

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

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT
FEBRUARY 13, 2019**

ITEM 6

SUBJECT

Update on Implementation of the Practical Vision (*David Gibson*)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adoption of Tentative Resolution No. R9-2019-0023

KEY ISSUES

- Identifies significant accomplishments from 2018 (Supporting Document No. 1);
- Identifies Practical Vision projects and major Core Regulatory Program projects for 2019 (Attachment 1 to Supporting Document No. 2); and
- Provides an opportunity for the Board to formally endorse the allocation of staff resources to address the Practical Vision and Core Regulatory Program Projects (Supporting Document No. 2).

PRACTICAL VISION

This item provides a progress report on the sixth year of implementing the Practical Vision. This item also demonstrates the San Diego Water Board values of communication and transparency by reporting in an open meeting our major 2018 accomplishments, our regional priorities and goals for 2019, and the budget that supports our work. Through the Practical Vision, the Board and its staff exercise its leadership and stewardship values both locally and statewide.

DISCUSSION

This item is an opportunity to provide Board Members and the public with a more comprehensive report on the San Diego Water Board's accomplishments and to give Board members an opportunity to provide early input and direction on regional priorities and goals for 2019.

December 2018 saw the end of our fifth full calendar year of implementing the San Diego Water Board's 7-year strategic plan, the Practical Vision. The Practical Vision is a tool for culture change at the San Diego Water Board; the means to achieve healthy waters through a collaborative, outcome-based approach that relies on the latest science, prioritization of issues and actions, and prudent use of authorities in service to the people of California.

Annually, the nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards report their principal accomplishments to the State Water Board. The State Water Board Accomplishments Report for 2018 is still under development. The 2017 Report can be found at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/publications_forms/publications/general/docs/accomplishments_report2017.pdf Our regional accomplishments are provided in Supporting Document 1.

For 2018, the fifth year of our 7-year strategy, we created a Practical Vision Operations Plan. In it, we carried forward our unfinished projects, added the next set of projects, identified staffing, resources, tasks, and milestones for each project, and tracked our progress through the year. We included much of our Core Regulatory workload (permit renewals, inspections, etc.) with the Practical Vision projects to improve management of the casework while also achieving the Practical Vision goals. In the interests of transparency and context, we are providing the San Diego Water Board's budget allocated by the State Board (Attachment 1 to Supporting Document 2).

Fifty-three projects were included in the 2018 Operations Plan. The Practical Vision projects from 2018 that I will highlight in my verbal briefing are:

- Cleanup of Contaminated Sediment in the Boat Channel
- Updated Fish and Shellfish Advisories for San Diego Bay
- Master Recycling Permit for Camp Pendleton
- 401 Certification for the City of San Diego's Pure Water Project

During the fifth year of implementing a formal Practical Vision Operations Plan, we continued to improve incorporation of next fiscal year's performances measures used in the California Water Boards' Annual Performance Report in our planning and tracking. The Performance Report for FY17-18 can be found at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/performance_report_1718/index.html

The 2019 Operational Plan takes this into account by including programmatic work that is linked to performance targets and other work plan commitments made to the State Water Board that aren't specifically called out in the Practical Vision. This has required an extra degree of prioritizing, planning, and budgeting on the part of your managers to construct the Practical Vision Operations Plan and we are structuring this effort to enhance the Practical Vision and function as force multipliers rather than a "to-do" list. The Practical Vision Operations Plan for 2019 includes fifty projects. Some of the key projects and priorities I will discuss in this item are:

- Adoption Consideration of Biological Water Quality Objectives
- Development of TMDLs for Trash and Human Waste in the Tijuana River Valley
- Public Outreach focusing on Environmental Justice
- Increasing the Local Supply of Drinking Water
 - Desalination Permits for Poseidon and Doheny
 - NPDES Permit for the City of San Diego's Indirect Potable Reuse Project
 - Revision and Issuance of Master Recycling Permits
- Next Generation Monitoring
- Reissuance Consideration of the Regional Storm Water Permit
- Reissuance Consideration of the Waivers of Waste Discharge

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Meeting Notice and Agenda for today's meeting was posted on the Board's website and sent to those who subscribed to the email list for Board Meetings

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Practical Vision and Program Accomplishments for 2018
2. Tentative Resolution R9-2019-0023, with San Diego Water Board Budget for FY 18-19