

State of California  
Regional Water Quality Control Board  
San Diego Region

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT  
November 10, 2010

ITEM: 7

SUBJECT: Consideration of tentative Resolution No. R9-2010-0125 endorsing the Southern California Salinity Coalition's and San Diego County Water Authority's *Proposed Guidelines Salinity/Nutrient Management Planning in the San Diego Region (9)* dated September 1, 2010. (Tentative Resolution No. R9-2010-0125) (*Robert Pierce*)

PURPOSE: To consider adoption of tentative Resolution No. R9-2010-0125, endorsing the proposed guidelines.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Notice was provided in the agenda for the November 10, 2010 Board Meeting, which was posted on the San Diego Water Board's website on October 21, 2010.

DISCUSSION: Management of salinity/nutrients from all sources on a basin/watershed basis is considered by the State Water Board to be the appropriate way to address salinity/nutrient issues. For this reason, the State Recycled Water Policy requires salinity/nutrient management plans be developed for each groundwater basin in the state. The management plans are to be tailored to local conditions, but the process for their development should be consistent throughout the Region.

To help promote San Diego Region salinity/nutrient management efforts, the Southern California Salinity Coalition and San Diego County Water Authority stepped forward to lead local agencies and stakeholders in developing a guidance document that will assist local agencies in completing the necessary tasks for a successful salinity/nutrient management plan. The guidance document presents a suggested framework for prioritizing the Region's groundwater basins and presents suggested tasks and procedures to be used in developing the plans. In addition, the document identifies the roles of agencies and stakeholders, and outlines the process for regulatory review and approval.

A useful feature of the guidelines is the identification of an expected level of detail for the plans based on tiered basin characteristics. Large, well-studied basins need less additional work and the lower tier/priority basins may not require individual plans other than implementation already included in the Basin Plan.

Resolution No. R9-2010-0125 encourages, but does not require, local agencies to use the guidelines. Whether the guidelines are used or not, stakeholders will fund and drive the plans, while the San Diego Water Board provides input during development and approval of final proposals. The proposed plans are to be submitted to the San Diego Water Board by February 2014.

KEY ISSUES: None.

LEGAL CONCERNS: None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Tentative Resolution No. R9-2010-0125
2. *Proposed Guidelines Salinity/Nutrient Management Planning in the San Diego Region (9)*

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt tentative Resolution No. R9-2010-0125.