



Basin Planning Program Fact Sheet

Fiscal Year (FY) 19/20

Overview of the Basin Planning Program

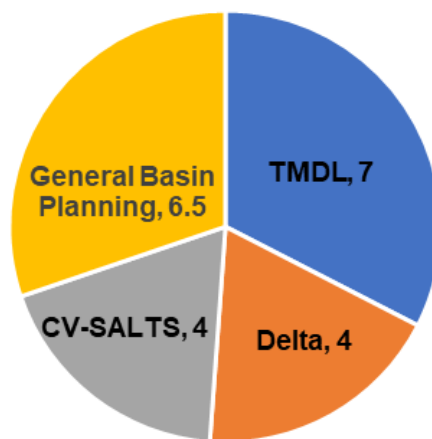
Water Quality Control Plans or “Basin Plans” provide the foundation for all Central Valley Water Board regulatory actions. Basin Plans identify beneficial uses of surface and ground waters, water quality objectives to protect those uses, implementation actions to achieve objectives and a monitoring and surveillance program to ensure implementation actions are effective. The TMDL, Delta, and CV-SALTS programs fall within the Basin Planning program, and separate fact sheets are provided for those programs. There are two Basin Plans for the Central Valley Region, one for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins, and one for the Tulare Lake Basin.

Program Goals

The goals of the Planning Program are to establish regulatory policies, frameworks and programs that will preserve and enhance water quality and protect beneficial uses of water. Ultimately, many Planning Program projects result in amendments to the Basin Plans that provide the foundation for all the Board’s regulatory actions. The Basin Plans identify the beneficial uses of waters of the state and the water quality objectives necessary to protect these waters. The Triennial Review is a public process conducted every three years to ensure that the Basin Plans address public concerns and continue to be effective at meeting program goals in a reasonable and transparent manner.

Resources

Planning Program PY Allocations



FY 18/19 Accomplishments

- Triennial Review was completed and adopted by the Board.
- Completed draft Staff Report for Diazinon and Chlorpyrifos Control Program Reconsideration.
- Reviewed temperature criteria recommendation report (from UCSC) with CDFW, NMFS, USFW and Region 2 staff and began discussions to develop multi-region temperature criteria.
- Continued cyanobacteria bloom response, collated harmful algal bloom (HAB) data, and developed plan to streamline Central Valley Water Board HAB data.
- Participated in the Biostimulatory Biointegrity Policy stakeholder meetings.

Priority Projects FY 19/20

- Implement new Triennial Review priority projects, including: Tribal Beneficial Use Designations, Pit River Evaluation, and Regional Criteria Development.
- Continue to work with State Water Board staff to develop Biostimulatory Biointegrity Policy development for wadeable streams, determine implications for Central Valley and provide updates to Central Valley Water Board staff and management.
- Continue cyanobacteria bloom response, develop data portal and data visualization tools to be used toward Central Valley HAB assessments.
- Review Groundwater beneficial use designations in Oil/Gas and Ag Coalition Sub-Basins workplans.
- Continue program management, internal and external coordination and staff development and training.
- Continue Tribal Coordination throughout the Agency.