

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

TENTATIVE RESOLUTION NO. R9-2013-0153

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SAN DIEGO WATER BOARD PRACTICAL VISION

1. WHEREAS, the Mission of the California Water Boards is “*To preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California’s water resources, and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use, for the benefit of present and future generations*”; and
2. WHEREAS, the San Diego Water Board Practical Vision, “Healthy Waters, Healthy People,” authored by numerous staff members over the course of two years, delineates a series of actions to be taken to better achieve the Water Board’s Mission; and
3. WHEREAS, the San Diego Water Board will work closely and collaboratively with neighboring Regions and the State Water Board to implement its Practical Vision in a manner consistent with the laws, regulations, and policies of the State to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and transparency of its programs; and
4. WHEREAS, the San Diego Water Board can only accomplish its Mission and meet the needs of the Region’s inhabitants for clean, healthy, reliable waters through the willing support and partnership of the community it serves in the fullest use of its authority and resources; and
5. WHEREAS, the tools used by the San Diego Water Board during the previous 40 years must be augmented and adjusted to meet the challenges posed by advancing the strategy of community-based management of non-point source pollution through partnerships, collaboration, and relationships with stakeholders; and
6. WHEREAS, the San Diego Water Board, in December 2012, adopted Resolution R9-2012-0069 to endorse “A Framework for Monitoring and Assessment in the San Diego Region” to guide the development and implementation of improved monitoring and assessment throughout the region; and
7. WHEREAS, the San Diego Water Board is organizing and focusing its regulatory and planning efforts on a watershed approach when practicable; and
8. WHEREAS, the San Diego Water Board intends to bring the best science, analysis, and objective advice to its decisions to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Region’s waters; and

9. WHEREAS, it is the intent of the San Diego Water Board through the Practical Vision to develop environmental outcomes measures, including biological measures of ecosystem health, to set goals, prioritize the work of staff, guide decision making, and to track and report progress in its Mission to the public; and

10. WHEREAS, it is the intent of the San Diego Water Board to annually review its progress and establish program priorities for the year to implement the Practical Vision;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Diego Water Board endorses the Practical Vision entitled "Healthy Waters, Healthy People;" and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Diego Water Board supports development and implementation of the projects described in the Practical Vision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Diego Water Board will provide leadership and actively work with interested persons and communities to implement the Practical Vision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Officer will invite interested persons and communities to participate in the development and implementation of the Practical Vision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Officer will, in consultation with interested persons and communities, establish guiding principles, strategies, plans, and institutional arrangements as necessary to develop and implement the Practical Vision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Officer will report to the San Diego Water Board periodically on the progress of development and implementation of the Practical Vision and on the information produced by community collaboration on its projects.

I, David W. Gibson, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, on November 13, 2013.

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David W. Gibson
Executive Officer