

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD BOARD
MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

ITEM 9

SUBJECT

NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM COST OF COMPLIANCE
STAFF REPORT

DISCUSSION

State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) [Resolution 2013-0029](#) directs actions in response to stakeholder concerns regarding the cost of compliance in numerous Water Board programs. Action Item 4 of Resolution 2013-0029 requires Water Board staff to work with the internal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Roundtable forum and stakeholders to develop recommendations for an NPDES permitting process that addresses cost of compliance and program implementation. In accordance with the resolution, the State and Regional Water Boards formed a subcommittee consisting of staff from five Regional Water Quality Control Boards and the State Water Board. The subcommittee met with NPDES wastewater stakeholders and collaboratively prepared the [staff report](#). Staff will present a summary of the report in this information item.

POLICY ISSUE

None. This is an information item.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. This is an information item.

WATER BOARD IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Follow up on the recommendations specified in the staff report.

<p>Implementation of the recommendations in the staff report will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 6 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 to enhance consistency across the Water Boards, on an ongoing basis, to ensure our processes are effective, efficient, and predictable, and to promote fair and equitable application of laws, regulations, policies, and procedures. In particular, approval of this item will assist in fulfilling Objective 6.2 to target consistency improvements in program delivery identified through past input, and solicit input to identify consistency issues as they arise.</p>
