

ITEM: 20

SUBJECT: Background and status of the Delta Regional Monitoring Program

BOARD ACTION: No Board action. Informational Item Only.

BACKGROUND: In July 2008, the State Water Board, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board, and Central Valley Water Board adopted Resolution No. 2008-0056, a Strategic Workplan for Actions to Protect Beneficial Uses of the San Francisco-San Joaquin Delta Estuary. The resolution directs staff to develop a comprehensive monitoring program that will ensure that water quality contaminant control programs and water right actions continue to be properly focused and effective.

The short-term goal of the comprehensive contaminant monitoring program is to establish a framework for coordinating existing monitoring and assessment efforts and making sure that existing information is synthesized and analyzed on a regular basis. The long-term goal is to be coordinated with monitoring conducted as part of the Interagency Environmental Monitoring Program that is already required by water right permit and license conditions.

The current program is stakeholder driven and in the process of developing a governance structure and monitoring program to be implemented in 2013. At this meeting, staff will present a summary of the history of program development, where we are currently, and future actions.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation. Information Item Only.

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