ITEM 6

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE CALIFORNIA WATER CODE SECTION 13385 ENFORCEMENT REPORT

DISCUSSION

This item is an opportunity for the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to consider a report recently prepared pursuant to California Water Code Section 13385(o) (13385 Report). This report summarizes information regarding violations of waste discharge requirements and enforcement actions taken by the Regional Water Quality Control Boards in response to those violations. The report addresses only discharges to surface water because it has been prepared pursuant to Chapter 5.5 of the California Water Code. Chapter 5.5 implements provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and establishes a regulatory program for discharges to surface water only. This report also contains commentary on performance and follow-up actions.

While this 13385 Report is limited to surface water violations and enforcement information, the State Water Board is also preparing a baseline enforcement report. This baseline enforcement report is currently being developed by staff and will discuss statewide enforcement resources, enforcement actions in our core regulatory programs over the last year, proposed improvement in how we measure enforcement, and will include recommendations for improving out enforcement program.

POLICY ISSUE

The Board will advise staff on recommendations in the report, and on future versions of the report.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None.