



Lahontan Water Board Program Fact Sheet FY 2016-17

Nonpoint Source Pollution Control

Overview

The purpose of the Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program (NPS Program) is to protect unimpaired waterbodies and restore waters impacted by NPS pollution. Restoration on forested lands and grazing are high priorities in the NPS Program with federal resources under the Clean Water Act 319(h) program allocated to the Region this fiscal year of 1.6 PY for the NPS work by staff with an additional \$2,356,495 in grant support to local technical assistance projects. NPS pollution from other sources (e.g., storm water, septic, urban runoff, abandoned mines) is primarily addressed through other programs with state funding and other sources of federal funding.

The Region's NPS Program in part implements the statewide ***California Nonpoint Source Program Implementation Plan 2014-2020***, and is consistent with the statewide ***Policy for Implementation and Enforcement of the Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program***.

Key Efforts

The NPS Program is focusing on implementing grants and regulatory actions (e.g., waste discharge requirements or WDRs) to prevent adverse impacts due to livestock grazing; supporting watershed restoration efforts and effectively interacting with stakeholders. For FY16-17, key efforts include:

WDRs for Federal Land Management Activities

- Engage and receive input from stakeholders.
- Coordinate with/review similar permit efforts in other Regions.
- Begin to draft WDRs.

WDRs for Grazing Operation & Other Activities in the East Walker River Watershed

- Update the Bridgeport grazing waiver and assess its effectiveness.
- Coordinate with SWAMP sampling and assessment efforts in the watershed.

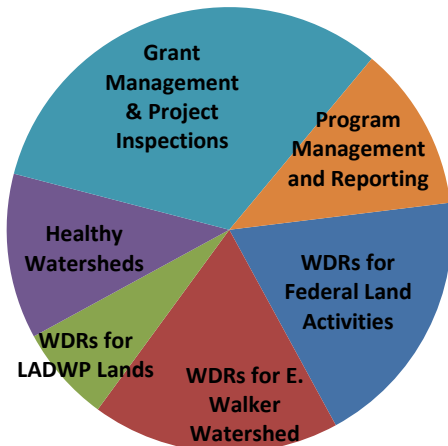
WDRs for Activities on Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) Lands

- Engage and receive input from stakeholders.
- Assist in development of the CEQA document.
- Begin to draft WDRs.
- Engage with LADWP to focus on addressing grazing activities to reduce bacteria in surface waters.

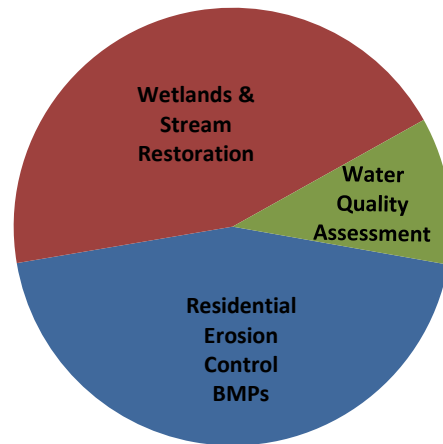
Identifying and Protecting Healthy Watersheds

- Support TMDL implementation activities.
- Conduct environmental education and outreach activities to help stakeholders better understand their role in protecting the state's water resources.

Staff Activity by Program Tasks



Types of Technical Assistance Grants



Accomplishments

- Completed implementation of Proposition 84 “Rivers and Ranches” grant that included monitoring, technical assistance and coordination with ranch partners to implement six different water quality improvement projects. Conducted Water Board tour of completed projects.
- Engaged in a Collaborative Stakeholder process with the Bridgeport Ranchers Organization and other interested parties to develop a watershed-based grazing management practice project and renew the grazing waiver.
- Managed seven technical assistance grant projects that implement adopted TMDLs.
- Provided oversight and inspections of major stream restoration and stabilization projects implemented by the USFS at Angora Creek and the Upper Truckee River.
- Reviewed ten environmental documents and conducted nine inspections at six timber and vegetation management and restoration project sites on federal forest lands to ensure compliance with the timber waiver. Dischargers were mostly in full compliance.
- Issued four water quality certification orders for forest and stream restoration projects.
- Reviewed and/or commented on nine projects from USFS Schedule of Proposed Actions for the nine federal forests in the Lahontan Region.
- Met with LADWP staff to discuss monitoring data and regulatory approaches to grazing.
- Participated in the South Tahoe Environmental Education Coalition to provide water quality activities to all campuses in the Lake Tahoe Unified School District and some schools in North Tahoe and Truckee.

No Performance Targets Established

Though no formal performance targets are established for the NPS Program, each Region and the State Water Board are required to submit an annual report to US EPA to report on activities funded from the federal Clean Water Act 319(h) program.

Unaddressed Work

- Annual outreach efforts with each National Forest in the Lahontan Region.
- Development of a regulatory mechanism for grazing activities on private lands.
- Development of a regulatory mechanism for dirt road maintenance, closure and repair.
- Active and completion inspections for all forest health and stream restoration projects.