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State Water Boards' Sixth Web-based Performance Report Now Available

Key Accomplishments Noted for 2013-2014

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SACRAMENTO – Assessing the effect of regulatory requirements at improving water quality in impaired watersheds around the State is a key focus of the sixth web-based annual *Performance Report* released this week.

The “report card” documents the Water Boards’ performance in an era marked by tightening water supplies; increasing pressures on the quality of water available for drinking, recreation, and habitat protection; and ongoing expectations for transparency and accountability by the regulated community.

During the last fiscal year the [Water Boards](#) collectively oversaw more than 25,000 dischargers; took about 215 individual permit actions; conducted 5,800 inspections; completed 226 penalty and compliance actions; and adopted plans to address more than 120 “listings” for polluted waterways.

Enhancements to this web-based report include a redesign of the performance target pages, data automation, and accelerated efforts to analyze water quality data to determine the overall effect that our regulatory programs are having on the waters they are designed to protect.

“Our workload has increased substantially in the past year due to the continuing drought, emergency regulations, water right curtailments, the addition of the drinking water division and water quality policy initiatives,” said State Water Board Chair Felicia Marcus. “Those challenges and more will continue in the coming year. It is a work in progress, but this report gives the public a picture of how we are handling the challenges, and how our work affects their lives on a daily basis, including whether that work is making a difference.”

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, 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.

To learn more, visit the water boards’ *Performance Report* at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/performance_report_1314/

