

Update on Supplemental Environmental Projects

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Santa Barbara



Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP)

- Administrative Civil Liability (ACL)
- Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA)
- First party SEP (discharger proposed)
- Third party SEP (discharger selected)
 - Other parties (one-off projects)
 - Third party-administered (multiple/ongoing)



Outline

- Regional funding priorities
- Funding management structure
- GAP-SEP project update
- Pre-approved SEP benefits
- Revised SEP Policy
- Next steps
- Summary

Regional Funding Priorities

- Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)
 - Drinking water and wastewater
- Regional monitoring
 - Domestic well sampling (public health)
 - Sustainability (SGMA and climate change)
 - Evaluate basin/watershed health



Priorities Alignment

- Governor's Office (EJ & climate change)
- Human Right to Water Law (CWC 106.3)
 - State and Regional Board resolutions
- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
- California Water Action Plan
- Water Board's Mission & Strategic Plan
- State Water Board's SEP Policy

Management Structure

- Third party administrator/trustee
 - The Bay Foundation of Morro Bay
 - Meets state/federal auditing requirements
- Financial stability
 - Endowments provide project continuity
- Pre-approved GAP-SEP
 - 2012 GAP workplan & resolution
 - 2015 Board direction



GAP SEP Projects

- Disadvantaged Communities
 - 2 projects – north and south
 - 1 pending – regional (Item 17)
- Regional Monitoring
 - 2 domestic well sampling projects
 - 1 basin assessment project
 - 1 hybrid project - Civic Spark fellows
 - 1 pending SGMA - Paso Basin GSP

Pre-approved third party-administered SEP Benefits

- Provide regional benefit
 - Focused on priorities
- Decrease administrative burden
 - Limits project review
 - Limits project implementation oversight
 - Liability waived upon payment



Revised SEP Policy

(Effective May 3, 2018)

- Human right to water, environmental justice & climate change
- State Board approval of
 - Regional monitoring SEPs
 - Third party administrators
- Transparency & accountability
 - Project posting
 - Annual reporting to Office of Enforcement

Next Steps

- Formalize R3 pre-approved SEPs
 - via State Board Resolution to approve:
 - third party-administrator
 - project types and associated criteria
- Post available SEPs
- Annual performance updates
 - Implementation reporting
 - Affirm and adjust project priorities

Summary

- Our funding priorities
 - Disadvantaged Communities
 - Regional Monitoring
- Formalize these priorities in coordination with State Board as our
 - Pre-approved third party-administered SEP
- Provide annual performance updates



Questions & Discussion

