

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Definition

The project is a Consolidated Toxic Hot Spots Cleanup Plan adopted as Policy for Water Quality Control (pursuant to Water Code Section 13140). The Consolidated Cleanup Plan includes provisions for:

1. The toxic hot spot definition and ranking criteria adopted by the SWRCB in September, 1998 and approved by OAL in November, 1998 (SWRCB, 1998a).
2. A consolidated list of ranked known toxic hot spots.
3. A process for delisting sites.
4. Guidance to the RWQCBs on revision of WDRs associated with toxic hot spots.
- 2.5. Funding mechanisms to implement the Consolidated Plan.
6. Policy on the prevention of toxic hot spots.
7. Findings on the need for a Program to implement the Consolidated Plan.
8. Each Regional Toxic Hot Spots Cleanup Plan submitted by the RWQCBs (Parts II and III) as approved by the SWRCB.

The proposed Consolidated Cleanup Plan addresses remediation at several toxic hot spots in the enclosed bays, estuaries and ocean waters of California in Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9. The Plan is applicable to these water bodies. Figure 1 is a map of these areas. The prevention provisions of the Plan are also applicable to all watersheds that drain to enclosed bays, estuaries and coastal waters of the State. The Consolidated Cleanup Plan identifies 22 high priority, 20 moderate priority, and 6 low priority known toxic hot spots.

Statement Of Goals

The SWRCB's objectives for this project are to:

1. Comply with the Water Code-mandated requirement to submit a Consolidated Toxic Hot Spots Cleanup Plan to the California Legislature.
2. Provide approaches to address the identified pollution problems at high priority known toxic hot spots.
- 2.3. Provide policy to prevent the further pollution or creation of toxic hot spots in the enclosed bays, estuaries and coastal waters of the State.
4. Provide the RWQCBs with an approved Plan to attain the highest water quality that is reasonable and protect the quality of the most polluted coastal waters in the State from further degradation.

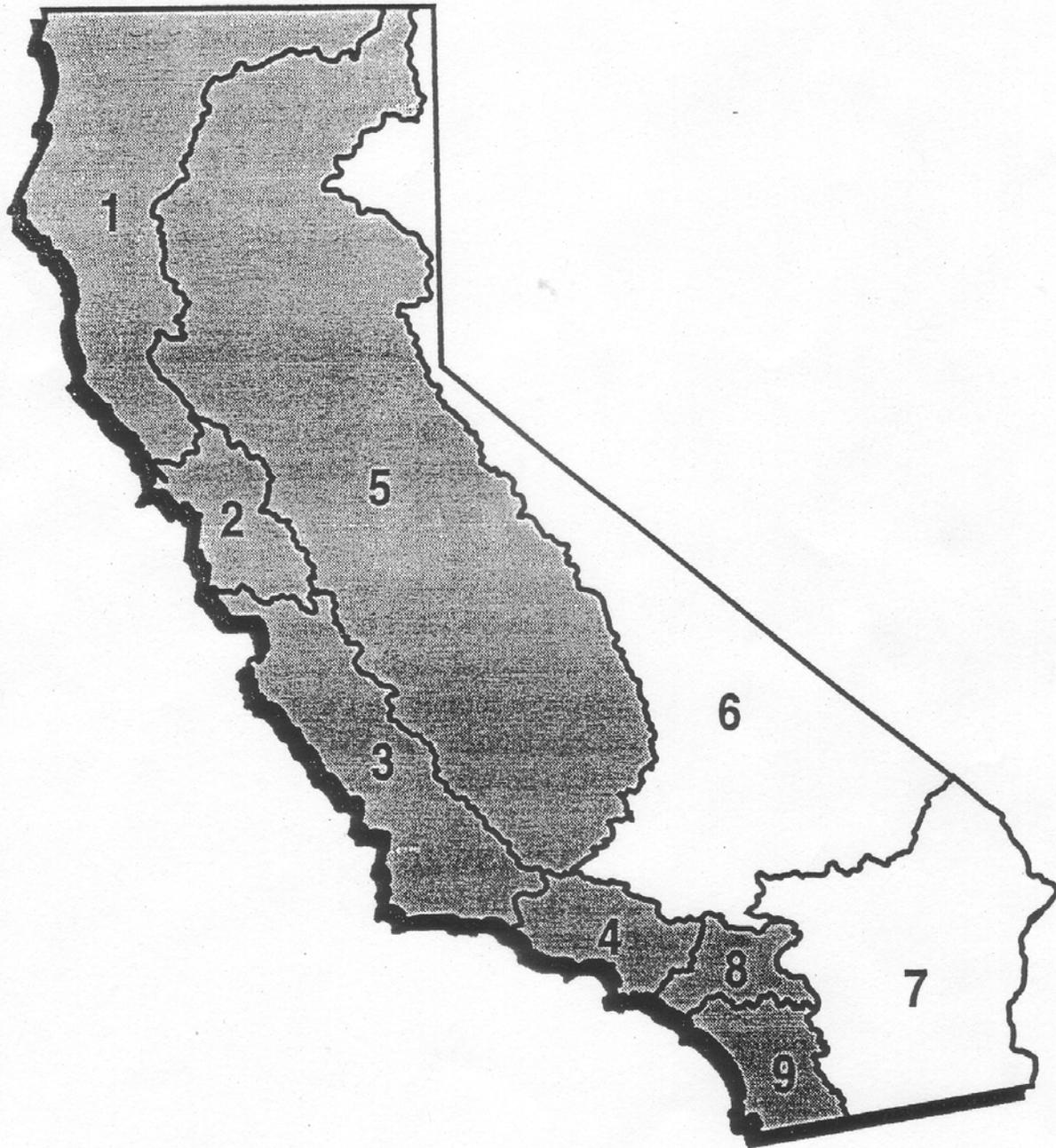


FIGURE 1: AREA THAT THE CONSOLIDATED CLEANUP PLAN IS APPLICABLE.

Proposed Action

The proposed action is SWRCB adoption of the proposed Consolidated Cleanup Plan as Policy for Water Quality Control outlined in the Project Definition (above).

The proposed Consolidated Cleanup Plan is being developed as a part of a phased approach. (This phased approach and components of the Consolidated Cleanup Plan are also explained in the Introduction to this FED.) Phase 1 was the adoption of a Water Quality Control Policy for Guidance on Development of Regional Toxic Hot Spot Cleanup Plans. Phase 1 was completed in November 1998.

In Phase 2, the RWQCBs developed; considered at public hearings and workshops; and five RWQCBs adopted Regional Cleanup Plans pursuant to the Guidance Policy. The remaining two RWQCBs did not adopt the Cleanup Plans due to a lack of quorum.

Phase 3 ~~was is~~ the development of the Consolidated Cleanup Plan by the SWRCB. The SWRCB ~~has~~ compiled the regional cleanup plans, made additional findings as required by the California Water Code and ~~plans to submitted~~ the Consolidated Cleanup Plan to the California Legislature. The SWRCB ~~has~~ complied with CEQA and the APA in developing the Consolidated Cleanup Plan.

Under Phase 3, the SWRCB ~~will~~ issued the Consolidated Cleanup Plan that specifically identifies known toxic hot spots and presents actions that can be implemented to remediate the sites.

[The SWRCB is now amending the Consolidated Cleanup Plan to replace three pesticide toxic hot spot cleanup plans adopted by the Central Valley RWQCB in 1999 with new plans adopted in 2003.](#)