

ITEM: 19

SUBJECT: Programmatic Supplemental Environmental Projects Overview

REPORT: Board Staff will present an overview of a proposal to encourage the use of Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) to aid disadvantaged communities within the Central Valley Region. Since the State Water Board adopted the Statewide SEP policy in 2009, the Central Valley Water Board has observed that there are significant obstacles that make it difficult for Dischargers to enter into settlements that fund SEPs to assist disadvantaged communities. With input from Environmental Justice (EJ) groups within the Region, Board staff solicited the collaboration of a third-party group – the Rose Foundation – which has demonstrated the institutional capacity to facilitate projects that benefit water quality in disadvantaged communities. Similar efforts have been undertaken by the Central Coast and Lahontan Water Boards.

ISSUES The staff presentation will provide an overview of the rationale for this proposed approach and necessary steps going forward. Time will be allowed for questions and feedback from the Board.

RECOMMENDATION: No action required, information item only

Mgmt Review \_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Review PEP

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670  
6/7 February 2014