

State of California
Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego Region

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT
June 8, 2011

- ITEM: 9
- SUBJECT: Hearing and Adoption Consideration: 2011 Basin Plan Triennial Review. The San Diego Water Board will consider adopting a short list of suggested Basin Plan revisions to serve as the basis of a three-year work plan. (Tentative Resolution No. R9-2011-0047, Supporting Document No. 1) (*Deborah Woodward*)
- PURPOSE: To consider adoption of a short list of suggested revisions to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (Basin Plan) developed through the 2011 Basin Plan Review. The Board may adopt the resolution and proposed short list as is, reject the list, or adopt the list with modifications.
- PUBLIC NOTICE: On April 22, 2011, a public notice (Supporting Document No. 2) of the Tentative Resolution was:
- published in the San Diego Union Tribune, the Orange County Register, and the (Riverside) Press-Enterprise;
 - sent via email to all known interested persons;
 - posted on the San Diego Water Board's web site; and
 - made available for review at the San Diego Water Board office.
- On May 3 and 23, 2011, the Tentative Resolution was revised to incorporate non-substantive changes and corrections. Notice of the revisions were sent via email to all known interested persons, and the revised Tentative Resolutions were:
- posted on the San Diego Water Board's web site; and
 - made available for review at the San Diego Water Board office.
- DISCUSSION: The Basin Plan Review, also known as the Triennial Review, is the process used to identify needed revisions to water quality standards and other elements of the Basin Plan. The product of the review is a short list of suggested revisions for staff to focus on over the next three years. The proposed short list is attached to the Tentative Resolution and described in more detail in the staff report (Supporting Document No. 3).
- There are two staff positions per year, or two person-years (PYs) per year, to work on the Basin Plan, i.e., six PYs for a three-year period. The proposed short list has six items on which those staff resources

would be focused. In order of estimated PY allocation, these are:

- Refinements to the Contact Water Recreation Beneficial Use (2.4 PYs)
- Comprehensive Policy for Streams, Wetlands & Riparian Areas (2.3 PYs)
- Housekeeping, i.e., mandated work and work to correct/clarify (1.0 PY)
- Water Quality Objective for Trash (0.1 PY)
- Nutrients Objectives in Surface Waters (0.1 PY)
- Seawater Desalination Policy (0.1 PY)

PY allocations of 0.1 are to provide for tracking and participation in a related State Water Board effort currently underway. Greater PY allocations are to investigate and analyze suggested revisions and, where appropriate, develop Basin Plan amendments and supporting documents.

The proposed short list also has four items to work on if staff resources allow or if more PYs become available:

- Municipal and Domestic Supply Beneficial Use for Specific Groundwaters
- Seasonal Variation Water Quality Objectives
- Indirect Potable Reuse and Municipal Reservoirs
- Site Specific Water Quality Objectives in Metals

The proposed short list includes the suggested revisions ranked highest by the stakeholder Triennial Review Advisory Committee (TRAC), and distributes staff resources equally among items intended to make the Basin Plan more “protective” and items intended to make the Basin Plan more “reasonable.” Use of a stakeholder advisory committee and categorization of suggestions as focusing on protection or reasonableness are new features of the San Diego Water Board’s review process.

The public comment period will remain open through the public hearing on June 8, 2011. Written comments were requested by May 23, 2011. Eleven comment letters were received (Supporting Document No. 4). Staff will provide written responses to these comments with the supplemental agenda package. Staff will respond to comments received after May 23 at the June 8 meeting.

The next Basin Plan Review is scheduled for 2014.

KEY ISSUES: None

COMPLIANCE: Not Applicable

LEGAL ISSUES: None

SUPPORTING DOCS: 1. Tentative Resolution No. R9-2011-0047
2. Notice of Public Hearing
3. Staff Report (with Attachments 1 – 6)
4. Comment Letters Received

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Tentative Resolution No. R9-2011-0047.