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SUBJECT: Regional Board Enforcement Program

REPORT: Status Report of Enforcement Efforts for Calendar Years 2008 and 2009

Staff will present an update of the recent Enforcement Program activities and accomplishments undertaken by the Regional Board since the last updates that were presented in March 2005, May and August 2006, January 2008. Routine updates are also included in the EO Reports for the Regional Board meetings. It will also present the program outlook for Regional Board discussion.

Governor Schwarzenegger's *Action Plan for California's Environment* and Cal/EPA's *Strategic Vision* established a management priority to improve enforcement activities and outcomes. The *2005 Water Boards Enforcement Plan* specifies actions the Water Boards are taking to participate in this effort to improve enforcement activities. The Regional Board has responded. It has been working to enhance enforcement efforts by carrying out actions specified in the *Water Boards 2008-2012 Strategic Plan*, as well as evaluating and refining internal processes and procedures to more efficiently manage the enforcement caseload, and ensure consistent, timely, fair, effective enforcement responses. Recently, the new State Water Board *Enforcement Policy* and *Supplemental Environmental Projects Policy* have been adopted. In addition, the Water Boards have launched a *Performance Measures* initiative that includes measuring progress in the enforcement arena.

ISSUES The staff presentation will address the following topics

- Enforcement policies and procedures
- Regional Board Enforcement Program
 - activities programmatic efforts
 - caseload summary and highlights
- Program outlook

RECOMMENDATION: No action required, information item only

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