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## State Water Boards Fourth Web-based Performance Report Now Available

*Key Accomplishments Noted for 2011-2012*

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**SACRAMENTO** – The California Water Boards launched their fourth web-based annual *Performance Report* this week -- a report intended to illustrate the Water Boards' efforts over the last year and show the progress being made to protect and allocate California's water resources.

In an era marked by tightening water supplies and increasing pressures on the quality of water available for drinking, recreation, and habitat protection as well as economic and budgetary challenges – this “report card” communicates to the public the quality of California's waters and the performance of the Water Boards in protecting those waters.

Improvements to this web-based report include enhanced statewide compliance and enforcement data, as well as assessments of efforts to restore polluted waterways. Despite the challenges of shrinking budgets and fewer staff available to handle a large, increasing and diverse workload, the Water Boards collectively oversaw more than 32,000 dischargers; took about 150 individual permit actions; inspected almost 5,000 facilities; completed more than 200 penalty and compliance actions; and adopted plans to address more than 100 “listings” for polluted waterways.

“Changes in this year's report reflect a true shift to managing through performance.” said State Water Board Chair Charles Hoppin. “Using current water quality data to evaluate the effectiveness of our pollution control efforts demonstrates the Water Boards' commitment to working with all parties to figure out what has worked and what needs to be changed.”

This report makes information available in a publicly-accessible manner and is expected to lead to greater public interest and involvement in the work of the Water Boards. Establishing and using measures of environmental and Water Board performance, along with data and data systems, to track and report progress in meeting goals and targets helps the Water Boards to manage and evaluate its programs, activities, and priorities, and improve efficiencies.

The State Water Resources Control Board's mission is to preserve, enhance and restore the quality of California's water resources, and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations.

**See the fact sheet:**

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about\\_us/performance\\_report\\_1112/docs/pr201112\\_factsheet.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/performance_report_1112/docs/pr201112_factsheet.pdf)

**To learn more, visit the water boards' *Performance Report* at:**

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