

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN DIEGO REGION**

**RESOLUTION NO. R9-2021-0007**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SAN DIEGO WATER BOARD  
PRACTICAL VISION UPDATE**

1. WHEREAS, the Mission of the California Water Boards is “*To preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California’s water resources, and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use, for the benefit of present and future generations*”; and
2. WHEREAS, the San Diego Water Board adopted Resolution No. R9-2013-0153, *Resolution in Support of San Diego Water Board Practical Vision* on November 13, 2013, and endorsed the Practical Vision titled “Healthy Waters, Healthy People.”
3. WHEREAS, the Practical Vision delineated a series of actions to be taken to better achieve the Water Board’s mission of preserving, enhancing, and restoring the quality of the Region’s water resources and ensuring their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations; and
4. WHEREAS, the San Diego Water Board implemented the Practical Vision and has accomplish many of the projects identified in the chapters including:
  - a. Adoption of the City of San Diego Pure Water Project Permit – Supporting the Sustainable Local Water Supply Chapter
  - b. Adoption of the Biological Objectives for Wadeable Rivers and Streams – Supporting the Strategizing for Healthy Waters Chapter
  - c. Adoption of a Resolution to support the use of Key Beneficial Uses and Key Areas to focus our work - Supporting the Strategizing for Healthy Waters Chapter
  - d. Adoption of a Resolution to Support Restoration of Aquatic Ecosystems - Supporting the Recovery of Stream, Wetlands, and Riparian Systems Chapter
  - e. Conducted two Environmental Justice Symposiums in 2017 and 2019 - Supporting the Proactive Public Outreach and Communication Chapter
  - f. Initiated Litigation and Multiple Regulatory Actions to Address the Border Water Quality Issues of the Tijuana River - Supporting the Strategizing for Healthy Waters Chapter

5. WHEREAS, the San Diego Water Board has made an effort to work closely and collaboratively with neighboring Regions and the State Water Board to implement its Practical Vision in a manner consistent with the laws, regulations, and policies of the State to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and transparency of its programs; and
6. WHEREAS, the San Diego Water Board can only accomplish its Mission and meet the needs of the Region's inhabitants for clean, healthy, reliable waters through the willing support and partnership of the community it serves in the fullest use of its authority and resources; and
7. WHEREAS, the tools used by the San Diego Water Board during the 40 years prior to the Practical Vision have been augmented and adjusted to focus on environmental outcomes and meet the challenges posed by advancing the strategy of community-based management of non-point source pollution through partnerships, collaboration, and relationships with stakeholders; and
8. WHEREAS, the San Diego Water Board intends to bring the best science, analysis, and objective advice to its decisions to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Region's waters; and
9. WHEREAS, the San Diego Water Board intends to address longstanding racial inequities and environmental justice; and
10. WHEREAS, the San Diego Water Board acknowledges that, since time immemorial, California Native American Tribes have been stewards of the land and water of the San Diego region and that the designation of region waters for the Tribal Tradition and Culture (CUL), Tribal Subsistence (T-SUB), and Subsistence (SUB) beneficial uses are a key priority; and
11. WHEREAS, the San Diego Water Board acknowledges climate change and the need to adapt and mitigate the many effects of climate change including hydrology, ecosystems, sea level, ocean acidification, and rising temperatures; and
12. WHEREAS, it is the intent of the San Diego Water Board, through the updated Practical Vision, to continue to develop and implement environmental outcomes measures, including biological measures of ecosystem health, to set goals, prioritize the work of its staff, guide its decision making, and track and report its progress in its Mission; and
13. WHEREAS, the San Diego Water Board values the wellbeing, professional development, and morale of its staff in their service to the public; and

14. WHEREAS, it is the intent of the San Diego Water Board to annually review its progress and establish program priorities for the year in the Annual Practical Vision Operational Plan to implement the Practical Vision and accomplish core regulatory priorities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Diego Water Board endorses the updated Practical Vision entitled “Healthy Waters, People, and Communities;” and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Diego Water Board supports development and implementation of the goals described in the updated Practical Vision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Diego Water Board will provide leadership and actively work with interested persons and communities to implement the updated Practical Vision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Officer will, in consultation with interested persons and communities, establish guiding principles, strategies, plans, and institutional arrangements as necessary to implement the updated Practical Vision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Officer will report to the San Diego Water Board periodically on the progress of the implementation of the updated Practical Vision and the Annual Practical Vision Operational Plan and on the information produced by community collaboration on its projects.

I, David W. Gibson, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, on September 8, 2021.

David W. Gibson  
Executive Officer