

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT
October 12, 2016

- ITEM: 9
- SUBJECT: Information Item: Strategy for a Healthy San Diego Bay, Update on the Initial Assessment of San Diego Bay Key Beneficial Uses. (Chiara Clemente)
- PURPOSE: Staff will provide a summary of findings from an assessment of recent water quality and fish and shellfish tissue data concerning beneficial uses for contact recreation and fish and shellfish consumption in San Diego Bay. Staff will also discuss plans for developing a coordinated monitoring program as called for in the Strategy for a Healthy San Diego Bay.
- RECOMMENDATION: This is an information item only; no action will be taken by the Board at today's meeting.
- KEY ISSUES:
1. For purposes of assessing conditions and identifying potential impairments of related beneficial uses, the California Water Boards compare fish and shellfish data to guidelines established by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA). OEHHA is the State agency charged with issuing formal health advisories regarding consumption. Thus, today's discussion is not intended to advise the public on how much fish and shellfish is safe for consumption.
 2. Many public and private community partners are needed to implement the monitoring and assessment portion of the Strategy for a Healthy San Diego Bay. Outreach from these initial assessments will be used to help create those partnerships.
- PRACTICAL VISION: This information item is directly related to implementation of the [Strategy for a Healthy San Diego Bay](#), which the Board endorsed at its June 2015 meeting. Implementation of that strategy is a key part of implementation of Practical Vision Chapter 1 (Strategizing for Healthy Waters) and Chapter 2 (Monitoring and Assessment).

DISCUSSION:

Today's informational item pertains to Step 2 of the Strategy for a Healthy San Diego Bay. It is an assessment of two of the three key beneficial uses targeted in the bay:

Step 1 - Identify key beneficial use categories applicable to San Diego Bay. Then identify key areas associated with those beneficial use categories.

Step 2 - Assess conditions in San Diego Bay with regard to the key uses and associated areas.

Step 3 - Prioritize which issues are most important to address in San Diego Bay.

Step 4 - Set measurable goals for meaningful environmental outcomes.

Step 5 - Realign the Board's work to implement the tasks necessary to achieve the measurable goals.

Step 6 - Track progress of the work identified and the outcomes anticipated.

Step 7 - Periodically reevaluate the work priorities, goals, and milestones and set course corrections as necessary.

The Strategy also proposes to develop a Monitoring Coalition, as envisioned in the Monitoring and Assessment Chapter of the Practical Vision, to implement a long-term bay-wide program to collect information necessary to assess conditions of the key beneficial use categories identified and to improve monitoring communication and collaboration.

Invited speakers include the Port of San Diego. There will also be an opportunity for interested parties to address the Board.

LEGAL CONCERNS:

None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Strategy for a Healthy San Diego Bay

PUBLIC NOTICE:

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