

Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Executive Officer's Summary Report
Thursday, March 12, 2015
Santa Rosa, California

ITEM: 9

SUBJECT: Update on Development of the Storm Water Strategic Initiative and Renewal of the Phase I Municipal Storm Water Permit (*Colleen Hunt, Mona Dougherty, Sarah Gatzke, State Water Board, and Andy Rodgers, Russian River Watershed Association*)

BOARD ACTION: This is an informational item. No action will be taken by the Regional Water Board.

BACKGROUND: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and the regional water quality control boards are responsible for implementing storm water permitting requirements in the federal Clean Water Act. Individual and general storm water permits are issued under the authority of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program. The storm water permit program contains three types of permits: industrial, construction, and municipal storm water.

DISCUSSION: **Storm Water Strategic Initiative**

The State Water Board has initiated a collaborative stakeholder process to produce a plan that identifies effective ways to expand the breadth of the storm water program to better integrate watershed management, multiple-benefit solutions, source control, and improvement of the regulatory program efficiency and effectiveness. Ms. Sarah Gatzke, State Water Board, will present an overview of the Storm Water Strategic Initiative, including current progress and future efforts.

Russian River Watershed Storm Water Permit Alignment

On August 22, 2013, Regional Water Board staff provided an update to the Board on the efforts related to aligning municipalities in the Russian River Watershed under one, watershed-wide municipal storm water permit. The framework for this alignment is the current Phase I Municipal Storm Water Permit. The Russian River Watershed Association was instrumental in coordinating this effort, including supporting municipalities in navigating through new

permit requirements. The Russian River Watershed Association continues to provide a forum in which all Permittees continue to coordinate in a regional approach to storm water management. Today Mr. Andy Rogers, Executive Director of the Russian River Watershed Association, along with staff of the Regional Water Board Mrs. Colleen Hunt, will present an update on the successes and challenges of implementing a watershed-wide municipal storm water permit.

Municipal Storm Water Phase I Permit Renewal Update

On October 1, 2009, the Regional Water Board adopted Order No. R1-2009-0050, NPDES No. CA0025054, Waste Discharge Requirements for the City of Santa Rosa, the County of Sonoma and the Sonoma County Water Agency for Storm Water And Non-Storm Water Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (Order). The Order was a five-year permit, effective on January 1, 2010. Regional Water Board staff is in the process of drafting a renewal permit. Today, Mrs. Colleen Hunt will provide an update on this effort, including an overview of proposed significant changes to the Order.

Supporting
Documents: None

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