

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL
JULY 17, 2012**

ITEM 8

SUBJECT

INFORMATION ITEM TO ALLOW PUBLIC AGENCIES, POTENTIALLY RESPONSIBLE PARTIES, AND AFFECTED COMMUNITIES TO UPDATE BOARD MEMBERS ON LEGAL AND TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THE RIALTO PERCHLORATE CONTAMINATION.

DISCUSSION

Since 2002, the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) has been conducting an investigation of groundwater contamination in the area of the City of Rialto. A focus of the investigation has been facilities located on a 160-acre site in Rialto. The Santa Ana Water Board Executive Officer issued a Cleanup and Abatement Order for the site on February 8, 2005.

In [Order WQ 2008-0004](#), the State Water Board commenced review of actions and inactions of the Santa Ana Water Board concerning the 160-acre site in Rialto. The State Water Board's review was temporarily stayed by order of the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles pending resolution of certain legal issues. In response to a peremptory writ of mandate, the State Water Board subsequently issued [Order WQ 2009-0004](#), which was likewise challenged by various parties. Judicial challenges to the State Water Board's orders commencing own motion review have been resolved.

Given the passage of time, the State Water Board is scheduling an informational item to allow interested persons to provide background information and status updates. The purpose of this item is to provide and allow potential parties in this matter an opportunity to address the State Water Board regarding the ongoing efforts to investigate and remediate perchlorate contamination in the Rialto-Colton groundwater basin.

POLICY ISSUE

This is an information item only and there will be no action on this item.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

Santa Ana Water Board

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 to narrative of goal(s). In particular, approval of this item will assist in fulfilling Objective 2.1 (Improve and protect groundwater in high-use basins by regulating activities that impact beneficial uses) and Objective 2.2 (Identify strategies to ensure that communities that rely on groundwater contaminated by anthropogenic sources will have a reliable drinking water supply).