

Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Executive Officer's Summary Report
Thursday, February 21, 2019
Regional Water Board Office
Santa Rosa, California

ITEM: 13

SUBJECT: Discussion of FY 2019-2020 Priorities (*Matt St. John*)

BOARD ACTION: This is an informational item; no action will be taken by the Board.

BACKGROUND: The purpose of this information item is to receive feedback from the Regional Water Board and interested stakeholders on priorities to inform the development of the North Coast Regional Water Board's Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 Work Plan. The work conducted by staff of the Regional Water Board is currently guided by the FY 2018-2019 Work Plans for each of the four Regional Water Board Divisions – Point Source & Groundwater Protection; Non-Point Source & Surface Water Protection; Planning & Stewardship; and Cannabis & Enforcement; and for the Watershed Stewardship Coordinator. In combination, the work plans are intended to prioritize and guide the work of Regional Water Board staff during the fiscal year, and to manage expectations regarding the content and schedule of work plan deliverables. As staff begin to develop the Work Plans for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2019-2020, it is useful to identify our work priorities.

DISCUSSION: The Regional Water Board has certain programmatic responsibilities and associated activities that are directed based on the funding that we receive. In certain respects, all of our funded work is a priority, given that we have obligations with regard to how we expend these funds. However, the purpose of this information item is to highlight specific projects and tasks that are a particular priority to the Regional Water Board in order to focus our work next fiscal year. In other words, though core activities for all of the Regional Water Board's programs are critically important, this exercise is intended to highlight specific project priorities. Attached is a summary of Regional Water Board staff's recommended priorities for FY 2019-2020. These priorities can be refined or changed based on Board member and stakeholder feedback, or new priorities may be suggested, and this information will inform the development of the FY 2019-2020 Work Plans for each division. Staff intend to present the FY 2019-2020 Work Plans to the Regional Water Board at the August 2019 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: This is an informational item.

SUPPORTING

DOCUMENTS: FY 2019-2020 Recommended Priorities