



- Regional Board Office
- Number of Employees = 64
- ✓ = Addresses a 2010 Priority

Accomplishments

- ✓ Rural Homeowners Assisted With Domestic Well Threats Posed by Groundwater Pollution
- ✓ Upgraded Online Enrollment System for Agricultural Dischargers Aids Water Quality Protection Efforts

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The Central Coast Region extends from Santa Clara County south to northern Ventura County. The region has 378 miles of coastline, including Santa Cruz and the Monterey Peninsula, the agricultural Salinas and Santa Maria valleys, and the Santa Barbara coastal plain. Tourism, power and oil production, agriculture, and related food processing activities are the major industries.

Upcoming Priorities for 2012

- Prevent and correct threats to human health by developing a program to inform domestic well owners of nitrate threats, offer help with well sampling, and information on treatment alternatives; developing requirements for replacement water where appropriate; and adopting a Basin Plan amendment to protect groundwater.
- Prevent and correct degradation of aquatic habitat by adopting a Basin Plan amendment to protect aquatic habitat and buffers; incorporating requirements in permits/orders to protect aquatic habitat; prioritizing enforcement actions to address illegal filling/degradation of aquatic habitat; prioritizing 401 Certification projects based on protecting aquatic habitat.
- Prevent degradation of hydrologic processes by developing and implementing hydromodification control criteria for municipalities region-wide, and prioritizing 401 Certification projects based on controlling hydromodification.
- Prevent/reverse seawater intrusion where local efforts are failing, and recommend that the State Water Board implement actions to control pumping that causes salt water intrusion.
- Prevent further degradation of groundwater basins from salts by continuing to work with local agencies to develop effective salt management plans.