Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
2014 Update
Compliance and Enforcement Activities

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Background

- Legal Authorities
  - Clean Water Act
  - Porter Cologne
  - Basin Plan(s)
Staff Resources

Planning, Assessment, Permitting, Administrative 77%

Compliance and Enforcement 23%
### Prosecution Team
- Lead Prosecutor (transitioning from EO to AEO)
- AEOs in Redding and Fresno
- Enforcement Staff
- Office of Enforcement
- Brings Enforcement Actions to the Board

### Advisory Team
- Board Advisor (transitioning from AEO to EO)
- Technical Staff
- Office of the Chief Counsel
- Advises Board on Technical and Legal Issues
State Board Office of Enforcement (OE)

- OE acts as an advisor to the Assistant Executive Officer who makes all strategic decisions on the case.
- Attorneys are assigned to cases to be brought before the Board
- OE has an attorney liaison(s) assigned to each regional board.
Promoting Fair, Firm & Consistent Enforcement

Water Boards shall strive to be fair, firm, and consistent in taking enforcement actions while recognizing the unique facts of each case.
The chief goal is compliance. However, compliance is often only the result of a robust and respected enforcement program.
The goal of the Enforcement Policy is to protect and enhance the quality of the waters of the State by defining an enforcement process that addresses water quality problems in the most efficient, effective, and consistent manner.
Enforcement Policy

- Guidance on ranking enforcement priorities, highlights progressive enforcement

- Liability assessment methodology for ACLs

- Alternatives to assess civil liabilities, such as supplemental environment projects (SEPs)

- Collection and Recording of data, communicating enforcement information to the public.
Workload

- 319 NPDES Permittees
- >1,200 Clean Up Cases
- >1,100 UST Cases
  - Regional Board Lead on 660
- >25,000 ILRP Participants
  - Including Eight Coalitions
- >400 Non-15 WDRs
- >1,400 Dairies
- 414 Title 27 Land Disposal Sites
  - Including 64 Mines
- ~ 3,500 Storm Water Dischargers
- ~ 2,000 Timber Harvest Projects
- Others (401 Certs, SSOs, DoDs)

Total: >38,000 caseload
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Formal Enforcement Actions Core Regulatory Programs 2009 - 2013

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Enforcement By Program

**Formal and Informal Enforcement Actions by Core Regulatory Programs**

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Success Stories

- MMP Enforcement Initiative
- North State Recycling
- West Squaw Creek Mines
- City of Fresno WWTF Spill / Response
- Equilon ACL and SEPs
- Fracking Response
- Cascade/Rocklin Crossings
Emerging Issues

- Irrigated Lands
- Dairies
- Mines
- Annual Storm Water Reporting
- Marijuana
- Fracking/Oil Extraction
- Programmatic SEP