phase 1 Storm Water permitting issues statewide. Options include a statewide general MS4 Phase I storm water permit, a multi-region permit for coastal southern California, or a standardized permit template with standard conditions to be implemented in all MS4 Phase 1 permits. The Central Valley Water Board has been hosting stakeholder working meetings that include local agency and association representatives, consultants and state water board staff. The working group is evaluating the continued development of a draft permit template.
A	Natural Sources	<b>2014-02-05</b> 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	<b>2014-02-26</b> Staff is currently working with technical advisory groups to produce an implementation strategy document. U.S. EPA has contracted to have Nutrient Numeric Endpoint protocol updated with results of case studies and lessons learned. Staff anticipates organizing a stakeholder advisory group and a science advisory group as well as expanding a regulators advisory group during the winter of 2014.



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A-13	Instream Flow Policy (AB 2121)	<p><b>2013-10-11</b> On August 9, 2012, the Alameda Superior Court issued a writ of mandate directing the State Water Board to vacate the State Water Board's adoption of the Policy and certification that the CEQA documentation had been completed in compliance with CEQA. The Board complied with this directive on October 16, 2012. (State Water Board Resolution No. 2012-0058.) The Division of Water Rights revised and recirculated portions of the SED on February 22, 2013. Written comments on the adequacy of the revised SED were due by April 8, 2013 and oral comments were received at a State Water Board hearing on April 23, 2013. Staff is currently developing responses to the received comments. A State Water Board meeting to consider approval of the CEQA documentation, with revisions, and re-adoption of the Policy is targeted for fall of 2013.</p>
A-14	Aquatic Pesticide General Permit – Vector Control Permit	<p><b>2014-02-21</b> On January 6, 2014, staff posted on the State Water Board's website and published in newspapers a notice of opportunity to comment on the proposed amended monitoring and reporting program (MRP) for the permit by February 5, 2014. Staff received no timely comments. Staff anticipate issuance of the amended MRP by the Deputy Director of the Division of Water Quality in March 2014.</p>
A-14	Cadmium Objective and Implementation Policy	<p><b>2014-02-26</b> Staff is preparing the Staff Report and draft amendment to the Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries Water Quality Control Plan.</p>
A-14	Integrated Report Adoption (2012)	<p><b>2014-02-05</b> State Water Board Staff has completed Lines of evidence for Regional Board review for Regions 1, 6 and 7. The 2012 Integrated Report will now consist of only data from Regions 1, 6 and 7. Currently, the Regional Boards are making assessment recommendations. State Board staff is reviewing Regional Board staff's recommendations before Regional Board Staff present their recommendations to their respective Boards for approval. Following approval by the Regional Boards, their individual lists will be sent to the State Board where the State Board staff will combine the Regional Reports into the California Integrated Report. This California Integrated Report will be presented to the State Water Board for approval before being sent to USEPA. USEPA makes the final approval decision on the California Integrated Report. State Board staff is also working on drafting amendments the Listing Policy.</p>
A-14	Multi-Regional Raw and Potable Water General NPDES Permit	<p><b>2014-03-03</b> Staff of the San Francisco Bay, Central Valley and Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Boards are working with stakeholders to regulate discharges from drinking water systems. The Regional Water Boards are working together for the proposed development of a joint multi-regional general NPDES permits for discharge of raw and potable water discharges from public water systems to surface waters within these regions. State and Regional Water Board staff conducted two stakeholder outreach meetings. The first meeting was held in November 2013 in Southern California; the second meeting was held in January 2014 in Oakland. The conceptual permit will propose to regulate discharges of raw and treated water from well development and maintenance, water distribution systems, and unexpected discharges due to pipe breaks and emergencies. State Water Board consideration of adoption of a draft permit is tentatively scheduled for early summer 2014.</p>
A-14	Nonpoint Source (NPS) Implementation and Enforcement Policy Amendments	<p><b>2014-03-03</b> The NPS Implementation and Enforcement Policy (NPS Policy) is being updated to preclude the use of prohibitions of waste discharge for addressing NPS discharges for those land uses (e.g.; irrigated lands) already covered under other regulatory mechanisms (e.g.; waivers of waste discharge requirements) for which discharger enrollment fees are being assessed. Staff anticipates releasing a Draft of the NPS Policy amendments in spring 2014.</p>

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A-14	Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems General Order (97-10 update)	2014-03-04 The Draft Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems General Order (General Order) has been reviewed. Staff has met several times with Central Valley Clean Water Association to get their input before release of the draft order. Next step is to finalize the draft order and prepare the package for public notice. Staff anticipate taking the item to the State Board for approval in May/June 2014.
A-14	Timber Activities on National Forest System Lands	2014-03-03 State Water Board staff has been actively engaging Regional Water Board staff and the U.S. Forest Service in the development of alternatives to a Statewide Conditional Waiver that was proposed in 2011 but was not adopted by the Board. One effort moving forward is the Grazing Regulatory Action Project, which includes consideration of grazing activities on U.S. Forest Service land. Additionally, a spatial analysis of U.S. Forest Service non-point source generating activities and infrastructure is underway. The spatial analysis is a coordinated effort with the Grazing Regulatory Action Project and will inform State Water Board and Regional Water Board staff of the highest priority activities and infrastructure for which the most appropriate regulatory measure could be applied.
A-14	Toxicity Amendment to the Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries Plan	2014-03-04 The draft toxicity amendment, revised staff report, and the responses to the public comments received in summer 2012 are currently undergoing internal review. Another comment period will begin once these documents are released in spring 2014, and an adoption meeting is anticipated for late summer 2014.
A-14	Trash WQC Plan Amendments	2014-03-05 Statewide water quality control plans are to be amended to address trash in water ways. In April and May 2013, staff held fourteen stakeholder outreach meetings. The objective of these meetings was to provide an overview and to receive feedback on the key issues before the public release of the draft plan amendments. Based on the feedback from these outreach efforts, staff is preparing a draft plan document and staff report, targeted for release mid-March 2014, and a public hearing tentatively scheduled for April 22, 2014.
A-15	Bacterial Standards for Ocean and Inland Surface Waters	2014-03-05 The State Water Board is developing proposed statewide bacteria water quality objectives and a control program to protect human health in waters designated for water contact recreation (REC-1) from the effects of pathogens. The bacteria objectives would be adopted as amendments to the Statewide Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays and Estuaries Plan (currently under development) and the California Ocean Plan. Focused stakeholder meetings are planned for March – May 2014. Public release of draft documents is targeted for fall 2014.
A-15	Biological Objectives Development	2014-02-26 On February 12, State Water Board staff met with a subcommittee of stakeholders was formed to work with staff to evaluate major implementation issues and bring recommendations to the larger group. The subcommittee has focused on defining critical terms that will bound the scope and implementation of the policy. The small stakeholder committee meets again on March 26 to discuss defining modified streams. The larger stakeholder group will meet again on April 9. Staff expect to have draft policy language completed by the end of 2014.
A-15	Composting Operations Statewide General Order	2014-03-05 Staff are preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate the environmental impacts from adoption and implementation of the Draft Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Composting Operations (Order) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act. Staff plan to have the draft EIR and proposed order available for public release in July/August 2014 timeframe.
P	Blue Green Algae Action Levels	2013-11-06 The State Water Board has provided funding to OEHHA to develop action Levels for Blue Green Algae toxins (Cyanotoxins) in water and fish. OEHHA completed a draft report, which was then submitted to peer review. The Peer Review was complete in 2011 and the Final Report was completed in May 2012. A possible next step is to adopt statewide objectives for cyanotoxins, pending management prioritization.

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P	Chlorine Residual Objectives and Implementation	2013-11-06 Scientific Peer review received. Report and policy will be revised as necessary to address peer review comments. This project is pending management prioritization.
P	Listing Policy Update (Sediment Quality Objectives)	2014-03-03 CEQA Scoping Meeting held on March 29, 2010. On hold until the Human Health SQO Assessment frame work is completed and adopted.
P	Marina Permit	2014-03-03 Permit development is postponed while working with other agencies and Marina and Boating groups to develop interim approaches.
P	Mercury Offset Policy	2013-05-08 Partial economic analysis received from contractor (SAIC). No further contract funding available to complete economic analysis.
P	Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) waste discharge requirements (WDR) / waiver	2014-01-08 Developing concepts for WDR/waiver for OHVs at State Parks.
P	Suction Dredge General Permit	2013-04-05 Suspended indefinitely now that the suction dredging moratorium has been extended indefinitely. Senate Bill 1018 (ch. 39, stats. 2012) removed the previous date on which the existing suction dredging moratorium had been scheduled to end. Suction dredging, including the method known as "booming", continues to be prohibited within 100 yards of any California river, stream or lake (Fish & G. Code, § 5653 subd. (d)).
P	Timber Activities on Non-federal Lands	2014-03-04 On September 10, 2012, the Governor signed into law AB 1492. The legislation calls for increased coordination and reporting by all Timber Harvest Review Team Agencies. An evaluation of internal programmatic business needs, in conjunction with external agency coordination to meet the new reporting requirements, is underway. New or revised memoranda between agencies may need to be considered pending outcomes of a review of current Water Board policies.
P	Water Effects Ratios	2012-08-07 No staff assigned and pending completion of other priorities.
P	Wetlands and Riparian Areas Policy – Phase II	2014-02-05 Pending completion of Phase I.
P	Wetlands and Riparian Areas Policy – Phase III	2013-10-09 Pending completion of Phase II.

## Regional Boards

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A	Update Groundwater Policies (Phase II)	2013-06-26 Staff revisiting scope and timing of Phase II
A	Russian River Pathogen TMDL	2013-10-23 Data collection (Phase 3) was completed in July 2013. Data analysis and TMDL development (Phase 4) is now underway. Regulatory action development process (Phase 5) is scheduled to start early 2014. Peer review draft is expected in Fall 2014.
A	Agricultural Lands Discharge Program	2013-10-23 On Sept 26, 2013, Regional Water Board concurred with rescoping effort to split the regional permit into separate permits for specific commodities or geographic areas. Staff is currently developing project plans for vineyard/orchard discharge permit, lily bulb cultivation discharge permit, and Tule Lake watershed agricultural discharge permit. Staff is also scoping regulatory options for marijuana cultivation discharge permit. The Stakeholder Advisory Group is being re-organized to match commodity/area-specific permit development efforts.
A	Elk River TMDL	2013-06-26 Staff proposing to complete the TMDL through a single permitting action of the Regional Board. Date TBD
A	Laguna de Santa Rosa TMDL	2013-10-23 Schedule is being reconsidered to account for additional analysis of seasonality and staff time dedicated to early implementation efforts, including nutrient credit trading program development, wetland assessments, and NPDES permit renewals.
A	Lagunitas Creek Sediment TMDL (Sediment Reduction and Habitat Enhancement Plan)	2014-03-03 Region 2 anticipates release of a public review draft of the Lagunitas Creek Sediment TMDL in early March 2014 with Board consideration of this item for adoption by June 30, 2014.
A	General Waste Discharge Requirements for Vineyard Properties in the Napa River and Sonoma Creek watersheds	2014-03-03 Region 2 is in the process of writing WDRs for vineyard discharges and is in the early phases of preparing an EIR for the WDRs. Anticipate release of a public draft of the EIR and WDRs in fall 2014.
A	Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program-Coalition Group Conditional Waiver	2013-12-23 Coalition groups are conducting monitoring and implementing management plans for identified water quality problems. Conditional Waiver is being replaced with adoption of General WDRs.
A	Federal Land Management Agency Sites Memorandum of Understanding	2013-04-26 Negotiating a MOU between USFS, BLM, DTSC, DFG, DOC, SWRCB, Regional Boards, that will establish principles for the parties to work cooperatively within the State to identify, prioritize, investigate and cleanup inactive and abandoned mine lands. Recently renewed
A	Implement Mercury TMDL/Control Program in Cache Creek Watershed - Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basin Plan	2013-12-17 Mining waste at six mercury mines in the upper watershed will be consolidated and covered in 2014 to prevent the continued erosion of mercury sediment into Sulphur Creek, a tributary to Cache Creek.
A	CV-SALTS – Developing a Salinity and Nitrate Management Plan for all basins in the Central Valley – Basin Plan Amendment for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basin Plan, Tulare Lake Basin Plan and the Delta Water Quality Control Plan	2013-08-28 Revised strategy and workplan to address funding constraints February 2012. Case studies evaluating appropriate beneficial uses and associated water quality objectives for AGR and MUN in surface and groundwater. Initial modeling results for salinity/nitrate source and fate and assimilative capacity under review. Implementation alternatives under evaluation. CEQA Scoping meeting scheduled October 2013. Draft SNMP consideration by Board in 2014. Final SNMP in 2016.

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A	Evaluate Municipal and Domestic Supply Beneficial Uses for Groundwater in the vicinity of the Littlejohns Fault and Establish Groundwater Protection Regulations for these Site-Specific Conditions - Amendment to the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basin Plan	2013-05-08 In Progress.
A	Irrigated Lands-Long Term Program Development	2013-12-04 Programmatic EIR adopted. General WDRs adopted for Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed Area and Tulare Lake Basin area, replacing coverage under Conditional Waiver. General WDRs for Individuals not in a Coalition adopted July 2013. Additional General WDRs (five) scheduled for adoption in early 2014.
A	Groundwater Quality Protection Strategy	2013-12-23 At the Central Valley Water Board's September 2010 meeting Resolution #2010-0095 was adopted which approved the Groundwater Quality Protection Strategy for the Central Valley Region, A Roadmap. Progress reports on the Workplans for the highest priority actions were provided to the Central Valley Water Board in June 2012 and December 2013. At the December 2013 Board meeting staff provided a summary of work completed to date, a workplan for June 2013 through June 2015, and an update on the "Roadmap" for the strategy.
A	Development of the Delta Regional Monitoring Program	2013-12-17 Delta RMP steering committee formed and governance structure adopted. Technical Advisory Committee co-chairs have been selected. Program funding and initial priorities are being developed.
A	External Groundwater Monitoring Workgroup	2013-05-08 Have assembled a group of groundwater monitoring experts to provide input on how the Regional Water Board addresses complex groundwater monitoring issues.
A	General Order for dairy anaerobic digesters	2013-05-24 Order No. R5-20110039, adopted 10 June 2011.
A	General Waiver for Low-threat Discharges	2013-05-24 Renewal of General Waiver for Specific Types of Discharge to Land within the Central Valley Region, Resolution No. R5-2008-0182.
A		2014-02-07 <b>MCC identified future priority.</b>
A	Confined animal facilities - renewal of waiver of WDRs and reissuance of general WDRs for confined animal facilities within Region 2	2014-03-03 Anticipate release of public review draft of both permits in late Spring 2014.
A-13	Temperature Objective Implementation Policy, including Action Plans for USEPA Technical TMDLs for temperature for Navarro, Mattole and Eel River Watersheds	2013-06-20 Board adoption hearing November 2013
A-13	Conditional Waiver to implement TMDL load allocations assigned to nonpoint sources of trash	2014-02-19 On hold due to potential collaboration on Statewide Trash Policy

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A-13	Agricultural Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for the Coachella Valley	2013-09-30 In progress and planned for June 2014 Board meeting Waiver of waste discharge requirements for agricultural wastewater discharges and discharges of wastes from drain operation and maintenance activities originating within the Coachella Valley.
A-13	RWB action to address Chlorpyrifos and Diazinon in Alamo and New Rivers.	2013-10-01 RWB staff completed the necessary resolution that was adopted by the Board on September 19, 2013. The remaining work is the 303d listing which is planned for early 2014.
A-13	RWB action to address legacy organochlorine impairments in Imperial Valley.	2013-10-01 RWB staff completed the necessary resolution that was adopted by the Board on September 19, 2013. The remaining work is the 303d listing which is planned for early 2014.
A-13	RWB action to address DDT and Toxaphene impairments in Palo Verde Outfall Drain and Lagoon.	2013-10-01 RWB staff completed the necessary resolution that was adopted by the Board on September 19, 2013. The remaining work is the 303d listing which is planned for early 2014.
A-13	RWB staff actions to assess remaining impairments in current 303(d) list, which includes metals, bacteria, nutrients, salinity, and toxicity.	2013-10-01 RWB staff completing assessing available data. Project analysis completion in late 2014.
A-13	General WDRs for Post-Closure Maintenance of Inactive Landfills	2013-07-26 Adopted by the Board at the June 7, 2013 Board meeting.
A-13	General WDRs for In-Situ Bioremediation of Groundwater	2013-05-30 Adopted at the May 3, 2013 Board meeting.
A-13	Status report on Regional Harbor Monitoring Efforts	2013-06-24 Informational item scheduled for Summer 2013.
A-13	US Navy Yards—San Diego Bay NPDES Permit Reissuance—Naval Base San Diego	2013-06-24 Regional Board deferred adoption of the NPDES permit reissuance for Navy Base San Diego for 90 days at the Aug. 8, 2009 meeting. Adoption of the Point Loma NPDES Permit reissuance is delayed indefinitely pending the outcome of the petition for review for Naval Station Coronado and the permit reissuance for Naval Base San Diego. Naval Base San Diego permit will be comprehensive and is scheduled for adoption in Aug 2013.
A-14	Update Groundwater Objective (Phase I)	2013-06-26 Board adoption hearing Spring 2014
A-14	General Order/Waiver for Wineries	2013-09-24 Existing GO/waiver will be incorporated into the 2014 re-draft of the Fruit and Vegetable Processors GO/Waiver.
A-14	General Order/Waiver for fruit/vegetable processors	2013-04-24 Re-drafting of existing GO/waiver
A-14	General Waiver of WDR for low threat discharges to land	2013-09-24 Re-draft of existing general waiver.

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A-14	Identify at-risk nitrate contaminated domestic and small system well users and similar in disadvantaged communities (DAC), notify them, and communicate options available to them. (Nitrate loading/source reduction for long term solution continues on many fronts – notably Ag, septic systems, and municipal treatment plants)	<b>2013-04-24</b> Currently providing domestic well sampling through USGS in Salinas and Pajaro areas. Will provide results with options for additional info. Working with EJ groups to identify DACs and disadvantaged individuals. Sent letter to all County Public Health Officers in 2010 with additional testing and notification recommendations for affected well users. Following up with counties. Ongoing.
A-14	Establish New Water Quality Objectives for Salinity and Boron in the Lower San Joaquin River - Amendment to the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basin Plan.	<b>2013-12-23</b> Regional Board completed CEQA Scoping meeting in March 2009. Development of proposed water quality objectives being conducted the stakeholder driven, CV-SALTS Lower San Joaquin River sub-committee. The Amendment is tentatively scheduled for consideration by the Regional Board in December 2014.
A-14	Organochlorine Pesticides in the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basin Plan	<b>2013-12-03</b> Regional Board completed CEQA Scoping meeting in July 2009. Staff reviewing work completed to date to determine whether to proceed with TMDL development. A summary report on OC pesticides is scheduled to be completed by February 2014.
A-14	Basin Plan Amendment – Receiving waters for the Cities of Colusa, Willows, Live Oak and Biggs	<b>2013-08-28</b> Case study conducted in coordination with CV-SALTS for two phase evaluation of appropriate beneficial uses and level of protection in Ag dominated waterbodies. Phase I to focus on MUN with consideration of basin plan amendment anticipated in December 2014. Phase II to focus on other beneficial uses with timeline dependent on results from Phase I. Goal to adopt appropriate beneficial uses and water quality objectives in 27-individual ag dominated water bodies as well as a process for determining appropriate uses and objectives region-wide.
A-14	Central Valley Diazinon and Chlorpyrifos Basin Plan Amendment	<b>2013-12-03</b> Amendment addressing chlorpyrifos and diazinon in hundreds of valley floor rivers, streams and creeks scheduled for Regional Board hearing in March 2014.
A-14	Update of the Waste Discharge Requirements for the Grasslands Bypass Project	<b>2013-12-04</b> WDRs are being updated to reflect a Basin Plan amendment and the Use Agreement between the US Bureau of Reclamation and the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority for Phase III of the project. Board consideration scheduled for 2014.
A-14	General Order for new and expanding dairies	<b>2013-05-08</b> Under development
A-14	Policies for Variances and Exceptions	<b>2013-12-23</b> CEQA Scoping held in June and July 2011. Peer review completed July 2013. Central Valley Water Board consideration anticipated in Summer 2014.
A-14	Renew Waiver of filing a report of waste discharge and obtaining waste discharge requirements for septic systems in the Lahontan Region	<b>2014-02-21</b> Developing a Basin Plan amendment to incorporate the adopted OWTS Policy. CEQA Scoping conducted January to March 2013. Draft language for public comment in January 2014. Expect adoption in April 2014.
A-14	Renew Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for discharges resulting from timber harvest and vegetation management activities	<b>2014-01-28</b> Tentative update to Timber Waiver released on January 24, 2014 for public review and comment until February 24, 2014. Water Board staff continuing to meet with potential project implementers and to gather public input on possible updates thru February 2014. Board adoption planned for April 2014 in South Lake Tahoe.

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A-14	Basin Plan Amendment to remove domestic water supply as a beneficial use for portions of the China Lake groundwater basin	2014-02-25 Scoping summer 2013. Adoption in FY 14-15, likely fall 2014.
A-14	Basin Plan Amendment to revise waste discharge prohibitions concerning Lake Tahoe and the Truckee River hydrologic units	2014-02-21 CEQA Scoping conducted January to March 2013. Draft language for public comment in January 2014. Expect adoption in April 2014.
A-14	Agricultural Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for the Imperial Valley	2013-09-30 In progress and planned for January 2015 Board Meeting
A-14	Orange County MS4 Permit Renewal	2014-01-28 A draft permit to be released during the first quarter of 2014. Regional Board consideration of the draft permit expected during the latter part of 2014
A-14	Upper Santa Ana River MS4 Permit	2014-01-28 Report of Waste Discharge due in July 2014. Draft MS4 by September 2014 and Board consideration by the end of 2014.
A-14	Conditional waiver for agricultural waste discharges (CWAD) program in the San Jacinto River Watershed	2014-01-28 Information meetings held November 2009 and April 2010. Hearings and Regional Board consideration currently planned for late 2014.
A-14	Basin Plan Amendment to adopt TMDLs and establish Site-Specific Objectives for selenium in San Diego Creek, Big Canyon Creek, and Upper Newport Bay that includes compliance requirements for the Newport Bay watershed permits.	2014-01-28 Adoption of selenium TMDLs planned for late 2014. The TMDLs will likely require additional peer review due to proposed fish and bird egg tissue-based targets. With the lack of conventional treatment technologies for selenium, the TMDLs will be particularly challenging. SSOs based on bird egg and fish tissue will be a separate Basin Plan Amendment action after adoption of the TMDLs.
A-14	Basin Plan Amendment to incorporate changes to recreation water quality standards and implementation strategies for inland fresh waters in the Region (will include additions to list of waterbodies and MUN exceptions, where appropriate)	2014-01-28 Regional Board adopted the Basin Plan amendment on June 15, 2012. State Board adopted the Basin Plan amendment on January 21, 2014. OAL and USEPA approvals expected during the first half of 2014.
A-14	Basin Plan Update to Incorporate Revised Salt and Nutrient Management Plan	2014-01-28 Regional Board consideration expected during the first quarter of 2014.
A-14	General WDRs for Closed Surface Impoundments	2014-01-28 First draft order is expected to be released during the first quarter in 2014 and consideration by the Regional Board during the second quarter in 2014.



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A-14	Amendments to WDRs Establishing Acceptance Criteria for Non-Designated and Non-Hazardous Soil at Landfills within the Santa Ana Region	2014-01-28 Draft Order to be released in February 2014 for consideration by the Regional Board in April 2014.
A-14	Basin Plan Amendment to Incorporate Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Policy	2014-01-28 Board consideration expected during the first quarter of 2014.
A-14	Permit Reissuance for the U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission, South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant	2013-04-26 Scheduled for consideration in 2014.
A-15	Central Valley Diuron Basin Plan Amendment	2013-12-03 In development. Scoping meeting held in October 2012. Scheduled for peer review draft release in June 2014, Board Hearing in June 2015.
A-15	Central Valley Pyrethroids Basin Plan Amenemdment	2013-12-03 In development. Scoping meeting held in October 2012. Scheduled for peer review draft release in June 2014, Board Hearing in June 2015.
C	Lake San Marcos--Water Quality Improvement Project. Collaborative stakeholder effort could be a model for other impaired water bodies.	2013-04-26 Review proposal to improve water quality of the lake. Performed reservoir and stream monitoring of Lake San Marcos and San Marcos Creek in May 2009. Stakeholder meetings continue and the dischargers are working on watershed management plans aimed at achieving a 10% reduction in anthropogenic pollutants in receiving waters over a 10 year period of time to achieve water quality objectives in Lake San Marcos and its tributaries. Investigative Order may be considered in May 2011.
P	Groundwater Protection/Recharge Basin Plan Amendment	2013-05-08 Currently on hold
P	Riparian Habitat Protection Basin Plan Amendment	2013-04-24 Currently on hold
P	Riparian Habitat Protection Basin Plan Amendment	2013-04-29 Currently on hold
P	Conditional Waiver for horse and intensive livestock facilities	2013-04-26 To be adopted by December 2014 in order to implement the Ventura River Algae TMDL
P	General NPDES Permit for Discharges of Groundwater from Potable Water Supply Wells to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties	2013-09-17 On hold pending adoption of Statewide Potable Systems General Permit
P	General WDR for small commercial and multifamily residential subsurface sewage disposal systems (Order No. 01-031)	2013-04-26 Completed in 2001
P	Specified Dischargeds to Groundwater in Santa Clara River and Los Angeles River Basins	2013-05-08 1993

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P	Private sub-surface sewage disposal systems in areas where groundwater is used or maybe used for domestic purpose (Order No. 91-94)	2013-05-08 1991
P	Residential onsite waste water treatment systems (Order No. R4-2004-0146)	2013-04-26 2004
P	Groundwater remediation at Petroleum Hydrocarbon fuel, volatile organic compound and/or hexavalent chromium impacted sites (Order No. 2007-0019)	2013-05-08 2007
P	Regulation of Ready-mix Concrete Waste Products	2013-04-26 Earmarked by the new WDR II unit at the State Water Board for consideration of a state-wide GO
P	Modify the Beneficial Uses for Freshwater Aquatic Habitat and Remove Spawning for West Squaw Creek - Amendment to the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basin Plan	2013-05-29 Use Attainability Analysis was conducted to demonstrate the current beneficial uses assigned to West Squaw Creek, a stream heavily impacted by acid mine drainage, are not achievable. Specifically, the stream cannot support fish and other pH or metal sensitive aquatic species and spawning of selected fish species defined in the Basin Plan. A Staff Report including the proposed amendments and CEQA functional equivalent document was presented to the Regional Board on 9 July 2004. The Regional Board adopted Resolution R5-2004-0090 which included the UAA, Staff Report, Functional Equivalent Document and proposed amendments. BPA rejected by State Board. Staff gathering additional information to respond to State Board and USEPA comments. Expected completion date 2015
P	General Order for Poultry Facilities (potentially NPDES in accordance with Federal CAFO regulations)	2013-04-26 General Order (or group of orders) for poultry raising and egg laying facilities. Multiple orders may be needed to address the different types of facilities and their dischargers. Not yet started, but requested by poultry industry.
P	New winery waste guidelines	2013-04-26 Industry recommendations will be reviewed by CVSALTS Management Practices Subcommittee
P	Sand/gravel wash water to land GENERAL ORDER or waiver	2013-04-26 Earmarked by the new WDR II unit at the State Water Board for consideration of a state-wide GO
P	New Manual of Good Practice for Land Application of Food Processing/Rinse Water	2013-04-26 Industry recommendations will be reviewed by CVSALTS Management Practices Subcommittee
P	General Recycling Order for third-party recycling of municipal wastewater by agriculture	2013-04-26 General order needed to facilitate recycling by farmers next to POTWs that have an approved Title 22 report for the use. This would facilitate recycling for agriculture reuse, similar to the GO for recycling wastewater for landscape irrigation. No date scheduled for adoption at this time. May have state-wide applicability
P	Renew Waiver of filing a report of waste discharge and obtaining waste discharge requirements and associated Memorandum of Understanding with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency regarding construction and new development in the Lake Tahoe Basin	2013-11-25 To be considered in late FY 13-14 or early FY 14-15.

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P	Basin Plan Amendment to lift pier prohibition in spawning habitat and address shorezone impacts at Lake Tahoe	2014-02-24 In process. TRPA beginning environmental analysis on its updated Shorezone program and ordinances. Lahontan Water Board will be Lead agency under CEQA and will prepare a Basin Plan Amendment. Anticipated Water Board adoption Summer/Fall 2015.
TBD	GENERAL ORDER for petroleum cleanup waste to land	2013-04-29 Actively used (Order R5-2003-0044)
TBD	Waiver of low threat discharges to land	2013-04-29 Actively used (Resolution R5-2008-0182)
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TBD	Electronic Management System (aka Paperless Office) status update. Update is specific to R9, but other regions are using ECM.	2013-04-29 Informational item scheduled for Summer 2011.

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C2013	R7	Agricultural Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for the Bard Unit	ORDER R7-2013-0002, Adopted 1/17/13: Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Agricultural Wastewater Discharges and Discharges of Waste from Drain Operation and Maintenance Activities Originating within the Bard Unit of the Reservation Division – Imperial County <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/adopted_orders/orders/2013/0002bard.pdf">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/adopted_orders/orders/2013/0002bard.pdf</a>	Regional
C2013	R8	Amendment of Riverside County MS4 Permit to Eliminate Dual Regulation of Three Cities located within Regions 8 and 9.	The Board adopted Order No. R8-2013-00024 on June 7, 2013 amending the Riverside County MS4 Permit to add newly incorporated cities and to eliminate dual regulation for three cities under Regions 8 and 9.	Regional
C2013	SB	Aquatic Pesticide General Permit – Weed Control Aquatic Application	The Board adopted the permit on March 5, 2013.	Statewide
C2013	R7	Basin Plan Amendment: Incorporate State Water Board OWTS Policy adopted June, 2012.	Completed 9/19/2013 Board meeting.	Regional
C2013	R3	BPA to adopt State Water Board OWTS policy	Adopted May 2013	Regional
C2013	R5	Conditional Waiver for Disaster-Related Wastes During a State of	R5-2008-0093 to provide a mechanism for management and disposal of disaster related wastes, in compliance with the California Water Code, that results from fires, floods, storms, earthquakes, and mass mortality of animals when a state of emergency has been declared by the Governor. WDR to be updated at April 2013 Board meeting	Regional

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		Emergency	to incorporate minor clarifications.	
C2013	R1	County road waiver/permit	Adopted by Regional Board May 2013	Regional
C2013	R5	Drinking Water Policy for the Surface Waters of the Delta and its Tributaries	Policy adopted by Central Valley Water Board on 26 July 2013 and the State Water Board on 3 December 2013.	Regional
C2013	R5	Establish Site-Specific Objectives for Chloroform, Chlorodibromomethane and Dichlorobromomethane for New Alamo and Ulatis Creeks and Permit Implementation Provisions - Amendment to the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basin Plan	Central Valley Water Board adopted the Basin Plan Amendment on 27 May 2010, State Water Board approved the amendment on 8/6/2011, and OAL approved the amendment on 11/3/2011. Amendment submitted to USEPA for approval on 9/21/2011. USEPA approved the site specific objectives in April 2013, although certain implementation actions were not approved.	Regional
C2013	R5	Evaluate Municipal and Domestic Supply Beneficial Uses for Atwater Drain - Amendment to the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basin Plan	Determined that basin plan amendment is not necessary	Regional
C2013	R7	General NPDES Permit for CAFO's in Region 7	ORDER R7-2013-0800, NPDES NO. CAG017001, Adopted 6/20/13 Waste Discharge Requirements and General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations within the Colorado River Basin Region <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/adopted_orders/orders/2013/0800cafo.pdf">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/adopted_orders/orders/2013/0800cafo.pdf</a>	Regional
C2013	R4	General NPDES Permit for Discharges of Groundwater from Construction and Project Dewatering to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties	Adopted by the Board on June 6, 2013	Regional
C2013	R3	General permit for aquaculture/aquariums	Re-issued December 2013.	Regional
C2013	R7	MS4 within the Whitewater River Watershed	ORDER NO. R7-2013-0011, NPDES NO. CAS617002, Adopted 6/20/13 Waste Discharge Requirement for Discharges from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) within the Whitewater River Watershed Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Owner/Operator County of Riverside, Owner/Operator Coachella Valley Water District, Owner/Operator and Incorporated Cities of Riverside County within the Whitewater River Basin, <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/adopted_orders/orders/2013/0011cv_ms4.pdf">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/adopted_orders/orders/2013/0011cv_ms4.pdf</a>	Regional
C2013	SB	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) - Phase II Permit for Small	The draft MS4 Phase II permit was revised to address public comments received during 2011. The revised draft permit was noticed for public comment on May 21, 2012. The public comment period closed on July 23, 2012 and a Public Hearing was held on August 8, 2012. The revised draft permit was noticed for an additional 30-day public	Statewide

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		Communities	comment period on November 16, 2012. The revised draft permit was presented to the State Water Board on January 8, 2013, and adopted on February 5, 2013.	
C2013	R4	NPDES Permit Renewal: Treated groundwater and other wastewaters from investigation and/or cleanup of petroleum fuel-contaminated sites to surface water (Order No. R4-2007-0061)	Regional Board adopted on March 7, 2013	Regional
C2013	R4	NPDES Permit Renewal: Treated groundwater from investigation and/or cleanup of volatile organic compounds-contaminated sites to surface water (Order No. R4-2007-0022)	Regional Board adopted on March 7, 2013	Regional
C2013	R9	NPDES Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit for the Entire San Diego Region	Adopted in May 2013.	Regional
C2013	SB	Once-Through Cooling (316b) Policy Amendment	An amendment to change section 3(c), from State to Regional Board re-issuance of NPDES permits for existing Once-Through Cooling plants was approved by the Board on June 18, 2013.	Statewide
C2013	SB	Recycled Water Policy Amendment - Constituents of Emerging Concern	The Recycled Water Policy Amendment was adopted by the State Water Board at their January 22, 2013 meeting. OAL approved the amendment on April 25, 2013.	Statewide
C2013	R8	Renewal of General NPDES Permit for Confined Animal Feeding Operations.	Adopted by the Board at the June 7, 2013 Board meeting.	Regional
C2013	R5	Revise Selenium Control Program - Amendment to the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basin Plan	Central Valley Water Board adopted the Amendment in May 2010 and State Water Board approved it in October 2010. Approval by the Office of Administrative Law was received in December 2010. Effective on 7 November 2013.	Regional
C2013	SB	Sanitary Sewer System (SSS) MRP Update	The Executive Director briefed the Board members prior to signing the revised MRP. The revised MRP was issued by the Executive Director in early July 2013 with an effective date of September 9, 2013 to coincide with the routine California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) upgrade.	Statewide
C2013	R8	Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements (five-year renewal)	Adopted by the Board at the March 22, 2013 meeting.	Regional

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C2012	R7	Agricultural Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Palo Verde Valley and Palo Verde Mesa	ORDER R7-2012-0047 Adopted 9/20/12 Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Agricultural Wastewater Discharges and Discharges of Waste from Drain Operation and Maintenance Activities Originating within the Palo Verde Valley and Palo Verde Mesa – Riverside and Imperial Counties <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradriver/board_decisions/adopted_orders/orders/2012/0047waiver.pdf">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradriver/board_decisions/adopted_orders/orders/2012/0047waiver.pdf</a>	Regional
C2012	R5	Aquifer Storage and Recovery	Statewide General WDRs adopted by State Board 9/19/2012 (WQ Order 2012-0010)	Statewide
C2012	SB	Aquifer Storage and Recovery Statewide General WDRs	Adopted by the State Water Board on September 19, 2012.	Statewide
C2012	SB	Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS)	General exception adopted by the State Water Board on March 20, 2012, and the State Water Board made non-substantive edits to the exception in June 2012. Staff is now working with stakeholders on implementation and monitoring. A particular emphasis is being placed on organizing and approving regional monitoring programs on the southern, central and north coasts. In addition, staff is also reviewing waterfront management plans for those ASBS dischargers with piers and mooring fields. The ASBS draft compliance Plan dateline for some entities under the general exception is Sept 20, 2013.	Statewide
C2012	SB	Constituents of Emerging Concern (CEC) in Aquatic Ecosystems	The State Water Board received a final report from the scientific advisory panel on April 27, 2012. Staff presented an information item on the report at the October 16, 2012, State Board Meeting.	Statewide
C2012	SB	Ocean Plan Amendment: Marine Protected Areas and Water Quality Protection Areas	Draft amendment, draft SED, and public notice released January 12, 2012. The comment period ended April 18, 2012 and several comments were received. The public hearing was held on May 1, 2012. A Board workshop was held on August 22 in the afternoon. The written comment period ended on August 31, 2012. The State Water Board adopted the amendment on October 16, 2012.	Statewide
C2012	SB	Ocean Plan Amendment: model monitoring and vessel provisions	A Public Hearing was conducted on November 1, 2011. Changes to the draft Substitute Environmental Documentation and staff's proposed changes to the amendments were presented at the Board Workshop on August 22, 2012. The written comment period ended on August 31, 2012. The State Water Board adopted the amendment on October 16, 2012.	Statewide
C2012	SB	Once-Through Cooling (316b) Policy Amendment	Staff released draft amendment on May 17, 2011. Amendments were adopted on July 19, 2011. OAL approved on March 12, 2012.	Statewide
C2012	SB	Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Policy	The Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Policy was adopted by the State Water Board On June 19, 2012. The Office of Administrative Law approved the Policy on November 13, 2012. The effective date of the Policy is May 13, 2013.	Statewide
C2012	SB	Rapid Diagnostic Tests for Bacterial Indicators in Coastal Waters	This project is being coordinated by the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) in collaboration with the Water Boards. Results and lessons were learned transmitted to U.S. EPA for consideration in national standards setting work for a new test. The pilot demonstration that began in Orange County (2010) was partially repeated in Los Angeles County in summer 2011. The SCCWRP Task Force, with participants from the Water Boards, will be preparing a final report.	Statewide
C2012	R8	Regional Sector-Specific General Industrial Storm Water Permit for Metals Recycling Facilities (Scrap Metal Permit)	Workshops held at the April 29 and August 1, 2011 Board meetings; First public hearing on October 28, 2011. Permit adopted by the Board on February 10, 2012.	Regional
C2012	R6	Renewal of Waiver for Grazing Activities in Bridgeport Valley	Adopted July 2012	Regional

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C2012	SB	Storm Water Caltrans 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. A draft Tentative Order was released for public review on January 7, 2011. The public comment period closed 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. A second revised draft tentative order was posted for public comment on April 27, 2012, and a staff workshop was held on May 21, 2012. The comment period for the second revised draft closed on June 26, 2012. A public hearing was held on August 7, 2012. The State Water Board adopted the permit at its September 19, 2012 meeting along with minor revisions as proposed by staff. The new permit took effect July 1, 2013. Staff are actively working with the Regional Water Boards and Caltrans to develop implementation requirements for 71 TMDLs through a permit reopener.	Statewide
C2012	SB	Storm Water Construction General Permit Amendments (Numeric Effluent Limits removed)	Staff prepared an amendment for the State Water Board to remove numeric effluent limits from the existing General Permit in response to a Superior Court decision. The State Water Board adopted amendments to the Construction General Permit on July 17, 2012.	Statewide
C2012	SB	UST Low-Threat Case Closure Policy	The Low-Threat UST Case Closure Policy was adopted by the State Water Board on May 1, 2012. OAL approved the administrative record on July 30, 2012. Staff are working on implementation of the policy.	Statewide
C2012	SB	UST LUFT Manual Update	The Leaking Underground Fuel Tank (LUFT) Manual is being updated to reflect the Low-Threat UST Case Closure Policy that was adopted by the Board on May 1, 2012. Targeted for completion in October, 2012.	Statewide
C2012	R1	Waiver/NPDES for Dairies and associated pasture land	Board adoption January 2012	Regional

### Policies/General Permits Completed in 2011

Status Code	Org. Lead	Policy/Significant General Permit	Status	Statewide or Regional Collaborative Project
C2011	R4	Amendments to Waste Discharge Requirements for Disposal and Onsite Use of Non-designated/Non-hazardous Contaminated Soils and Related Wastes at Municipal Solid Waste Landfills	Complete in 2011	Regional
C2011	SB	Aquatic Pesticide General Permit – Aquatic Animal Invasive Species	Adopted by State Water Board on March 1, 2011.	Statewide
C2011	SB	Aquatic Pesticide General Permit – Spray Applications Permit (CDFA and USDA-Forest Services)	Adopted by State Water Board on March 1, 2011.	Statewide
C2011	SB	Aquatic Pesticide General Permit – Vector Control, (Adulticide/Larvicide)	Adopted by State Water Board on March 1, 2011.	Statewide

C2011	R6	Basin Plan Amendment to provide exemption criteria to allow aquatic pesticides in the Lahontan Region for specific circumstances	Regional Water Board adopted December 2011; State Board approved May 2012; Office of Admin Law approved September 2012; pending USEPA approval	Regional
C2011	R7	Basin Plan Amendment: Correct or Update Language, Tables, and Figures.	RWB Adoption - January, 2011	Regional
C2011	R7	Basin Plan Prohibition Septic Tank Discharges in the Town of Yucca Valley	Amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region to Prohibit Septic Tank Discharges in the Town of Yucca Valley - San Bernardino County adopted 5/19/11 <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/adopted_orders/resolutions/2011/res0004yucca_rev.pdf">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/adopted_orders/resolutions/2011/res0004yucca_rev.pdf</a>	Regional
C2011	R5	Delta Methyl Mercury and Total Mercury TMDL Control Programs - Amendment to the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basin Plan	EPA approved the TMDL in 2011. Phase 1 activities have started: a technical advisory committee was formed and has reviewed discharger methylmercury best management practices work plans; and a work plan for the Delta mercury exposure reduction program was approved in October 2013 and will be implemented next year.	Statewide
C2011	R5	General Order for centralized digesters discharging to land	Order No. R5-2011-0039, Adopted on 10 June 2011	Regional
C2011	SB	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. On October 11, 2011, U.S. EPA issued its final decision regarding the water bodies and pollutants added to the California 303(d) List.	Statewide
C2011	SB	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.	Statewide
C2011	R5	Mercury and Nutrient TMDL/Control Program in Clear Lake Watershed - Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basin Plan	Staff working with local stakeholder committee to implement control program, including implementing improved management practices, coordinating control actions and implementing grant projects. Staff completed the 5 year update for the mercury TMDL in 2011 and brought the 5-year update for the Nutrient TMDL to the Board in October 2012. Staff held a stakeholder meeting at Lakeport in February 2013 to discuss possible funding opportunities. For the Sulphur Bank mercury mine, DTSC and Regional Board are in discussion with U.S. EPA on the final remedy to remediate the mine.	Regional
C2011	R2	Multi-year stream maintenance permit for Sonoma County Water Agency	Adopted April 2011.	Regional
C2011	R3	Multi-year stream maintenance plan for Santa Barbara County Flood Control	Complete in 2011	Regional
C2011	R9	NPDES General Permit for Fireworks in the San Diego Region	Scheduled for adoption in May 2011.	Regional
C2011	SB	Ocean Plan Triennial Review	Adopted by State Water Board on March 15, 2011.	Statewide
C2011	SB	Sediment Quality Objectives (SQOs) for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries: Fish and Wildlife	Adopted by State Water Board on April 6, 2011. Approved by the Office of Administrative Law on June 13, 2011. Staff has submitted to U.S. EPA.	Statewide
C2011	SB	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.	Regional
C2011	R6	Update Lake Tahoe Basin Construction Storm Water NPDES Permit	Adopted April 2011.	Regional
C2011	R6	Update Lake Tahoe Basin Municipal Storm Water NPDES Permit	Adopted December 2011.	Regional



## Policies/General Permits Completed in 2010

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C2010	R6	Adoption of NPDES Permit allowing use of Rotenone as part of USFWS Piute Cutthroat Trout Recovery Project - Silver King Creek - (controversial)	Adopted in 2010 (petition submitted and two lawsuits)	Regional
C2010	R6	Basin Plan Amendment and TMDL adoption for Lake Tahoe Sediment and Nutrient TMDL	Adopted by Regional Board November 2010. State Board adoption April 2011.	Regional
C2010	R2	Basin Plan amendment for Beneficial Use update.	Adopted July 2010.	Regional
C2010	R2	Basin Plan amendment to update bacterial standards for SF Bay to make consistent with those in Ocean Plan.	Adopted April 2010.	Regional
C2010	R7	Basin Plan Amendment: Revise indicator bacteria used to demonstrate compliance with bacteria water quality objectives for a 17-mile stretch of the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel.	RWB adoption May, 2010.	Regional
C2010	R5	CEQA document and General Order for dairy anaerobic digesters	Order No. R5-2010-0130, Adopted on 10 December 2010	Regional
C2010	R4	Conditional Waiver for Irrigated Lands	Reissued in October 2010. The reissued waiver includes new requirements to achieve TMDL Load Allocations assigned to irrigated agriculture.	Regional
C2010	R5	General NPDES Permit for Fish and Hatcheries	Adopted February 2010.	Regional
C2010	SB	Once-Through Cooling (316b) Policy	Approved by Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on September 27, 2010. Effective date October 1, 2010. Staff is working with stakeholders and state agencies on implementation.	Statewide
C2010	SB	Once-Through Cooling (316b) Policy Limited Revisions	Adoption Hearing held on December 14, 2010. No changes made to Policy.	Regional
C2010	R6	Reissuance of General NPDES Permit for Disposal of Treated Groundwater	Adopted June 2010	Regional
C2010	R8	Riverside County MS4 Municipal Storm Water Permit Reissuance	Adopted by the Regional Board on January 29, 2010.	Regional
C2010	R5	Rubicon Trail-Cleanup and Abatement Order-EI Dorado County and Eldorado National Forest	Highly controversial matter. Nationally recognized OHV trail recently situated in the El Dorado National Forest is subject to a Cleanup and Abatement Order to establish a plan to protect water quality. The County and Forest Service required to complete Saturated Soil Water Quality Protection Plan by October 2010. USFS has petitioned State Board to remove their name from the order.	Regional
C2010	R5	Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District – NPDES Permit Renewal	Adopted December 2010. Controversial permit renewal. Largest, inland surface water discharger in Central Valley to Delta. Adopted permit requires upgrade for tertiary treatment for pathogen removal, ammonia removal, nitrate removal, studies of thermal discharge impacts. State Board Decision on Petitions issued. Appealed to superior court by two parties.	Regional
C2010	R8	San Bernardino County MS4 Municipal Storm Water Permit Reissuance	Adopted by the Regional Board on January 29, 2010.	Regional

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C2010	SB	South Bay Power Plant	Notice of Cancellation of Public Hearing issued on November 2, 2010 due to permit application withdrawal.	Regional
C2010	R5	Waiver and General Order for Silviculture Activities	On 18 March 2010, the Regional Water Board adopted the Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities in Order No. R5-2010-0022 (Waiver). The Waiver specifies eligibility criteria and conditions that must be met by dischargers engaged in timber harvest activities on private and USFS lands in order to qualify for a waiver of waste discharge requirements (WDR). The Waiver includes a Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) which identifies times and types of monitoring	Regional

## Division of Water Rights

Status Code	Policy/Significant General Permit	Last Updated / Status	Statewide/Regional Project	Org. Lead
(A-14*)	Draft WQCP update for San Joaquin River flows and southern Delta salinity objectives	2014-01-29 Draft Substitute Environmental (SED) released on December 31, 2012 for public comment. Hearing to receive comments on the SED was held on March 20-21, 2013, and comments were received by March 29, 2013. Revised Draft SED to be recirculated for public comment <b>spring/summer</b> 2014. Draft plan amendment to be brought to the Board for consideration in <b>fall/winter</b> of 2014.	Yes	SB (DWR) Diane Riddle
(A*)	Russian River Frost Protection Regulation	The Russian River Frost Protection Regulation became effective on December 29, 2011. 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. A court hearing was held in June, 2012. On September 26, 2012 the court issued a decision invalidating the regulations, and on March 6, 2013 issued an amended decision stating that the State Water Board failed to follow CEQA in adopting the regulation. The State Water Board appealed the court decision in May 2013.	No	SB (DWR) John O'Hagan
A-13	Instream Flow Policy (AB 2121)	On August 9, 2012, the Alameda Superior Court issued a writ of mandate directing the State Water Board to vacate the State Water Board's adoption of the Policy and certification that the CEQA documentation had been completed in compliance with CEQA. The Board complied with this directive on October 16, 2012. (State Water Board Resolution No. 2012-0058.) The State Water Board directed the Division of Water Rights to prepare additional CEQA documentation necessary to comply with the court's decision and to recirculate all or part of the SED, if necessary. The Division of Water Rights prepared the necessary information and recirculated portions of the SED on February 22, 2013. Written comments on the adequacy of the revised SED were due by April 8, 2013 and oral comments were received at a State Water Board hearing on April 23, 2013. Staff developed and posted responses to the received comments. The comments received did not result in any substantial changes to the Policy. Edits to the Policy consisted of minor corrections and clarifications. The State Water Board considered and approved a resolution certifying the CEQA documentation, with revisions, and adopting the Policy on October 22, 2013. The Administrative Record was submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on January 6, 2014. OAL approval was received and the Policy became effective on February 4, 2014.	Yes	SB (DWR) Katy Lee