

ITEM: 6
SUBJECT: Status of the Groundwater Strategy For The Central Valley Region
BOARD ACTION: *No Board action. Information Item Only.*

BACKGROUND: On 4 December 2008, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Resolution No. R5-2008-0181 in support of Developing a Groundwater Strategy for the Central Valley Region. The resolution directs staff to develop a long-term strategy that will identify high priority activities, recognize the water boards core responsibilities and existing commitments; and build on existing processes. The Central Valley Water Board recognizes the importance of a collaborative planning process. Therefore, staff are currently developing a broad list of stakeholders to be used to request participation in the workshops to Develop a Groundwater Strategy.

Prior to scheduling stakeholder workshops staff are gathering information on the various agencies with roles that directly, or indirectly, can affect the quality of groundwater. This information will be provided at the stakeholder workshop to aid in the identification of deficiencies, conflicts, or gaps in protection of groundwater quality. This workshop is planned for August 2009.

One example of interagency coordination that is currently ongoing is staff participation with the Department of Water Resources California Water Plan update and in their Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management grant program. Staff are providing comments on the draft California Water Plan and attending regional workshops. Participation in the Integrated Regional Water Management grant program allows staff to learn of the wide variety of water management programs being implemented throughout the Central Valley.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation, information item only.

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