

# The State of the Central Valley Region



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# Delta Team

- Critical habitat and water supply
  - ◆ TMDLs – DO, salt, mercury, pesticides
  - ◆ Salt Policy
  - ◆ Technically challenging NPDES Permits
  - ◆ Coordination: Water Rights, R2, CalFED
- Regional Board Delta Team formed
  - ◆ Internal coordination between programs
  - ◆ External coordination with State Board, Region 2, CALFED, POD, Interagency Ecological Program, Blue Ribbon Panel

# Salinity Policy

- Threat to surface and ground waters
- Progress
  - ◆ Contracted for project coordinator
  - ◆ Stakeholder committees formed
  - ◆ Preliminary technical work begun
- Addressing through all regulatory programs

# TMDLs

## Development

- Mercury
  - ◆ Cache Creek TMDLs completed
  - ◆ Delta TMDL completed soon
- Pesticides –
  - ◆ Diazinon and Chlorpyrophos
  - ◆ Comprehensive Basin Plan amendment

## Implementation

- Significant work to implement TMDLs

# Dairies

- 1500+ existing dairies
- Control surface water discharges
- General WDRs adopted in May 2007
  - ◆ Covers all 1500+ dairies
  - ◆ Groundwater protection
  - ◆ Collaborative effort with stakeholder to adopt and implement



- General Dairy NPDES Permit
- Small dairies
- Poultry

# Irrigated Lands Program

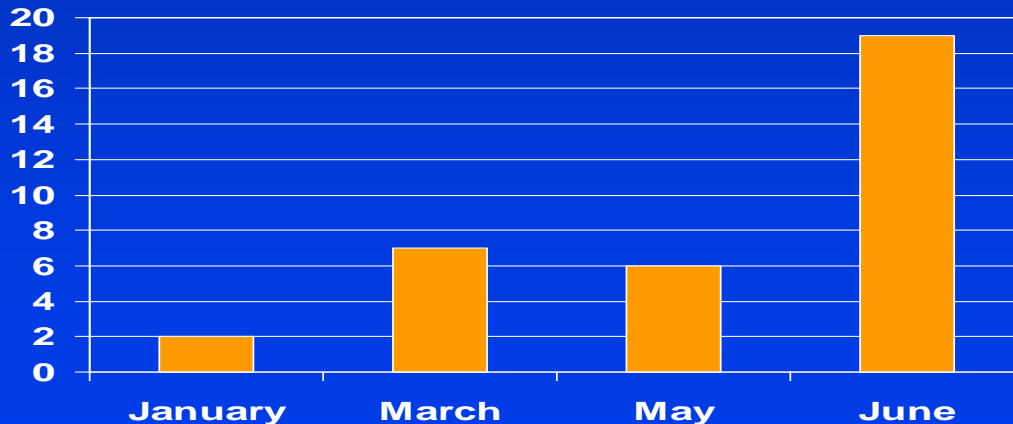
- New conditional waivers - June 2006
  - ◆ Membership Deadline 31 December 2006
    - 34% increase in enrolled acreage
  - ◆ Management Plan requirements changed
- Monitoring Program Revision
  - ◆ Workshop
    - Summarizes three years of Coalition, University and other data
  - ◆ Coalition MRP revision
    - TIC and Stakeholder input
    - Undergoing external review

# Irrigated Lands Program

- Enforcement
  - ◆ >1400 §13267 Orders,  
>400 NOVs, 40 inspections
- Outreach
  - ◆ Coalition, industry, & public meetings

# NPDES Permits

- Improving efficiency of permitting
  - ◆ Split permitting and compliance
  - ◆ Improved working relation with TetraTech
  - ◆ Improved consistency and training
- Permits brought to Board





# Storm Water Programs

- Construction
  - ◆ Training, Inspections, Enforcement
- Municipal
  - ◆ 5 Phase I permits
  - ◆ Phase II additional designations
- Industrial
  - ◆ 500 Notices to permittees
  - ◆ Additional inspections
  - ◆ Emphasize education
- Administrative

# Water Quality Certifications

- Heavy Workload
  - ◆ 360 application per year for three staff
  - ◆ Inspections/enforcement eliminated
- Significant backlog
  - ◆ 100 applications exceed 60-day processing mandate
- Collected fees far exceed staff expenditures

# WDR Program

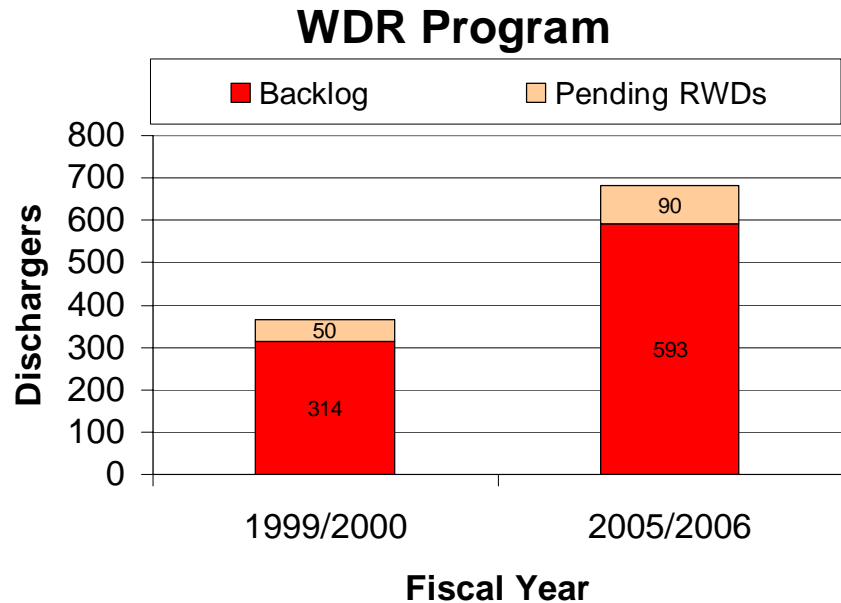


1200 WDRs

Stakeholder  
collaboration

Backlogged

Underfunded



# Title 27 Program



Landfills, surface impoundments and waste piles

Cleanup of old mines:

- Empire Mine State Park
- Copperopolis area
- Newton Mine

# UST Program

- 51 cases impacting drinking wells
- Enforcement
  - ◆ Issued 12 CAOs, 63% of State total
  - ◆ Closed 52 cases, 26% of State total
  - ◆ Reviewed 2523 workplans, monitoring and other technical reports. 36% of State total
  - ◆ Issued 1243 work directives, 59% of total for all Regional Boards
- Coordinate with Counties
- Provide training