

ITEM: 6

SUBJECT: State Water Board Bay-Delta Plan Update – *Status Report by State Board Staff*

BOARD ACTION: Informational Item Only

BACKGROUND: The Sacramento – San Joaquin Bay-Delta is one of the most critical water bodies in the State, being both the habitat for a wide variety of aquatic life and other wildlife, and a major source of municipal, industrial and agricultural water supply for the Central Valley Region and the State. Water Quality Control Plans covering the Delta include the *Basin Plans* adopted by the Central Valley Regional Board (from Antioch and eastward) and the San Francisco Bay Regional Board (west of Antioch), and the State Water Board’s *Water Quality Control Plan for the Bay-Delta*.

The State Water Board is in the process of a phased review and update of the 2006 Water Quality Control Plan for the Bay-Delta, including consideration of river flow objectives in the San Joaquin River basin and salinity objectives in the south Delta. South Delta salinity objectives are used by the Regional Board for permitting actions in the south Delta. The Regional Board does not regulate river flows, but the Bay-Delta Plan flow requirements will impact water quality and aquatic habitat in the Region.

State Board staff will provide an overview of the proposed amendments to the Bay-Delta Plan.

This informational item is a Regional Board item and is not part of the State Water Board’s Bay-Delta Plan amendment process. Any comments made during this item will not be part of the State Board record on this matter. For addition information on the State Board review of the Bay-Delta Plan, please see:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/bay_delta_plan/water_quality_control_planning/index.shtml

RECOMMENDATION: Information item only. No action is required.

Mgmt. Review _____
Legal Review _____

11/12 April 2013
11020 Sun Center Dr. #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670