

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
AUGUST 4, 2015**

ITEM 11

SUBJECT

UPDATE REGARDING THE AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL POLICY FOR DEVELOPING CALIFORNIA'S CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 303(d) LIST.

DISCUSSION

On February 3, 2015, by [Resolution No. 2015-0005](#), the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) amended the Water Quality Control Policy for Developing California's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List (Listing Policy) concerning the process by which the Clean Water Act section 303(d) List is compiled and adopted; to promote efficiencies in the manner in which data is solicited and assessed; and to streamline the public participation and water board review process. The amendment allows the State Water Board to more timely submit 303(d) Lists to United States Environmental Protection Agency.

This informational update will focus on the change to the Listing Policy that modified the definition for "readily available information" to mean all information submitted to the California Environmental Data Exchange Network (CEDEN), a website (www.ceden.org) for sharing and collecting information about the state's waterbodies. If CEDEN cannot accept a particular format or type of data, the Regional Water Boards or the State Water Board may accept that data and information if it meets the formatting and quality assurance requirements detailed in Section 6.1.4 of the Listing Policy and the notice of solicitation. At the February 3, 2015 Board Meeting, the State water Board directed staff to report back on the process for submitting data that is not currently accepted by CEDEN and on the redevelopment of CEDEN based on stakeholder input.

POLICY ISSUE

None at this time.

FISCAL IMPACT

This is an information item only.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

This is an information item only.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None, information item only.

<p>State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 1 of the State Water Board's Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 to "[i]mplement strategies to fully support the beneficial uses for all 2006 303(d)-listed water bodies by 2030"; Goal 5 to "[i]mprove transparency and accountability [...] by enhancing and improving accessibility of data and information"; and Goal 6 to "[e]nhance consistency across the Water Boards, on an ongoing basis, to ensure our processes are effective, efficient, and predictable, and to promote fair and equitable application of laws, regulations, policies, and procedures."</p>
