

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
FEBRUARY 2, 2016**

ITEM 6

SUBJECT

INFORMATION ITEM ON THE DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY-PROGRAM STATUS AND UPDATE.

DISCUSSION

The Division of Water Quality assists the State Water Resources Control Board in the administration of its statewide water quality program. Many statewide water quality issues and actions come before the State Water Board as information or action items. Other water quality actions are delegated to either the Executive Director or the Deputy Director for Water Quality. The purpose of this item is to update State Water Board members and others on the status of delegated activities including enrollment in statewide orders adopted by the State Water Board; ongoing monitoring efforts regarding groundwater; site clean-up activities; information management systems; federal grants, including workload commitments upon which those grants are conditioned; ongoing information management activities; and recent program management efforts including development of a draft three year Division program plan containing proposed program goals and performance measures. Division staff will also provide a brief summary of continuing efforts to conduct reviews pursuant to the Lean Six Sigma process being implemented by the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development.

POLICY ISSUE

This is an information item on ongoing activities within the Division of Water Quality.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None.

<p>The efforts being discussed in this information item assist the Water Boards in reaching Goals 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 to narrative of goal(s). In particular, approval of this item will assist in fulfilling Objective 2.3 regarding ensuring the viability of high quality groundwater basins; Objective 3.2 regarding promoting the use of recycled water and storm water as locally available; Objective 5.1 regarding improvement of Water Board systems, programs, functions and business processes to enhance implementation of Water Board plans and policies, state and federal law, and reduce processing time and costs; Objective 5.2 regarding enhancement of water quality data systems and data accessibility; Objective 6.2 regarding targeting consistency improvements in program delivery; and Objective 7.1 regarding enhancement of professional development opportunities for staff; Objective 7.4 regarding developing staff teams and partnerships across programs to enhance workforce capacity.</p>
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