



# Water Board Fee Program

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# Two Major Fee Funds

- Waste Discharger Permit Fund = \$108 million annual budget
  - Water quality regulatory programs
  - Water quality planning programs
  - Ambient groundwater and surface water monitoring programs
- Water Rights Fund = \$17 million annual budget
  - Water Rights administration

# Fee Setting Process

- Both sets of fees are adopted under statutory authority as emergency regulations
- Statutes require that we set fees at a level adequate to collect what is appropriated in our budget
- Fee schedules are reviewed annual at beginning of each fiscal year against revenue projections and any budget changes; and if change is needed usually adopted in September
- Statutes give the Water Board authority to establish the fee schedules

# Water Right Fund Fees

- Annual Fees (based on face value of permit)
  - Permit & License = \$150 + \$0.053/acre-ft
  - Pending Application = \$150 + \$0.053/acre-ft
  - Water Lease = \$1,000 + \$15/acre-ft >10
  - Projects under review for FERC Licensing  
= \$1,000 + \$0.342/Kilowatt
  - Projects issued FERC License  
= \$100 + \$0.125/Kilowatt

# Water Rights Fund Fees

- One-Time Fees (samples)
  - Application = \$1,000 + \$15/acre-ft > 10  
capped at \$482,609
  - Change Petition = \$1,000 + \$0.30/acre-ft > 10  
capped at \$6,062
  - Time extension petition = \$1,000
  - Small domestic, stockpond or small irrigation  
registration = \$250 registration, \$100 5-yr renewal
  - Groundwater recordation = \$50

# Waste Discharge Permit Fund Fee Programs

- NPDES Permit Program (surface water dischargers)
- NPDES Storm Water
- Waste Discharge Requirements (discharges to land and non Clean Water Act discharges)
- Land Disposal (landfills)
- Confined Animal Facilities Program
- Irrigated Land Regulatory Program
- 401 Certification (dredge and fill of wetlands)

# Waste Discharger Permit Fund

- Waste Discharge Requirements Program
  - Based on two factors:
    - Threat
      - Category 1 – discharge could cause long term loss of beneficial use
      - Category 2 – discharges that could impair the beneficial use
      - Category 3 – discharges that could degrade water quality
    - Complexity
      - Category A – any discharge of toxic waste, discharges with multiple discharge points
      - Category B – any discharge not in A that has physical, chemical, or biological treatment (except septic systems with subsurface disposal)
      - Category C – any discharge not in A or B, dischargers having no waste treatment systems or passive treatment systems

# Waste Discharge Requirements Program Fee Schedule

Threat to Water Quality	Complexity	Annual Discharge Fee
1	A	\$92,593
1	B	\$58,479
1	C	\$31,554
2	A	\$21,077
2	B	\$12,671
2	C	\$9,502
3	A	\$7,488
3	B	\$3,988
3	C	\$1,772



# NPDES Permit Program Fees

- Individual permits
  - Annual fee = \$1,704 + \$3,013/million gallons per day with a max fee of \$426,064 plus any surcharges
    - Surcharges included for monitoring, pretreatment, industrial discharges with high threat/complexity rating
- General Permits
  - Category 1 - \$9,816 – treatment systems for priority toxic pollutants
  - Category 2 - \$5,931 – treatment systems for non-priority pollutants
  - Category 3 - \$1,704 – requires minimal or no treatment system

Questions?

