

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SUMMARY REPORT
MEETING DATE: December 10, 2014

ITEM: 7

SUBJECT: **Sustainable Groundwater Management Legislation** – Information Item –
Presentation by Eric Ekdahl, Groundwater Management Program Manager, State
Water Board

DISCUSSION: The purpose of this item is to update the Board on the provisions of three bills passed by the Legislature this year that enact the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. This act establishes for the first time statewide policy for the sustainable management of the State's groundwater resources. The bills provide for the formation of groundwater sustainability agencies and the preparation of groundwater sustainability plans by the agencies. The bills also specify the nexus between local general plans and the groundwater sustainability plans and the role of the State Water Board in "backstopping" the agencies' responsibilities.

The update will be presented by Erik Ekdahl, who is the manager of the State Water Board's Groundwater Management Program.

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DATION:** This is an information item only, and no action is necessary.