

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS
FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

ITEM 5

SUBJECT

INFORMATIONAL ITEM: UPDATE OF THE CURRENT REVIEW OF THE 2006 WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY/SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA ESTUARY AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION

DISCUSSION

The State Water Board is in the process of updating the [2006 Bay-Delta Plan](#) to protect beneficial uses in the Bay-Delta Watershed. The Bay-Delta Plan identifies beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta, water quality objectives for the reasonable protection of those beneficial uses, and a program of implementation for achieving the water quality objectives. The State Water Board began its planning efforts in [2009](#) by focusing on the southern Delta salinity and San Joaquin River flow objectives and the program of implementation for those objectives.

In January 2012, the State Water Board issued a [Supplemental Notice of Preparation](#), beginning the next phase of its review which will examine whether changes are needed to Delta outflow and other flow objectives as well as potential changes to the monitoring and special studies program as well as the program of implementation.

This plan review, as well as other Bay-Delta activities are described in the 2008 [Strategic Workplan for Activities in the Bay-Delta](#) (Workplan), which identifies actions that the State Water Board, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board will take to protect beneficial uses in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Bay-Delta).

The Assistant Deputy Director for Water Rights, Mr. Les Grober, will provide a brief update on the overall schedule for the update of the 2006 Water Quality Control Plan for the Bay-Delta and its implementation and the interrelationships with the Bay-Delta Plan and the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. Following Mr. Grober's presentation, the Board will receive public comments on this matter.

More information on the [Bay Delta Program](#) and a short [fact sheet](#) describing current efforts are available on-line.

POLICY ISSUE

None at this time. Informational Item.

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time. Informational Item.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None at this time. Informational Item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None at this time. Informational Item.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 4 of the Strategic Plan Update, 2008-2012: Comprehensively address water quality protection and restoration of the relationship between water supply and water quality, and describe the connections between water quality, water quantity, and climate change, throughout California's water planning processes.