

NONPOINT SOURCE

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NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL RELATED REPORTS PREPARED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT AND THE COASTAL ZONE ACT REAUTHORIZATION AMENDMENTS OF 1990

California Water Code section 13369(b) requires the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), in consultation with the California Coastal Commission (CCC) and other appropriate agencies, to submit to the Legislature, and make available to the public, the following information on or before December 31st of each year:

- Copies of all State Water Board and Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) (collectively, referred to as "Water Boards") reports that contain nonpoint source (NPS) pollution-related information that were prepared in the previous fiscal year (FY) pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) sections 303(d), 305(b), and 319; and the federal Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments of 1990 (CZARA) section 6217.
- 2. A summary of information related to NPS pollution that is set forth in those reports.

Four (4) reports were prepared and submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in FY 2008-09 as required under CWA sections 303(d), 305(b), and 319; and CZARA section 6217. The following is a list of the reports in chronological order and a brief summary of each report:

 California NPS Program Annual Progress Report for the CWA 319 Program (July 2007 through June 2008). The CWA 319 Program is an annual federally funded NPS pollution control program that focuses on controlling activities that impair beneficial uses and on limiting pollutant effects caused by those activities. This report provides information to U.S. EPA on the progress made in implementing the Plan for California's NPS Pollution Control Program (NPS Program Plan) during FY 2007-08. To address California's NPS problems, the State, along with many landowners, private non-profit groups and various federal and local agencies, is involved in many efforts to reduce and prevent NPS pollution. California adopted *The Plan for California's Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program (Program Plan)* in 1999 to improve and protect the quality of water and its beneficial uses. Since then, California has continuously expanded and refined its pollution control efforts, and remains focused on achieving implementation of the 61 management measures by 2013.

The lead agencies and partners for California's NPS Program Plan are the State Water Board (lead water quality agency), the nine Regional Water Boards, and the CCC (lead coastal zone management agency). Together these agencies oversee a large and complex network of watersheds. The geomorphologically diverse State has 1,609 miles of shoreline; more than 200,000 miles of rivers and streams; 1.6 million acres of lakes and reservoirs; 645,000 acres of estuaries, harbors, and bays; and 275,000 acres of wetlands. California also contains more than 100 million acres of land, 44.6 percent of which is owned and/or overseen by the federal agencies.

In addition, the Water Boards have implemented a broad program of outreach, education, technical assistance, and financial incentives. The NPS Program Plan is supplemented by collaborative efforts with other agencies and non-governmental organizations to help implement and coordinate programs that contribute to NPS control. To support the NPS Program Plan, its cooperative efforts, and to further expand support for "on the ground projects", approximately \$10.8 million was allocated to the CWA 319 Program in federal FY 2007.

The Annual Report addresses the six NPS land use categories (agriculture, forestry, urban, marinas and recreational boating, hydromodification, and wetlands), and includes a narrative discussion of significant land-use category information, a perspective on the critical issues, and a discussion of major activities and accomplishments. The report also summarizes information relative to the implementation of selected management measures and/or management practice implementation for each land-use category. This information will be used to establish a baseline level to determine future progress and milestones to assess the program's progress. This report was submitted to U.S. EPA in November 2008.

- 2. Semiannual CWA 319 Progress Report for July 2008 through December 2008 California NPS Program (Grant No. C9-969801- 01). This report summarizes the progress of the Water Boards in completing the tasks identified in the annual CWA 319 NPS Workplan for the period July 2008 through December 2008. The Workplan identifies the tasks and activities of the Water Boards' NPS Program Plan supported by the CWA 319 Grant. The total amount of funding during FY 2008-09 for NPS personnel services was approximately \$4.66 million for 36.0 personnel years (PYs). Approximately \$1.2 million (9.3 PYs) was allocated to the State Water Board and \$3.46 million (26.7 PYs) to the Regional Water Boards. All of the specified tasks were satisfactorily completed. This report was submitted to U.S. EPA in February 2009.
- 3. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program Performance Report (FY 2007 through 2008). This report provides U.S. EPA with information on the overall performance of the Water Boards' TMDL Program. Performance measures through FY 2007-08 identified in the report include the following: 146 TMDLs were adopted, 846 of the 2002 CWA 303(d) listings of impaired water bodies were addressed, 45 percent of all 2002 CWA 303(d) listings were addressed, 1053 of the total number of all listings were addressed, and 72 percent of the TMDL commitments were completed. The report was submitted to U.S. EPA in July 2008.
- 4. Semiannual CWA 319 Progress Report for January 2008 through June 2008 (Grant No. C9-969801- 01). This report summarizes the progress of the Water Boards in completing the tasks identified in the annual CWA 319 Workplan for the period January 2008 through June 2008. The Workplan identifies the tasks and activities of the Water Boards' NPS Program supported by the CWA 319 Grant. The total amount of funding during FY 2007-08 for NPS personnel services was

approximately \$4.78 million (36.2 PYs). Approximately \$1.25M (9.4 PYs) was allocated to the State Water Board and \$3.53 million (26.8 PYs) to the Regional Water Boards. All of the specified tasks were satisfactorily completed. This report was submitted to U.S. EPA in September 2007-08.

The referenced reports can be found at the following website: <u>http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/planning_implementation.shtml</u>

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