

**State Water Resources Control Board
Proposed Water Quality Fees for FY 2014-15**

Below are the proposed water quality fees (CA Code of Regulations Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 9, Waste Discharge Reports and Requirements Article 1, Fees) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15 by program. Based on anticipated revenue for each program, staff is proposing to increase or decrease fees to target the budgetary expenditures for FY 2014-15.

This document is based on current budget and revenue data and is provided to stakeholders for planning purposes only. Staff will propose to the Board a fee schedule based on final budget and revenue data. This presentation is tentatively scheduled for the September 23, 2014 Board meeting agenda.

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Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) – Section 2200(a)

WDR (Non15) - Discharge to Land or Surface Waters					
TTWQ/CPLX	FY 2013-14			FY 2014-15	
	Program Fee	Surcharge	Total Fee	% Increase	Program Fee
1A	\$92,593	\$8,796	\$101,389	4.9%	\$106,357
1B	\$58,479	\$5,556	\$64,035	4.9%	\$67,173
1C	\$31,554	\$2,998	\$34,552	4.9%	\$36,245
2A	\$21,077	\$2,002	\$23,079	4.9%	\$24,210
2B	\$12,671	\$1,204	\$13,875	4.9%	\$14,555
2C	\$9,502	\$903	\$10,405	4.9%	\$10,915
3A	\$7,488	\$711	\$8,199	4.9%	\$8,601
3B	\$3,988	\$379	\$4,367	4.9%	\$4,581
3C	\$1,772	\$168	\$1,940	4.9%	\$2,035

Land Disposal - No Tipping Fee					
TTWQ/CPLX	FY 2013-14			FY 2014-15	
	Program Fee	Surcharge	Total Fee	% Increase	Program Fee
1A	\$59,194	\$5,623	\$64,817	7.5%	\$69,678
1B	\$47,810	\$4,542	\$52,352	7.5%	\$56,278
1C	\$30,735	\$2,920	\$33,655	7.5%	\$36,179
2A	\$25,612	\$2,433	\$28,045	7.5%	\$30,148
2B	\$20,491	\$1,947	\$22,438	7.5%	\$24,121
2C	\$15,368	\$1,460	\$16,828	7.5%	\$18,090
3A	\$10,245	\$973	\$11,218	7.5%	\$12,059
3B	\$7,684	\$730	\$8,414	7.5%	\$9,045
3C	\$3,414	\$324	\$3,738	7.5%	\$4,018

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Land Disposal - Tipping Fee					
TTWQ/CPLX	FY 2013-14			FY 2014-15	
	Program Fee	Surcharge	Total Fee	% Increase	Program Fee
1A	\$49,327	\$4,686	\$54,013	10.3%	\$59,576
1B	\$39,840	\$3,785	\$43,625	10.3%	\$48,118
1C	\$25,612	\$2,433	\$28,045	10.3%	\$30,934
2A	\$21,343	\$2,028	\$23,371	10.3%	\$25,778
2B	\$17,074	\$1,622	\$18,696	10.3%	\$20,622
2C	\$12,806	\$1,217	\$14,023	10.3%	\$15,467
3A	\$8,538	\$811	\$9,349	10.3%	\$10,312
3B	\$6,402	\$608	\$7,010	10.3%	\$7,732
3C	\$2,846	\$270	\$3,116	10.3%	\$3,437

New WDR Fee:

- Cannabis Cultivation – In FY 2014-15 the State Water Board will be implementing a pilot program to regulate cannabis cultivation facilities in Regions 1 and 5 and will therefore need to set up a fee structure for permittees. Based on the estimated amount of disturbed acres from known facilities, staff is looking at a three-tier fee structure:

	Acreage	Annual Fee
Tier 1	Less than 0.25 acres	\$500
Tier 2	0.25 to 5 acres	\$2,500
Tier 3	Greater than 5 acres	\$10,000

401 Certification – Section 2200(a)(3)

Staff is proposing to revise the 401 Certification program fee structure from assessing only an application fee to assessing an application fee and an annual fee for the length or volume of the project. This proposal is in response to the California State Auditor’s Report that the State Water Board needs to keep better track of projects and payments. Below is the proposed fee schedule.

Type of Discharge	Cap: \$75,071		FY 2014-15 Fee Structure	Frequency
	FY 2013-14 Fee Structure	Frequency		
Fill & Excavation	\$1,097 + (Discharge length in feet x \$10.97) -or- \$1,097 + (Discharge area in acres x \$4,717) whichever is higher	Application Only	Discharge length in feet x \$13.50 -or- Discharge area in acres x \$5,670 whichever is higher	Initial Application Fee
			\$500	Annual Active Construction Fee
			\$250	Annual Post-Construction Monitoring Fee
			\$500 minimum application fee \$250,000 maximum application fee cap	

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Cap: \$75,071				
Type of Discharge	FY 2013-14 Fee Structure	Frequency	FY 2014-15 Fee Structure	Frequency
Dredging	\$1,097 + (Dredge volume in cubic yards x \$0.174)	Application Only	\$500	Initial Application Fee
			Annual dredge volume in cubic yards x \$0.21	Annual Active Construction Fee
			\$250	Annual Post-Construction Monitoring Fee
			\$500 minimum annual fee \$125,000 maximum annual fee cap	

Cap: \$75,071				
Type of Discharge	FY 2013-14 Fee Structure	Frequency	FY 2014-15 Fee Structure	Frequency
Other Projects	\$1,097 Flat Fee	Application Only	\$500	Initial Application Fee
			\$500	Annual Active Construction Fee
			\$250	Annual Post-Construction Monitoring Fee

Low Impact	\$132 Flat Fee	Application Only	\$150	Application Only
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NPDES – Section 2200(b)

Storm Water Municipal (MS4)					
Population	FY 2013-14			FY 2014-15	
	Program Fee	Surcharge	Total Fee	% Decrease	Program Fee
250,000+	\$52,856	\$11,100	\$63,956	-8.2%	\$58,712
200,000-249,999	\$46,249	\$9,712	\$55,961	-8.2%	\$51,372
150,000-199,999	\$39,905	\$8,380	\$48,285	-8.2%	\$44,326
100,000-149,999	\$33,036	\$6,938	\$39,974	-8.2%	\$36,696
75,000-99,999	\$26,429	\$5,550	\$31,979	-8.2%	\$29,357
50,000-74,999	\$19,820	\$4,162	\$23,982	-8.2%	\$22,015
25,000-49,999	\$13,214	\$2,775	\$15,989	-8.2%	\$14,678
10,000-24,999	\$7,929	\$1,665	\$9,594	-8.2%	\$8,807
1,000-9,999	\$5,285	\$1,110	\$6,395	-8.2%	\$5,871
<1000	\$2,644	\$555	\$3,199	-8.2%	\$2,937
Statewide	\$211,423	\$44,399	\$255,822	-8.2%	\$234,845

Storm Water Industrial

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FY 2013-14			FY 2014-15	
Program Fee	Surcharge	Total Fee	% Decrease	Program Fee
\$1,480	\$311	\$1,791	-8.2%	\$1,644

Storm Water Construction					
FY 2013-14			FY 2014-15		
	Program Fee	Surcharge	Total Fee	% Decrease	Program Fee
Maximum	\$4,641	\$975	\$5,616	-8.2%	\$5,155
		Base	\$423	-8.2%	\$388
		Multiplier	\$42	-8.2%	\$39

NPDES (based on flow)					
FY 2013-14			FY 2014-15		
	Program Fee	Surcharge	Total Fee	% Decrease	Program Fee
Maximum	\$426,064	\$89,473	\$515,537	-6.4%	\$482,543
		Base	\$1,704	-6.4%	\$1,595
		Multiplier	\$3,013	-6.4%	\$2,820

NPDES General					
FY 2013-14			FY 2014-15		
Category	Program Fee	Surcharge	Total Fee	% Decrease	Program Fee
Cat 1	\$9,816	\$2,061	\$11,877	-6.4%	\$11,117
Cat 2	\$5,931	\$1,246	\$7,177	-6.4%	\$6,718
Cat 3	\$1,704	\$358	\$2,062	-6.4%	\$1,930

Other NPDES Charges (No Change)	
TTWQ/CPLX 1A surcharge	\$15,000
TTWQ/CPLX 1B surcharge	\$10,000
TTWQ/CPLX 1C surcharge	\$5,000
Pretreatment	\$10,000
Wet Weather	\$20,000

New NPDES Fees:

- High Speed Rail Authority (HSRA) – For FY 2014-15, the HSRA will pay a storm water MS4 fee for construction work being performed in multiple counties.

- Drinking Water Purveyors – This is a new fee for drinking water systems that will be regulated under the new NPDES Drinking Water permit.

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Service Connections	Water Systems	Annual Fee
15-99	1417	\$100
100-999	754	\$200
1,000-4,999	351	\$700
5,000-19,999	212	\$2,200
20,000-99,999	111	\$7,000
100,000+	8	\$20,000
Transmission Only - 0 Connections		\$1,500

Confined Animal Facilities (CAF) – Sections 2200(c) and 2200.7

Staff prepared two scenarios to address concerns regarding a fee increase needed for FY 2014-15. The first option is to keep the current Quality Assurance Program (QAP) reduction at 50 percent. The second option is to keep the QAP at 50 percent and cap the fee reduction at \$2,500.

Dairies								
Mature Dairy	FY 2013-14				FY 2014-15 - Status Quo			
	Program Fee	Surcharge	Total (no QAP)	Total (w/QAP)	% Increase	Fee (no QAP)	% Increase	Fee (w/QAP)
3,000+	\$9,096	\$864	\$9,960	\$4,980	29%	\$12,848	29%	\$6,424
1,500-2,999	\$5,685	\$540	\$6,225	\$3,112	29%	\$8,030	29%	\$4,015
700-1,499	\$2,729	\$259	\$2,988	\$1,494	29%	\$3,855	29%	\$1,927
300-699	\$1,364	\$130	\$1,494	\$747	29%	\$1,927	29%	\$964
<300	\$682	\$65	\$747	\$373	29%	\$964	29%	\$482

FY 2014-15 - \$2,500 QAP Cap				
Mature Dairy	% Increase	Fee (no QAP)	% Increase	Fee (w/QAP)
3,000+	17%	\$11,629	83%	\$9,129
1,500-2,999	17%	\$7,268	53%	\$4,768
700-1,499	17%	\$3,489	17%	\$1,744
300-699	17%	\$1,744	17%	\$872
<300	17%	\$872	17%	\$436

Goat Dairies	FY 2013-14			FY 2014-15 Status Quo		FY 2014-15 \$2,500 QAP Cap	
	Program Fee	Surcharge	Total Fee	% Increase	Program Fee	% Increase	Program Fee
1,000+	\$909	\$86	\$995	29%	\$1,284	17%	\$1,164
<1,000	\$455	\$43	\$498	29%	\$642	17%	\$583

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Swine (55+ lbs)	FY 2013-14			FY 2014-15 Status Quo		FY 2014-15 \$2,500 QAP Cap	
	Program Fee	Surcharge	Total Fee	% Increase	Program Fee	% Increase	Program Fee
5,000+	\$3,411	\$324	\$3,735	29%	\$4,818	17%	\$4,370
2,500-4,999	\$1,819	\$173	\$1,992	29%	\$2,570	17%	\$2,331
750-2,499	\$909	\$86	\$995	29%	\$1,284	17%	\$1,164
<750	\$455	\$43	\$498	29%	\$642	17%	\$583

Swine (-55 lbs)	FY 2013-14			FY 2014-15 Status Quo		FY 2014-15 \$2,500 QAP Cap	
	Program Fee	Surcharge	Total Fee	% Increase	Program Fee	% Increase	Program Fee
20,000+	\$3,411	\$324	\$3,735	29%	\$4,818	17%	\$4,370
10,000-19,999	\$1,819	\$173	\$1,992	29%	\$2,570	17%	\$2,331
3,000-9,999	\$909	\$86	\$995	29%	\$1,284	17%	\$1,164
<3,000	\$455	\$43	\$498	29%	\$642	17%	\$583

Horses	FY 2013-14			FY 2014-15 Status Quo		FY 2014-15 \$2,500 QAP Cap	
	Program Fee	Surcharge	Total Fee	% Increase	Program Fee	% Increase	Program Fee
500+	\$1,819	\$173	\$1,992	29%	\$2,570	17%	\$2,331
150-499	\$909	\$86	\$995	29%	\$1,284	17%	\$1,164
<150	\$455	\$43	\$498	29%	\$642	17%	\$583

Sheep or Lambs	FY 2013-14			FY 2014-15 Status Quo		FY 2014-15 \$2,500 QAP Cap	
	Program Fee	Surcharge	Total Fee	% Increase	Program Fee	% Increase	Program Fee
10,000+	\$1,819	\$173	\$1,992	29%	\$2,570	17%	\$2,331
3,000-9,999	\$909	\$86	\$995	29%	\$1,284	17%	\$1,164
<3,000	\$455	\$43	\$498	29%	\$642	17%	\$583

Feedlots							
Cattle	FY 2013-14			FY 2014-15 Status Quo		FY 2014-15 \$2,500 QAP Cap	
	Program Fee	Surcharge	Total Fee	% Increase	Program Fee	% Increase	Program Fee
100,000+	\$6,823	\$648	\$7,471	29%	\$9,638	17%	\$8,741
10,000-99,999	\$3,411	\$324	\$3,735	29%	\$4,818	17%	\$4,370
5,000-9,999	\$1,819	\$173	\$1,992	29%	\$2,570	17%	\$2,331
1,000-4,999	\$909	\$86	\$995	29%	\$1,284	17%	\$1,164
<1,000	\$455	\$43	\$498	29%	\$642	17%	\$583

Calves	FY 2013-14			FY 2014-15 Status Quo		FY 2014-15 \$2,500 QAP Cap	
	Program Fee	Surcharge	Total Fee	% Increase	Program Fee	% Increase	Program Fee
10,000+	\$6,823	\$648	\$7,471	29%	\$9,638	17%	\$8,741
5,000-9,999	\$3,411	\$324	\$3,735	29%	\$4,818	17%	\$4,370
1,000-4,999	\$1,819	\$173	\$1,992	29%	\$2,570	17%	\$2,331
300-999	\$909	\$86	\$995	29%	\$1,284	17%	\$1,164
<300	\$455	\$43	\$498	29%	\$642	17%	\$583

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Heifers (non-dairy)	FY 2013-14			FY 2014-15 Status Quo		FY 2014-15 \$2,500 QAP Cap	
	Program Fee	Surcharge	Total Fee	% Increase	Program Fee	% Increase	Program Fee
10,000+	\$6,823	\$648	\$7,471	29%	\$9,638	17%	\$8,741
5,000-9,999	\$3,411	\$324	\$3,735	29%	\$4,818	17%	\$4,370
1,000-4,999	\$1,819	\$173	\$1,992	29%	\$2,570	17%	\$2,331
300-999	\$909	\$86	\$995	29%	\$1,284	17%	\$1,164
<300	\$455	\$43	\$498	29%	\$642	17%	\$583

Finishing Yards	FY 2013-14			FY 2014-15 Status Quo		FY 2014-15 \$2,500 QAP Cap	
	Program Fee	Surcharge	Total Fee	% Increase	Program Fee	% Increase	Program Fee
1000+	\$1,819	\$173	\$1,992	29%	\$2,570	17%	\$2,331
300-999	\$909	\$86	\$995	29%	\$1,284	17%	\$1,164
<300	\$455	\$43	\$498	29%	\$642	17%	\$583

New CAF Fee:

- Dairy Waiver – The State Water Board is proposing to assess the above CAF Dairy fees to dischargers currently regulated by a WDR dairy waiver.

Irrigated Lands – Section 2200.6

ILRP (Ag Waiver) - No Change			
Tier I	Group	\$100 + \$0.75/acre	
Tier II	Group	\$100 + \$1.27/acre	
Tier III	Individual	Acres	Fee Rate
		0-10	\$404 + \$13.50/acre
		>10-100	\$1,084 + \$6.70/acre
		>100-500	\$3,033 + \$3.40/acre
		>500	\$6,733 + \$2.70/acre