

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Thomas Mumley)
MEETING DATE: November 13, 2013

ITEM: 11

SUBJECT: **TRASH LOAD REDUCTION REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPAL STORMWATER PERMIT** - Workshop to Discuss Implementation of the Trash Load Reduction Requirements

DISCUSSION: This item is a workshop to discuss issues related to the trash load reduction requirements of the Regional Municipal Stormwater Permit (Order No. R2-2009-0074) that the Board adopted in 2009. The most significant components of these requirements are those that call for a trash load reduction in stormwater runoff of 40% by 2014, 70% by 2017, and 100% by 2022. The purpose of the workshop is for our staff, municipalities, stakeholders, and interested parties to discuss with the Board successes and challenges with managing and reducing trash loads, lessons learned, and opportunities for improvements. A major issue of interest to the Board is development of an adequate compliance monitoring system and approaches the Board could use to determine compliance with permit requirements, particularly with the short-term trash load reduction requirements until an acceptable monitoring program has been developed. While we expect to present an updated permit to the Board prior to the end of 2014, there is no current regulatory action associated with the workshop, and there will be no Board decisions made during the workshop.

The workshop will include planned presentations and time for dialogue among participants and the Board. We will present an overview and status of compliance with the short-term and long-term trash load reduction requirements, including the results of our review of the trash-requirements component of annual reports submitted in September. We will also present our expectations for the long-term trash load reduction plans due in February 2014 and how they may be used in the development of requirements for the next permit term. Other presenters and related topics will include the San Francisco Estuary Partnership on implementation of full trash capture devices, the San Francisco Estuary Institute and Bay Area Stormwater Management Agencies Association on trash monitoring and assessment methods, municipalities on implementation of trash controls and determination of effectiveness, and environmental and industrial groups on their perspectives. We anticipate this non-regulatory forum will produce constructive dialogue during and in response to these presentations, and will result in improved and common understanding among participants and the Board on opportunities, successes, and challenges with trash load reduction.

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DATION: This is an information item not requiring action by the Board.