

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

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT  
MAY 13, 2026**

**ITEM 7**

**SUBJECT**

Quagga and Golden Mussels. (*David Gibson*)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Informational item only; no recommendation.

**KEY ISSUE**

Dr. Paul Rochelle, Water Quality Manager for the Metropolitan Water District, will provide an update on the status of invasive mussel detections in the San Diego Water Project, with specific focus on Southern California, State response efforts, treatment and control options, factors to consider in developing a response plan, and Metropolitan's response and mitigation planning.

**PRACTICAL VISION**

Chapter 1 (Strategizing for Healthy Waters) and Chapter 6 (Strategize to Achieve Resilient Local Water Supply) of the [Practical Vision](#). Exotic invasive species like Quagga and Golden Mussels can seriously impair the drinking water storage and treatment operations of cities and local water districts. These invasive species are also implicated in ecological disruption, increased frequency and severity of toxic algae blooms, and the concentration and biomagnification of contaminants in the food web.

**DISCUSSION**

David Gibson will introduce the item and Dr. Rochelle.

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