

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT
August 8, 2012

ITEM: 5

SUBJECT: Southern California Bight Regional Monitoring Program
(Bruce Posthumus)

PURPOSE: To present the most recent results from the Southern California Bight Regional Monitoring Program.

RECOMMENDATION(S): This is an informational item. No action will be taken by the San Diego Water Board.

KEY ISSUES: None.

DISCUSSION: The Southern California Bight Regional Monitoring Program (Bight Program) assesses conditions in and conducts special studies pertinent to the coastal waters of Southern California. These waters include estuaries, lagoons, bays, harbors, and coastal ocean waters.

The Bight Program was initiated in 1994, with subsequent iterations in 1998, 2003, and 2008. The Bight Program is a collaborative effort involving a number of participating organizations. It is coordinated by the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP), of which the San Diego Water Board is a member agency.

Ken Schiff, Deputy Director of SCCWRP, will provide an overview of recent Bight Program results. Additional information about the Bight Program is available at: <http://www.sccwrp.org/ResearchAreas/RegionalMonitoring/BightRegionalMonitoring.aspx>.

LEGAL CONCERNS: None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: None.

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