

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SUMMARY REPORT
10:00 a.m., January 17, 2008
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
Hearing Room
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
Santa Rosa, California 95403

ITEM: 5

SUBJECT: Workshop on the Editorial Amendment for Chapter 1-Introduction of the *Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region*

DISCUSSION

Staff from the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will present an overview on the proposed process for development and Regional Water Board consideration of an Editorial Amendment to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region* (Basin Plan). The purpose of the Editorial Amendment is to update the Basin Plan to be more user-friendly through grammatical corrections, section reordering corrections, and to provide updated language on changes in regulation and statewide policies and plans. Planning efforts relative to the Editorial Amendment were identified as a high priority (#5) on the 2007 to 2010 Triennial Review Priority List.

Revisions to the Basin Plan proposed as part of the Editorial Amendment will not alter any regulatory element of the Basin Plan, and therefore will be proposed as a "Change Without Regulatory Effect" (1 CCR §100). Changes without regulatory effect are not defined as projects for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Any suggested changes to the Basin Plan that arise as part of the Editorial Amendment process that could have a regulatory effect will be summarized and addressed as part of the Triennial Review process.

Regional Water Board staff intend to develop proposed non-regulatory revisions to the Basin Plan by individual sections (1 through 6). The proposed schedule for Regional Water Board consideration of the individual sections is:

January 17, 2008Workshop introducing the Editorial Amendment process and proposed changes to Section 1-Introduction
March 6, 2008Board consideration of editorial changes to Section 1-Introduction
Summer 2008Board consideration of editorial changes to Section 2-Beneficial Uses
Fall 2008Board consideration of editorial changes to Section 3-Water Quality Objectives
Winter 2009Board consideration of editorial changes to Section 4-Implementation Plans
Spring 2009Board consideration of editorial changes to Section 5-Plans and Policies
Summer 2009Board consideration of editorial changes to Section 6-Surveillance and Monitoring
Fall 2009Board consideration of editorial changes to Appendices section

During the Workshop, Regional Water Board staff also will present a summary of proposed edits and amendments to Chapter 1 – Introduction. These edits primarily include grammatical corrections, section reordering, additional watershed and geographic information, and other miscellaneous clarifications.

The public review draft of Chapter 1 – Introduction of the Editorial Amendment will be available starting January 7, 2008. Written comments are requested by February 4, 2008.

PRELIMINARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

No action is recommended as this is an informational item.

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