

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
MARCH 1, 2016**

ITEM 8

SUBJECT

INFORMATION ITEM TO PRESENT THE DRAFT PERFORMANCE MEASURES DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO EVALUATE THE MODEL CRITERIA FOR GROUNDWATER MONITORING IN AREAS OF OIL AND GAS WELL STIMULATION.

DISCUSSION

California Water Code section 10783 (Senate Bill 4, Pavley, Statutes of 2013) required the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to develop model criteria for groundwater monitoring in areas of oil and gas well stimulation (Model Criteria) by July 1, 2015. The Model Criteria was adopted on July 7, 2015 ([Resolution No. 2015-0047](#)). As part of the adoption, State Water Board directed staff to collaborate with stakeholder groups to develop performance measures for the evaluation of the Model Criteria by March 1, 2016.

State Water Board staff held two meetings on November 10, 2015 and January 8, 2016 to develop the performance measures in collaboration with stakeholders. Stakeholders included the Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources, Clean Water Action, Environmental Working Group, Chevron, California Resources Corporation, and Western States Petroleum Association. State Water Board staff will present the draft performance measures to the State Water Board.

POLICY ISSUE

None.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None, this is an informational item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None.

<p>This informational item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 5 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 to enhance and improve accessibility of groundwater quality information.</p>
