

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board September 6, 2018

State and Regional Water Boards Website Standardization Project: Jeremiah Puget & Patti Corsie

Starting July 2017, the State Water Board instituted a standardization of each of the nine Regional Water Boards and the State Water Board websites. This standardization allows a person to seamlessly go from one Water Board website to another and readily find information, no matter which Water Board website is used. Region 1 finished the website conversion in mid-October 2017.

THE HOME PAGE:

Starting at the top right-hand side of the Water Board Home page, there are the following hotlinks: **About Us, Contact Us, Subscribe, and Settings**



About Us:

Water Boards' Structure – Gives the mission statement for the State and Regional Water Boards; describes what the State Board and the nine Regional Boards do; describes the State Boards four major programs: 1) Water Quality; 2) Financial Assistance; 3) Water Rights; and 4) Enforcement; and the State and nine Regional Water Boards' six strategic goals: 1) The Boards' organizations are effective, innovative, and responsive; 2) Surface waters are safe for drinking, fishing, swimming, and support healthy ecosystems and other beneficial uses; 3) Groundwater is safe for drinking and other beneficial uses; 4) Water resources are fairly and equitably used and allocated consistent with public trust; 5) Individuals and other stakeholders support our efforts and understand their role in contributing to water quality; 6) Water quality is comprehensively measured to evaluate protection and restoration efforts.

Board Members Page – This page has each Board member pictured and when their term on the Board ends, and if you click on "view more details" it will display the Board Members biographical information.

Organizational Charts for State Board and the Nine Regional Boards – This is a hotlink list of State Water Resources Control Board and Divisions organizational charts and each of the nine Water Board Regions organizational charts.

Employment – Gives you a link to the complete list of State and Regional Boards employment opportunities.

Phone lists – This gives you the phone directory of Region 1's employees.

Contact us – This gives you Region 1's physical address, contact information, electronic submittal of documents guidelines, spill response information, and Google map for Region 1's office location.

Contact Us:

This link also has Region 1's physical address, and contact information including: 1) Front Desk; 2) Fax number; 3) Certified Small Business Liaison; 4) Ombudsman; 5) Small Business/Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Advocate; 6) North Coast Staff Phone List; 7) Cal/EPA Staff Directory. In addition, the page includes information on: Guidance for electronic submittal of documents and CalOES Spill response information including spill notification 1-800 number.

Subscribe:

This link has the Region 1's email subscription form, instructions for filling out, a list of programs that you can sign up to receive emails regarding that specific program, and how to unsubscribe from the subscription emailing list.

Settings:

This is where you can change the page to high contrast, increase or decrease font size or to reset the pages to the default layout.

Next on the home page are icons



By clicking on the Regional Board icon, it will bring up the Board information page with links to:

Board Members link – Takes you to the Board members page.

Board Meetings link – Takes you to the Board meetings page.

Webcasts link – Links to the Cal/EPA website and the webcasts available.

Staff Information link – Takes you to the "About Us" page.

If you hover you mouse over the Regional Board icon, it will bring up the following links:



Board Members link: This will take you to the Board members page.

Calendar link: This will take you to the Board meetings page that contains all the scheduled Board meetings for the current year, plus links to prior Board meetings since 2000. Each of the Board meeting boxes contain links to the Agenda in English and Spanish, Executive Officer Report and the approved meeting Minutes from the prior meeting.

Agendas link: This will take you to the Board meetings page.

Minutes link: This will also take you to the Board meetings page and you can then click on the minutes link for a specific Board meeting.

Orders link: This link will take you to the Board Decisions page, and links for:

- Tentative Orders This contains various draft Orders that are up for adoption at future Board meetings.
- Adopted Orders This is where you can look up adopted Orders by Dischargers, Order number, Order type, or by County.
- Notice of Violations This is where you can look up Notice of Violations by Dischargers name or by County.
- Notice of Noncompliance This is where you can lookup Notice of Noncompliance by Dischargers name or by County.
- Water Quality Certifications This is where you can look up Water Quality Certifications by applicant name, file name, contact last name, or by County.
- Webcasts link Links to the Cal/EPA website and the webcasts available

Mid-way down on the homepage, there are various sections:

Announcements section: This section is used for announcing important issues pertinent to the Region with a hotlink to further information about the announcement. **Featured Topics section:** The featured topics section is a hotlink list of Water Board programs and topics that you can click on and it will take you to the specific programs webpage, providing further information for that program.

Upcoming Board Meetings & Events. This section has hotlinks to take you to further information on the various upcoming Board meetings.

If you scroll to the end of the page, it contains links to: **Statewide Campaigns list:** Links to EPA Water Sense; Save Our Water; Flex Alert; and Register to Vote.

Quick links list: Links to File an Environmental Complaint; CalEPA Website; Board Agendas; Fees; Make a Payment; and Business help.

Resources list: Links to CEDEN; Data & Databases; Drought Information; FAAST; GeoTracker; Language Access Complaint; MyWaterQuality; Performance Reports; Spanish language access; Tribal Affairs; and their useful links.

Working with the Board: Links to Pending Opportunities for Public Participation; Employment; Do I need a Permit; Fee, Frequently Asked Questions; Grants & Loans; Board Priorities; Laws/Regulations; Plans/Policies; Public Records Center, and Publications & Forms.

PROGRAM PAGES:

Following the State Water Board directive for website standardization each of the water quality compliance programs updated their respective webpages as necessary. In some instances, this resulted in minor edits, while others led to more significant updates intended to improve access and readability.

Program pages may be accessed by hovering over the programs tab and selecting the program of interest or by clicking on the programs tab to be taken to the Programs page.

Format and minor content updates were made by Regional Water Board staff to the following program pages in 2018.

- Æ WATER BOARDS Regional Board News Room Board Decisions Programs **Public Notices** Agricultural Land NPDES Stormwater Waste Discharge Requ Basin Plan NPDES Wastewater Wastewater and Solid W Cannabis Cultivation Waste Discharge Regulatory Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS / Septic 401 Water Quality Certifi rogram Systems) Watershed Information Cleanups Santa Rosa Nutrient Offset Program Watershed Management Dairies Solid Waste Land Disposal Program / Landfills Department of Defense **Restoration Program** Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program Enforcement Forest Activites Program Timber Operations (Please refer to Forest Activities Program) NonPoint Source Total Maximum Daily Loads
 - Basin Plan

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- Cannabis Cultivation Waste Discharge Regulatory Program
- ♦ Cleanups
- Dairies
- Department of Defense
- ♦ Enforcement
- Forest Activities Program
- ♦ NonPoint Source
- NPDES Stormwater
- Santa Rosa Nutrient Offset Program
- Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program
- Total Maximum Daily Loads
- Water Quality Certification (401) (404 Permits and Wetlands)

In addition to updating our existing webpages we added some new pages and/or made significant changes to the following pages:

- Restoration Program This new page summarizes our Policy in Support of Restoration and generally describes our approach to the restoration and enhancement of aquatic ecosystems.
- Do I Need a Permit? This new page outlines who we are and what we do as well as providing links to reports of waste discharge, permit application, and other forms necessary to obtain permits.
- Wastewater and Solid Waste Permitting This new page functions as a directory intended to plainly describe our wastewater and waste disposal programs listed below. Additional program contacts, details, and resources can be found at the main program pages for:

Agricultural Lands

Contacts

Program Resources

California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWC)

California Water Code: Porter-Cologne Water

· Electronic Submittal of Information (ESI) for

Designated Level Methodology: For Waste

Classification and Cleanup Level Determination

Charles Reed, Land Disposal and Groundwater

Permitting Unit Supervisor (107) 576-2752, Charles.Reed@waterboards.ca.gov

Quality Control Act

Groundwater Modeling

Do I need a Permit?
Waste Classification

Water Quality Goals

Waste Discharge Fee Schedules

GeoTracker • Facilities / GeoTracker

- NPDES Wastewater (formerly NPDES Permitting, Surveillance, and Enforcement)
- Waste Discharge Requirements (formerly Non-Chapter 15 Permitting, Surveillance, and Enforcement)
- Solid Waste Land Disposal Program / Landfills (New page)
- Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) / Septic Systems (New page)
- Waste Classification (New page)

NEW FEATURES:

In addition to new format and content there are new site features. <u>Collapsible headers</u> make program pages more condensed and allow readers to get a summary of the program or explore program related topics, policies, and regulations.

Waste Discharge Requirements for Wastewater, Waste Residuals, & Recycled Water

The Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Program regulates all discharges of waste to land. Waste discharge requirements adopted under the WDR Program protect surface water by either prohibiting discharge of a pollutunt to waters of the U.S. or prescribing requirements for discharge to surface waters that are not waters of the U.S., and they protect groundwater by prescribing waste containment, treatment, and control requirements. The WDR program, also known as the Non-Chapter 15 Permitting. Survice concernent Program, is a mandated program issuing WDRs to regulate the discharge of municipal, industrial, commercial and other wastes to land that will or have the potential to affect groundwater.

Section 13260(a) of the California Water Code requires that any person discharging waste or proposing to discharge waste within any region, other than to a community sewer system, that could affect the quality of the waters of the State, must file a report of waste discharge. All waste discharge requirements issued by the Regional Water Board include self-monitoring programs requiring the waste discharge requirement water quality data and to submit it to the Regional Water Board for evaluation of compliance with waste discharge requirements.

WDRs are written for a specific discharger (individual WDRs) or to regulate a similar group of dischargers (general WDRs). In recent years, the Program staff has also used conditional waivers, which may be used to regulate those discharges that have the lowest threat to water quality. WDRs and waivers issued in the North Coast Region can be viewed on the Adopted Orders Page.

Common Types of WDRs

Waste Classification

Regulations and Polici

Common Types of WDRs

Below are some of the common types of WDRs, plus other statewide Water Board programs administered under the WDRs Program. Some categories of waste may have specific program information, applicable general permits, and/or conditional waivers

- Agriculture Lands Discharge Program
- Aquifer Storage and Recovery Projects
- Community Wastewater Treatment Facilities
 - See Adopted Orders for individual permits
- General Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Domestic Water Treatment Systems
- Dairies
- Domestic Sewage Sludge and Biosolids
- On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS/Septic Systems)
- Sanitary Sewer Overflows
- Recycled Water
- Wine, Beverage and Food Processors

The scope of the WDRs Program also includes the discharge of wastes classified as inert, pursuant to section 20230 of Title 27. Exemptions from Title 27 may be granted for nine categories of discharges (e.g., sewage, wastewater, etc. that meet, and continue to meet, the preconditions listed for each specific exemption. Reformatting our contacts and adding program resources and other documents makes relevant information more accessible when reviewing program pages.

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Section 1396(a) of the California Water Code requires that any person discharging waste or proposing to discharge waste which many region, other than to a community sener system, that could affect the quality of the waters of the State, must file a report of waste discharge. All waste discharge requirements issued by the Regional Water Board include self-monthing programs requiring the waste discharger to collect pertinent water quality data and to submit it to the Regional Water Board for evaluation of compliance with waste discharger requirements.

MDRs are written for a specific discharger (individual WDRs) or to regulate a similar group of dischargers (general NDRs). In recent years, the Program staff has also used conditional waivers, which may be used to regulate those discharges that have the lowest threat to water quality. WDRs and waivers issued in the North Coast Region can be viewed on the Adopted Orders Pace.

Many Regional Water Board staff were involved with upgrading the program webpages, and special thanks goes to our stellar IT staff Nicolas Denton and Greg Nash for making it happen!

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Update on the Russian River Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP) *Chuck Striplen*

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) has called for the creation of a regional monitoring program to coordinate the best available independent science to support environmental, regulatory, and management decisions throughout the Russian River watershed. In 2017, Regional Water Board staff contracted with the San Francisco Estuary Institute - Aquatic Science Center (SFEI-ASC) to help develop the Russian River Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP) governance framework, including a proposed roster, charter, initial management questions, and a business model. Regional Water Board staff initially expected that the R3MP would begin with a focus on baseline monitoring to support the implementation of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)

R3MP Steering Committee Member Organizations North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Co-Chair) Russian River Watershed Association (Co-Chair) Santa Rosa Water Department Sonoma County Water Agency Sonoma County PRMD Sonoma County Ag + Open Space Sonoma County Ag + Open Space Sonoma County Public Health Marin-Sonoma Mosquito Abatement District Mendocino County Water Agency Sonoma RCD Gold Ridge RCD Mendocino RCD

permit in the Russian River watershed, with the intent to expand the scope of the R3MP in the future. However, initial outreach to agencies and other partners by SFEI-ASC and Regional Water Board staff revealed broader contextual interest and enthusiasm for the R3MP.

In October 2017, the need for a fully functional, regionally-coordinated monitoring program came into sharp focus as the region, including the Russian River watershed, was subjected to the worst urban-wild land wildfire disaster in the State's history. This event highlighted both the tremendous capacity of this community to cooperate and leverage the talents of its leaders. citizens, first responders, and managers toward response, recovery, and resilience - but also some challenges with respect to the ability to understand short- and long-term impacts these fires might have on our local creeks, rivers, lakes, reservoirs, and groundwater. The fires delayed the development of the R3MP by about 6 months to allow candidate Steering Committee members to focus on their most acute responsibilities - but this experience also suggested that it may be desirable and strategic to broaden the focus of the R3MP to include a significant effort on understanding and monitoring post-fire impacts to our watersheds.

In early 2018, the Regional Water Board and SFEI-ASC organized a Steering Committee of the R3MP representing the MS4 permittees and other public agencies responsible for the environmental protection and restoration of the watershed. To date, the Steering Committee has met three times with very good attendance. Topics discussed included basic business matters and decisionmaking processes, initial management questions – which will guide recommendations for future data collection, and the possibility of on-boarding more organizations and agencies to the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee will meet roughly every six weeks through early 2019 where we will finalize an initial list of priority management questions, adopt a charter, and consider various alternatives to fund the effort in the short and long term. As this program evolves, a technical advisory committee will be assembled and work groups will be formed to consider specific topical areas (such as post-fire monitoring, data management and visualization, etc.), which will provide avenues for public and non-governmental organization (NGO) input and involvement. All Steering Committee meetings are open to the public, and an e-mail listserv has been created for dissemination of informational updates. You can subscribe to this list to receive updates by e-mail by visiting the following url:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_sub scriptions/reg1_subscribe.html



Inaugural meeting of the Russian River Regional Monitoring Program Steering Committee at the offices of the North Coast Regional Water Board, May 1, 2018. *Photo courtesy C. Striplen*

Update on the Elk River: Watershed Stewardship Program

Chuck Striplen

The Elk River Watershed Stewardship Program (Stewardship) will re-launch its work in early September 2018. The State and Regional Water Boards have recently completed the administrative steps needed to enable California Trout, Inc. (CalTrout) to take on this additional work in the Elk River, supported by the work of the Recovery Assessment team – and benefitting from the lessons learned via sediment remediation pilot projects.

As this program commences, the Elk River community and stakeholders can expect to be introduced to a wealth of new information about their river provided by the Elk River Recovery Assessment (ERRA). We now have a far better understanding of the challenges and opportunities in terms of functional recovery of beneficial uses, reduction of nuisance flooding, and support for a resilient fishery in the Elk. Using this information, the Stewardship program will assemble a number of work groups focusing on sediment remediation; science and monitoring; and water supply, infrastructure, and flooding issues related to health and safety.



Map of the Elk River Watershed

The new scope of work includes additional resources to support the engagement of the ERRA technical team (Northern Hydrology & Engineering [NHE] and Stillwater Sciences [SWS]). The community will have access to an extremely knowledgeable team of specialists who have spent much of the last decade studying the Elk River's complex conditions and challenges. The Stewardship work groups will include landowners and residents, tribes, agency representatives, commercial and non-commercial timber operators and ranching interests, and other interested stakeholders - and will work toward the development of an Action Plan and Monitoring Framework for recovery of the river and its beneficial uses.

Elk River Recovery Assessment

The Elk River Recovery Assessment reached a major milestone in August 2018 with submittal of a draft report, which will be publicly available as soon as it is finalized, expected in Fall of 2018. The primary mission of the ERRA was to conduct an integrated, system-wide, and scientificallybased planning effort, informed by predictive modeling of geomorphic and biological responses, to evaluate the potential effects of sediment remediation measures and other direct actions designed to hasten recovery of beneficial uses of water in the lower Elk River.

The ERRA team evaluated these factors within 11 hydrologically distinct reaches of the lower 19 miles of the Elk River. The results include a conceptual model of existing hydrogeomorphic processes in the Elk River; an analysis of aquatic habitat responses to sediment impairment; and output from a hydrodynamics and sediment transport model run for three scenarios. The scenarios include existing conditions, reduced sediment loads from the upper watershed, and a modified channel. The model was used to predict the system response to these alternative management scenarios. The report culminates with a proposed Recovery Framework, which includes recommendations for specific recovery action types for each of the 11 focus reaches extending from the Humboldt Redwood Company these recommendations and work with willing landowners to identify key projects on specific properties that can help move the system toward a trajectory of recovery.

Elk River Sediment Remediation Pilot Projects

Significant progress has been made in the last six months toward the construction of two sediment remediation pilot projects in the Elk River. These projects, one to take place just downstream of HRC's property on the North Fork, and the other at the Elk River Flood Curve, will remediate approximately 18,000 yd³ of sediment that has accumulated in the channel, banks, and floodplain in these areas. Once completed (Spring 2020), Regional Water Board staff and the ERRA team anticipate these projects will better convey flood flows through these areas – and will allow study of the effect of modifying the channel on recovery of beneficial uses, reduction of water surface elevations during storm events, and conveyance of sediment through the system.

One of the key challenges in permitting these projects has been to ensure that salmonid populations are protected as this work takes place. Regional Water Board staff, CalTrout, and the ERRA team have met on an ongoing basis with our colleagues in the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife and NOAA-National Marine Fisheries Service to evaluate how we can best design these projects to be supportive of goals related to fisheries habitat as well as flood control and other beneficial uses. To date, these collaborations have been very productive in identifying specific design elements that can improve conditions for salmonids, convey flood flows, and protect habitat values in the Elk River.



This figure is from the Elk River Recovery Assessment Framework draft Technical Memorandum (2018). To better understand large-scale controls on hydrodynamics and sediment dynamics in the Elk River, the ERRA analyzed the relative elevations of valley bottom landforms (e.g., terraces, natural levees, floodplains, and flood basins) above a reference valley floor surface. This longitudinal form provides an important basis for defining the analysis by distinct geomorphic reaches (e.g., Mainstem Reach 1 [MSR1], North Fork Reach 3 [NFR3], etc.).



Enforcement Report for September 2018 Executive Officer's Report Diana Henrioulle

Date Issued	Discharger	Action Type	Violation Type	Status as of August 16, 2018
	Benjamin		Non-compliance with Cannabis	
6/18/2018	Philip Diaz	NOV	WDR and unauthorized	Ongoing
	Cannon		discharges to waters of the state	_

Comments: On June 18, 2018, the Cannabis and Compliance Assurance Division Chief issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) to Benjamin Philip Diaz Cannon for failure to enroll his property for coverage in either the State or Regional cannabis cultivation waste discharge regulatory program (cannabis regulatory program) and for unauthorized discharges of waste into Mill Creek, Russian River Watershed, Sonoma County. The NOV requires the Discharger to obtain regulatory coverage by July 3, 2018 and to submit a Site Management and Site Erosion and Sediment Control Plan by July 19, 2018. Mr. Diaz has advised staff that he is no longer cultivating cannabis on his property, but has not yet furnished an erosion control plan. This matter is ongoing.

Date Issued	Discharger	Action Type	Violation Type	Status as of August 16, 2018
6/26/2018	Christopher Blount	NOV	Non-compliance with Cannabis WDR and unauthorized discharges to waters of the state	Not in Compliance

Comments: On June 26, 2018, the Cannabis and Compliance Assurance Division Chief issued an NOV to Christopher Blount for failure to enroll in the cannabis regulatory program and for unauthorized discharges of waste into Little Larabee Creek, Eel River Watershed, Humboldt County. The NOV requires the Discharger to obtain regulatory coverage by July 3, 2018 and to submit a Water Resource Protection Plan (WRPP) and schedule to correct violations and addresses the threat of future discharge to the Little Larabee Creek watershed by July 30, 2018. To date, Mr. Blount has not responded to the NOV. This matter is ongoing.

Date Issued	Discharger	Action Type	Violation Type	Status as of August 16, 2018
	Shadow		Non-compliance with Cannabis	
6/27/2018	Light Ranch,	NOV	WDR and unauthorized discharges	Ongoing
	LLC		to waters of the state	

Comments: On June 27, 2018, the Cannabis and Compliance Assurance Division Chief issued an NOV to Shadow Light Ranch, LLC for failure to comply with the Regional cannabis order, under which the property is enrolled, and for unauthorized discharges of waste into Ohman Creek, Eel River Watershed, Humboldt County. The NOV directs the Discharger to provide a revised WRPP that includes a description of proposed work and a schedule to correct those violations by July 27, 2018. This matter is ongoing.

Date Issued	Discharger	Action Type	Violation Type	Status as of August 16, 2018
6/27/2018	Edwin Barahona	NOV	Non-compliance with Cannabis WDR and unauthorized discharges to waters of the state	Ongoing

Comments: On June 27, 2018, the Cannabis and Compliance Assurance Division Chief issued an NOV to Edwin Barahona for failure to enroll in the cannabis regulatory program and for unauthorized

discharges of waste into Little Larabee Creek, Eel River Watershed, Humboldt County. The NOV requires the Discharger to obtain regulatory coverage by July 3, 2018 and to submit a WRPP and schedule to correct violations and addresses the threat of future discharge to the Little Larabee Creek watershed by July 30, 2018. The NOV was not successfully delivered to Mr. Barahona by U.S. mail. Staff have been in contact with Mr. Barahona's legal and consulting representatives in an effort to deliver the NOV and inspection report. This matter is ongoing.

Date Issued	Discharger	Action Type	Violation Type	Status as of August 16, 2018
6/28/2018	City of Ukiah	Stipulated Order for	MMPs	Ongoing
		ACLO		

Comments: On June 28, 2018, the Executive Officer issued a Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Civil Liability Order (ACLO) R1-2018-0024 to the City of Ukiah in the amount of \$33,000 for Mandatory Minimum Penalties (MMPs) associated with their Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). As described in the ACLO, the Discharger has proposed to apply the penalties towards completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) that will be carried out by the San Francisco Estuary Institute. The SEP is intended to support the City of Ukiah's Storm Water Resource Management and Habitat Protection and Restoration by mapping and ranking potential high priority green infrastructure projects and to help the City identify stream restoration opportunities. The project is currently underway and is to be completed by July 15, 2019.

Date Issued	Discharger	Action Type	Violation Type	Status as of August 16, 2018
7/19/2018	Richard Davis- Lowell	NOV	401 Certification Non- compliance	Ongoing

Comments: On July 19, 2018, the Assistant Executive Officer (AEO) issued an NOV to Richard Davis-Lowell, Davis Property-King Ridge Road Bank Stabilization project, Mendocino Coast Watershed, Mendocino, for failure to fully implement the Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (401 certification) as approved. Following a request by the discharger to rescind the certification, staff inspected the project site and identified violations and deviations from the approved project. The NOV directs the discharger to provide various technical reports that address the violations and propose steps to correct the violations. The reports are due by September 3, 2018. This matter is ongoing.

Regional Enforcement Priority Update

At the July 11, 2018 Board meeting, Water Board staff Yvonne West, Director of the State Water Board's Office of Enforcement, and Diana Henrioulle, Supervisor of Region 1's enforcement staff, provided the Board with an update on enforcement prioritization and proposed regional enforcement priorities. As discussed, the 2017 Enforcement Policy recommends that "enforcement staff for each Regional Water Board seek input at a regularly noticed public meeting of the Regional Water Board and consider identifying general enforcement priorities based on input from members of the public and Regional Water Board members within thirty (30) days thereafter." Staff recommended, and the Board supported, the following enforcement priorities for the North Coast Region:

- Prioritize and pursue enforcement cases for discharge violations associated with site development and use for cannabis cultivation.
- Identify, prioritize, and pursue enforcement cases for discharge violations associated with agricultural activities other than cannabis cultivation.
- Pursue non-filers under all our applicable regulatory programs.
- Take timely follow-up enforcement, including progressive enforcement and/or penalty assessment, where appropriate, on missed deadlines for all active enforcement orders.
- Scale up regulatory oversight and enforcement for violations of NPDES stormwater permits.
- Add a group of verifying criteria to be used by staff to further evaluate violations within the general priority categories. That is, higher priority for formal enforcement will be placed on violations where one or more of the following criteria are met:
 - Violation has resulted in threats/impacts to critical habitat for a listed endangered or threatened species;
 - Violation has affected a water of the state that resource protection agencies, including the Water Boards, have spent money restoring;
 - Violation is contributing to a watershed impairment; and
 - Violation has resulted in impacts to a public drinking water supply.

Following the staff presentation, the Regional Board and two members of the public provided comments and input. Specific comments included:

- encouragement for more and faster enforcement on cleanups cases
- encouragement to prioritize and take enforcement on animal waste-related cases, and to publicize enforcement associated with agricultural waste discharges.
- encouragement to consider increased enforcement on violations in the Humboldt Bay area.
- suggestion that the Board consider making a policy statement encouraging staff to make effective use of enforcement resources.
- encouragement to direct more attention to enforcement of violations associated with agricultural waste discharges and non-point source waste discharges, and violations in high priority watersheds, watersheds with impaired flows, and/or watersheds where disadvantaged communities, including tribes are being adversely impacted.
- encouragement to seek input from tribes regarding priority/problem sites.
- encouragement to enlist support from local agencies to assist in identifying, reporting, and taking enforcement on violations of the statewide stormwater permits (Municipal, Construction, and Industrial).

The dialogue with the Board on enforcement priorities was fruitful. Staff welcomes the Board's ongoing comments regarding priorities, enforcement implementation, and enforcement reporting, as well as the Board's requests for future enforcement-related presentations. Staff look forward to future enforcement presentations and discussions with the Board.

Projected List of Future Regional Water Board Agenda Items

The following is a list of Regional Water Board agenda items that staff are planning for the upcoming Board meetings. <u>This list of agenda items is intended for general planning purposes and is</u> <u>subject to change</u>. Questions regarding the listed agenda items should be addressed to the identified staff person.

November 14 & 15, 2018 (Santa Rosa)

- * Mendocino County LAMP (Charles Reed) [A]
- Approval of the 2019 Board Meeting Schedule (Matt St. John) [A]
- City of Ferndale WDRs (Cathy Goodwin) [A]
- Occidental CSD Rescission of NPDES & CDO (Imtiaz-Ali Kalyan) [A]
- Sierra Pacific Industries Rescission of NPDES (Imtiaz-Ali Kalyan) [A]
- Russian River Watershed Pathogens TMDL (*Alydda Mangelsdorf*) [A]
- Dairy Program WDRs (Cherie Blatt) [W]

Early 2019 (Santa Rosa) Date to Be Determined at November's Board Meeting

- Roseburg Forest Products WDRs (Roy O'Connor) [A]
- Bodega Bay PUD WDRs and Master Reclamation Permit (Cathleen Goodwin) [A]
- Sonoma County Central SWDS WDR Reissuance (Terri Cia) [A]
- Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations NPDES Permit Rescission (Imtiaz-Ali Kalyan) [A]
- South Coast SWDS Closure WDRs (Terri Cia) [A]
- City of Arcata WDR (Justin McSmith) [A]
- Town of Samoa WDRs (Justin McSmith) [A]
- Mendocino County Permit Coordination Program WDR Waiver & General Water Quality Certification (*Jonathan Warmerdam*) [A]
- Green Diamond Resource Co. South Fork Elk Management Plan (Jim Burke) [A]
- Dairy Program WDRs (Cherie Blatt) [A]
- Update from the Russian River Watershed Association [I]
- *County of Sonoma LAMP (Charles Reed) [I]

[U] = Uncontested Item [A] = Action Item

[W] = Workshop Item [I] = Information Item

* These items are pending county approval first, so timing is uncertain

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