

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT
May 9, 2018

ITEM:	10
SUBJECT:	Workshop: 2018 Triennial Basin Plan Review Preliminary Issues List. (<i>Jody Ebsen</i>)
PURPOSE:	To provide the Board and the public with information on the 2018 Triennial Basin Plan Review, and solicit suggestions from the public for Basin Plan amendments.
RECOMMENDATION:	This is an informational item only; no action will be taken by the Board at today's meeting.
KEY ISSUES:	Potential Basin Plan amendments far outweigh available resources for updating the Basin Plan. Both the large number of worthwhile amendments and the lengthy administrative process necessary for making amendments limit what staff can achieve during each triennial review period. Since the Board generally has great discretion when selecting amendments to pursue, it can rely to a great extent on the Practical Vision to ensure projects and the limited resources are aligned with the greatest priorities.
PRACTICAL VISION:	This item supports Practical Vision Chapter 1: Strategizing for Healthy Waters by ensuring that San Diego Water Board basin planning efforts are best used to protect and restore the integrity of waters in the San Diego Region.
DISCUSSION:	<p>The <i>Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Region</i> (Basin Plan) designates uses for water bodies in the San Diego Region and establishes water quality objectives, policies and implementation plans to protect those beneficial uses. State and federal laws require periodic review of the Basin Plan.¹</p> <p>Because federal law requires a review every three years, the Basin Plan review is also referred to as the "triennial review."</p>

¹ State law requires basin plans to be periodically reviewed [Water Code §13240]. Federal law requires water quality standards to be reviewed every three years [Clean Water Act §303(c)(1)].

The triennial review process identifies potential revisions to beneficial uses, water quality objectives, policies that address implementation issues, and other elements of the Basin Plan. The review produces a priority list of suggested projects for staff to pursue until the next triennial review. One or more projects may result in Basin Plan revisions.

2014 Triennial Review

The 2014 Triennial Review was the most recent review. The Board adopted a priority list of projects on [May 13, 2015](#), which identified three high priority projects. The San Diego Water Board has made significant progress on those projects since the adoption of the prioritized list. The last quarterly status report on the projects was in the [December 2017 Executive Officer's Report](#). The current status is as follows:

1. **Biological Objectives for Water Bodies in the San Diego Region.**

An administrative draft technical report and proposed Basin Plan amendment for the Biological Objectives project was developed and released to the public in January 2018. The Board held a workshop during the [February 14, 2018](#) Board meeting. Staff is currently preparing a draft for public and peer review.

2. **Chollas Creek Metals Site Specific Water Effect Ratio (WER).**

The San Diego Water Board adopted a Basin Plan amendment for the Chollas Creek WER on [February 8, 2017](#). Currently, staff are preparing for a hearing with the State Water Resources Control Board.

3. **Evaluation of Contact Water Recreation (REC-1) Water Quality Objectives and Methods for Quantifying Exceedances.**

Staff have been participating in stakeholder workgroups to advise on the completed [Cost Benefit Analysis](#), assess various scientific studies including the [Surfer Health Study](#), and discuss options for revising Total Maximum Daily Loads and/or water quality objectives.

2018 Triennial Review

Staff initiated the 2018 Triennial Review on March 23, 2018, by distributing a [Notice of Public Solicitation Period and Workshop for Triennial Basin Plan Review \(Supporting Document No. 1\)](#), which opened a 54-day public comment period. A preliminary list of proposed projects for the 2018 Triennial Review (Supporting Document No. 2) was sent out by email and posted on the San Diego Water Board web site on April 9, 2018. The preliminary list is organized by the applicable Practical Vision chapter(s) and does not represent any priority ranking.

The public is invited to submit written comments during the public comment period that ends on May 16, 2018, and to provide oral comments during the workshop. After the public comment period has closed, staff will prepare a written response to comments document and draft a prioritized list for Board consideration at a subsequent adoption hearing.

LEGAL CONCERNS:

None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Public Notice of Solicitation and Workshop
2. Preliminary List of Proposed 2018 Project Descriptions

PUBLIC NOTICE:

The agenda notice for today's meeting was posted on the San Diego Water Board's website and sent to email list subscribers for Board Meetings. In addition, Board Meetings and Basin Planning Issues email list subscribers were notified of the workshop in an email sent on March 23, 2018.