

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

**STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 16-17, 2022**

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**ITEM NUMBER:** 10

**SUBJECT:** Executive Officer's Report to the Board

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**ACTION:** Information/Discussion

**KEY INFORMATION:** This item presents a brief discussion of issues that may interest the Board and the program performance measures. Upon request, staff can provide more detailed information about any item.

**Racial Equity Initiative Update**

The Central Coast Water Board's staff led Racial Equity Working Group meets biweekly to coordinate the implementation of ongoing external engagement activities to create awareness of and seek input on the Preliminary Draft Racial Equity Resolution released as part of the April 21-22, 2022 board meeting, [Item number 3 - Environmental Justice Update – Progress Towards a Racial Equity Resolution for the Central Coast Region](#).<sup>1</sup> The working group is communicating with known environmental justice and racial equity advocacy groups to engage with them and get recommendations for additional contacts to help ensure broad outreach. As part of the ongoing external engagement activities, Angela Schroeter of our management team is scheduled to present on our racial equity initiative at a forthcoming Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Roundtable of Regions meeting in Santa Barbara and a Central Coast Climate Justice Network (CCCJN) meeting. Angela is also initiating tribal engagement on the Preliminary Draft Racial Equity Resolution. Preliminary feedback has been positive and supportive, with many stakeholders expressing a desire to provide input on the subsequent development of an action plan after a resolution is adopted by the board. The Racial Equity Working Group will bring a proposed Racial Equity Resolution to the board for consideration at a future meeting after completing the external engagement process.

Staff are also participating in the State Water Board's Racial Equity Action Plan development process and taking advantage of racial equity related training

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<sup>1</sup>[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board\\_info/agendas/2022/apr/item3\\_stfrpt.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2022/apr/item3_stfrpt.pdf)

opportunities. Matthew Keeling participated in an internal Water Board Racial Equity Action Plan workshop on May 17, 2022, and Angela Schroeter will be participating in forthcoming tribal consultations on the State Water Board's Racial Equity Action Plan with various central coast tribes. Several staff are taking a UC Davis Continuing Education program class on Tribal Water Law and Policy, and two staff are participating in a Water Board Facilitation and Training Pool Program that is focused on planning and implementing hybrid public meetings and includes racial equity and tribal engagement subject matter experts.

Item 6 of the agenda for this meeting is a process overview and update on the proposed designation of the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary.

### **PROGRAM PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Please see the following standard attachments.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. [Table 1](#) - 401 Water Quality Certification Applications Received
2. [Table 2](#) - 401 Water Quality Certifications Issued
3. [Table 3](#) - Groundwater Section, Case Closure Performance Scoreboard
4. [Table 4](#) - Groundwater Case Closures
5. [Table 5](#) - Enrollments in General Orders/Waivers

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