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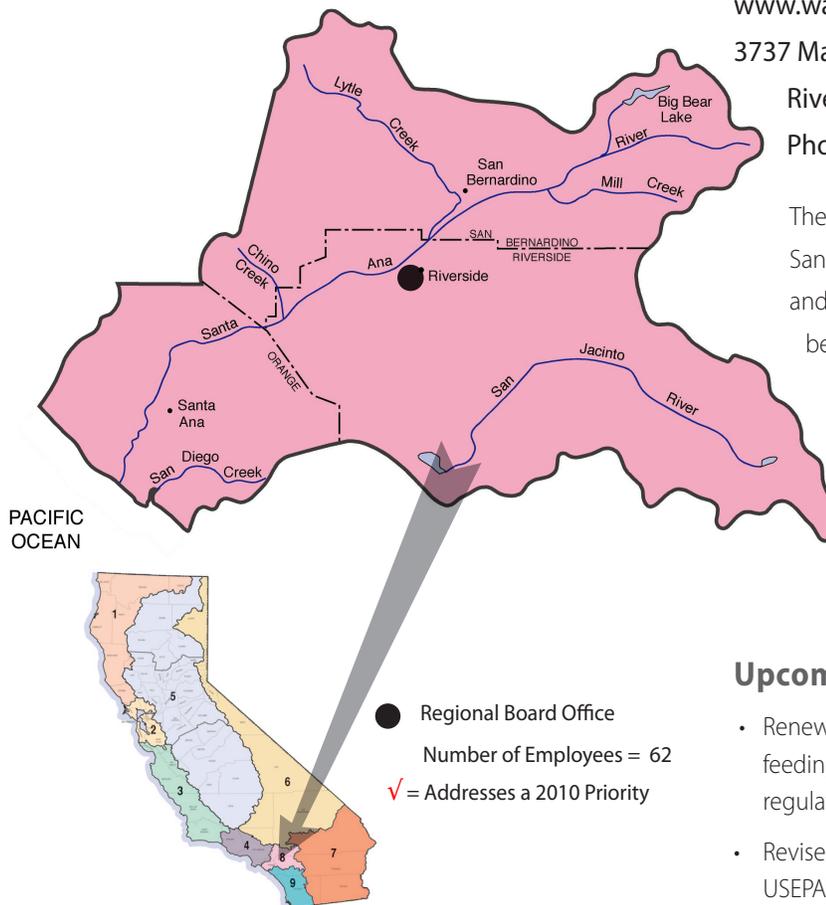
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The Santa Ana Region, which extends from the San Bernardino and San Gabriel mountains in the north and east to Newport Bay along the coast, continues to be one of the most rapidly growing areas of the State.

While the region is geographically the smallest, at 2,800 square miles, it boasts one of the largest populations with almost 5 million people. This semi-arid region is known for its temperate climate and relatively low rainfall – about 15 inches per year.



## Upcoming Priorities for 2012

- Renew the General Dairy Permit for concentrated animal feeding operations to incorporate the latest USEPA regulations.
- Revise recreational water quality standards to reflect USEPA's national criteria, suspend standards during high-water flows, and modify the definition for water contact recreation.
- Develop and adopt a program of conditional waivers of waste discharge requirements for agricultural dischargers to manage nonpoint source pollution from irrigated and dry-farmed operations.
- Revise and/or update the nitrogen/total dissolved solids wasteload allocations for discharges from POTWs within the region.

## Accomplishments

- Newport Beach Rhine Channel Contaminated Sediment Cleanup Project Completed
- ✓ More than 500 Abandoned and Stalled Construction Sites Inspected and Addressed
- Water Quality Improves in the Newport Bay and San Diego Creek Watershed
- Kirkhill Elastomers to Pay More than \$1.7 Million for Water Quality Violations