

## Regional Board Chair Statements by Proposal:

### FULL TIME CHAIRS:

"Appointing a full-time chair to each Regional Board will allow them to devote their full energy to overseeing the protection of California's most important resource. Water quality protection will be well-served by this improvement."

John Muller, Chair of San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board

### CHAIRS COUNCIL AND PERMIT DELEGATION:

"Two of the significant improvements proposed will speed the regulatory process and improve statewide consistency of water protection regulation while, at the same time, ensuring water quality is protected. Executive officers will be able to directly issue many permits, freeing the Regional Water Board members to direct more of their efforts to water quality policy issues. The Water Board chairs also will have the very important function of working together to insure that water quality decisions in different regions throughout California are more closely aligned with each other. The results: better service to Californians."

Karl Longley, Chair of Central Valley Regional Water Board

### REDUCING RB SIZE:

"The changes proposed in appointing Regional Water Board members will make it easier to have all the seats filled in the boards. It will also make it easier for each board to make important decisions throughout the year."

Carole Beswick, Chair of Santa Ana Regional Water Board

### UPDATING THE "TEN PERCENT RULE":

"An important proposed reform is making sure that Regional Water Board members do not appear to be regulating industries within their region that provide them with income. At the same time, California is so large that the old rules made it impossible for some well qualified members to serve the public. These new proposals protect the public and encourage more people to serve as members. This common sense approach is a welcome change."

Richard Wright, Chair San Diego Regional Water Board