

GROUP: BASIN PLANNING

MEASURE: **BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT ACTIONS TAKEN BY REGIONAL BOARDS**
BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT ACTIONS RECEIVED BY STATE BOARD FOR APPROVAL
BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT ACTIONS APPROVED BY STATE BOARD

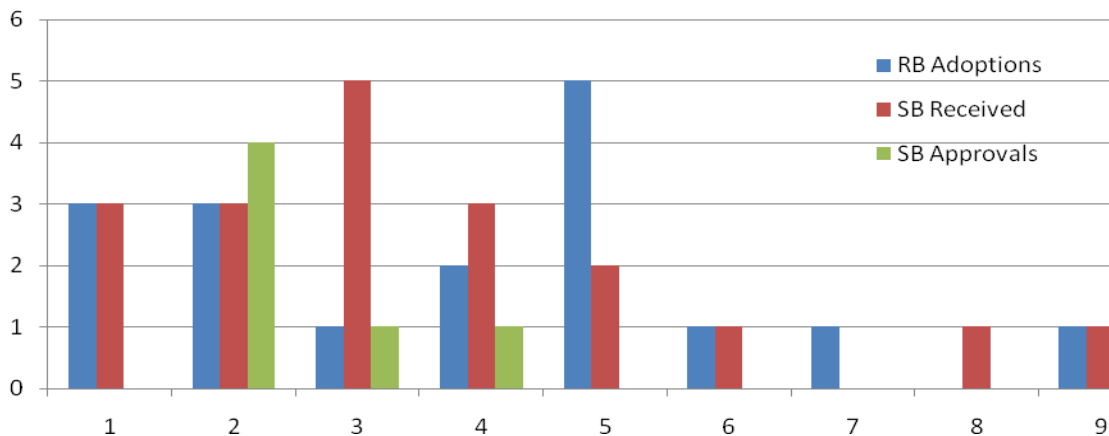
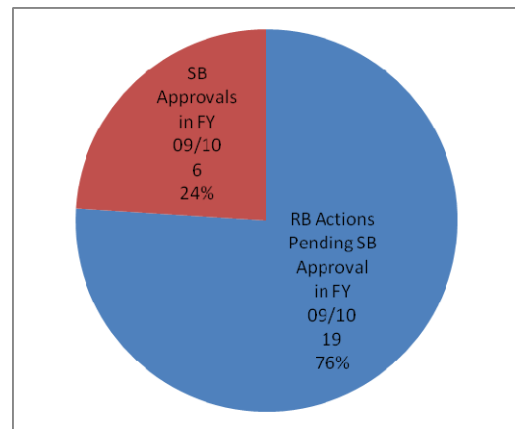
KEY STATISTICS FOR FY 2009-10

NUMBER OF BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT ACTIONS BY REGIONAL BOARDS: 17
 NUMBER OF BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT ACTIONS RECEIVED BY STATE BOARD FOR APPROVAL: 19
 NUMBER OF BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT ACTIONS APPROVED BY STATE BOARD: 6

MESSAGE: *Regional Water Board actions to amend Basin Plans occur throughout the fiscal year, therefore, submittals to the State Water Board and its approvals may occur in subsequent fiscal years.*

MEASUREMENTS:

Region	Regional Board Actions	Regional Board Actions Received by State Board	State Board Approvals
1	3	3	0
2	3	3	4
3	1	5	1
4	2	3	1
5	5	2	0
6	1	1	0
7	1	0	0
8	0	1	0
9	1	1	0
TOTAL	17	19	6



WHAT THE MEASURE IS SHOWING:

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10, the Regional Water Boards took 17 Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) amendment actions, and the State Water Board received 19 Regional Water Board amendment actions and approved six Regional Water Board amendment actions. Because of the time required to submit and approve Basin Plan amendment actions for review and approval by the State Water Board, and the fact that Regional Water Board amendments can occur throughout the year, Regional Board adoption, Regional Board submittal, and State Board approval for a given amendment action can span more than one fiscal year. For example, all six of the State Water Board approvals in FY 2009-10 were for Regional Water Board amendment actions that were submitted in fiscal years prior to FY 2009-10. The measure also shows that the Central Valley Regional Water Board (Region 5), which covers about 40 percent of the State's geographical area, took the most Basin Plan amendment actions in FY 2009-10.

WHY THIS MEASURE IS IMPORTANT:

Basin Plans are the Water Boards primary water quality control planning documents for protecting the quality and beneficial uses of the State's surface and ground waters. They serve as the principal basis for waste discharge requirements (permits) issued and cleanup requirements established by the Water Boards, and also are used by outside agencies in their permitting and resource management activities. The Regional Water Boards amend their Basin Plans as necessary during triennial review processes. The FY 2009-10 status (and description) of triennial reviews can be accessed [here](#).

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- **Data Source:** Basin Plan amendments tracking database. Period: July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010. Extracted in July 2010.
- **Unit of Measure:** Number of Regional Water Board and State Water Board actions to address amendments to Regional Water Quality Control Plans (Basin Plans).
- **Data Definitions:** *Regional Board action:* Regional Water Board action to make changes (amendments) to their Basin Plan. *Actions received by State Board:* Regional Water Board Basin Plan amendments submitted to the State Water Board for approval. *State Board approval:* Regional Water Board Basin Plan amendment actions that are approved by the State Water Board.
- **References:** Regional Water Quality Control Plans (Basin Plans) http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans_policies/.

GLOSSARY:**Basin Plan Amendment**

One or more specific changes to Regional Water Quality Control Plans (Basin Plans) that are addressed in an amendment action taken by a Regional Water Board. Basin Plan amendments are subject to State Water Board approval and, in most cases, the State's Office of Administrative Law and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) must approve amendments as well.