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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 that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), in consultation with the California Coastal Commission (CCC) and other appropriate agencies, 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 2009-10 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:

1. California NPS Program Annual Progress Report for the CWA 319 Program (July 2008 through June 2009) (NPS Annual Progress Report). 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 2008-09. 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 numerous efforts to reduce and prevent NPS pollution. The State Water Board and the CCC adopted the NPS Program Plan in 1999 as a fifteen-year strategy to improve and protect water quality and its beneficial uses. Since then, California has continuously expanded and refined its NPS pollution control efforts through a series of three (3) five-year NPS Program Implementation Plans (NPS Implementation Plans). The most recent of these NPS Implementation Plans covers the planning period from 2008 – 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. 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 implementation projects", approximately \$10.80 million was allocated to the CWA 319 Program in FY 2008.

The NPS Annual Progress Report primarily addresses the accomplishments of the Water Boards and CCC with respect to the goals, objectives, and program initiatives established in the most recent NPS Implementation Plan. For the State Water Board and the CCC these initiatives included: (1) education, outreach, and technical assistance; (2) financial assistance; (3) policy development and support; (4) interagency coordination; (5) critical coastal areas; and (6) monitoring. Accomplishments for each of these initiatives were evaluated in this report with respect to the planned activities to achieve those goals during the implementation planning period. All of the planned activities specified in the NPS Implementation Plan for the State Water Board and the CCC were satisfactorily completed. Regional Water Board initiatives primarily focused on the implementation of the NPS elements of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) implementation plans. These activities ranged from the management of individual CWA 319 implementation grants that directly address local NPS problems to the development and implementation of Region-wide NPS pollution control mechanisms, such as irrigated agriculture and grazing waiver programs. All of the planned activities specified in the NPS Implementation Plan for the Regional Water Boards satisfactorily completed. This report was submitted to U.S. EPA in December 2009.

- 2. Semiannual CWA 319 Progress Report for January 2009 through June 2009 California NPS Program CWA 319 (Grant No. C9-97957509). This report summarizes the progress of the Water Boards in completing the tasks identified in the annual CWA 319 NPS Workplan for the period January 2009 through June 2009. The Workplan identifies the tasks and activities of the Water Boards' NPS Program Plan supported by the year's CWA 319 Grant. The total amount of funding during this FY for NPS personnel services was approximately \$4.62 million for 27.8 personnel years (PYs). Approximately \$1.21 million (7.3 PYs) was allocated to the State Water Board and \$3.41 million (20.5 PYs) to the Regional Water Boards. All of the specified tasks were satisfactorily completed. This report was submitted to U.S. EPA in September 2009.
- 3. TMDL Program Status Summary Report (FY 2008 2009). This report provides U.S. EPA with information on the overall performance of the Water Boards' TMDL Program. Performance measures through FY 08-09 identified in the report include the following: 154 TMDLs were adopted; 938 of the current CWA 303(d) listings of impaired water bodies were addressed; 42 percent of the current CWA 303(d) listings of impaired water bodies were addressed; 1,144 of the total number of all listings were addressed; and 72 percent of the TMDL workplan commitments were completed. The report was submitted to U.S. EPA in July 2009.

4. Semiannual California NPS Program Progress Report for July 2009 through December 2009 – CWA 319 (Grant No. C9-97957510). This report summarizes the progress of the Water Boards in completing the tasks identified in the annual CWA 319 Workplan for the period July 2009 through December 2009. The Workplan identifies the tasks and activities of the Water Boards' NPS Program supported by the year's CWA 319 Grant. The total amount of funding during this year for NPS personnel services was approximately \$4.62 million (27.8 PYs). Approximately \$1.21 million (7.3 PYs) was allocated to the State Water Board and \$3.41 million (20.5 PYs) to the Regional Water Boards. All of the specified tasks were satisfactorily completed. This report was submitted to U.S. EPA in February 2010.

The referenced reports can be found at the following website:

http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/planning_implementation.shtml

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