

State of California
Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego Region

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT
April 14, 2010

ITEM: 12

SUBJECT: Information Item: Water Quality Protection in Dana Point Harbor (James Smith)

PURPOSE: To provide an update to the Board on the efforts by the County of Orange and the City of Dana Point to address multiple water quality issues in Dana Point Harbor.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Information about the status report was provided in the agenda mailing and posted on-line.

DISCUSSION: The City of Dana Point has an active harbor with a ten-lane boat launch, fishing pier, marinas, shipyard, marine fuel dock, yacht clubs and commercial sport fishing and whale watching operations. The two marinas have a total of 2,500 boat slips. A large hotel, along with numerous dining and shopping establishments are also located at the harbor. Baby Beach is a small beach, popular with families with small children, located at the northern end of the harbor.

These multiple uses present a complex situation when managing water quality. Brad Gross and Paul Lawrence of Orange Counties Dana Point Harbor will discuss environmental practices, including the Clean Marinas California Program. Brad Fowler of the City of Dana Point will provide an overview of City programs that serve to protect harbor quality. George Edwards will provide information on the water quality response at Baby Beach to BMP efforts by the Orange County Watersheds group. These successes may translate to other harbors and marinas in the San Diego Region.

LEGAL CONCERNS: None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: None.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board will not be taking an action on this item.