

Water Board Strategic Goals:

- Goal 1:** Implement strategies to fully support the beneficial uses for all 2006-listed water bodies by 2030.
- Goal 2:** Improve and protect groundwater quality in high-use basins by 2030.
- Goal 3:** Increase sustainable local water supplies available for meeting existing and future beneficial uses by 1,725,000 acre-feet per year, in excess of 2002 levels, by 2015, and ensure adequate flows for fish and wildlife habitat.
- Goal 4:** Comprehensively address water quality protection and restoration, and the relationship between water supply and water quality, and describe the connections between water quality, water quantity, and climate change, throughout California's water planning processes.
- Goal 5:** Improve transparency and accountability by ensuring that Water Board goals and actions are clear and accessible, by demonstrating and explaining results achieved with respect to the goals and resources available, by enhancing and improving accessibility of data and information, and by encouraging the creation of organizations or cooperative agreements that advance this goal, such as establishment of a statewide water data institute.
- Goal 6:** Enhance consistency across the Water Boards, on an ongoing basis, to ensure our processes are effective, efficient, and predictable, and to promote fair and equitable application of laws, regulations, policies, and procedures.
- Goal 7:** Ensure that the Water Boards have access to information and expertise, including employees with appropriate knowledge and skills, needed to effectively and efficiently carry out the Water Boards' mission.

Information Links

The State Water Board has easy to use information on surface water, groundwater, water rights and other programs at its website. Key sites include:

About the Water Board: The "About Us" tab on the State Water Board website is a one stop location to find information such as Board membership, meetings, budget information, important policy documents, fact sheets and important contact information. http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/

My Water Quality: This site provides information to the public from multiple perspectives and presents California water quality monitoring data and assessment information that may be viewed across space and time in order to better address the public's questions. <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/mywaterquality/>

Electronic Water Rights Information Management System (eWRIMS): This water rights tracking system contains information on water right permits and licenses issued by the Water Board that is available to the public and staff. http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ewrims

GeoTracker Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment Program (GAMA): GeoTracker GAMA is an online groundwater information system that provides access to water quality data and connects users to groundwater basics and protection information. http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/gama/geotracker_gama.shtml

State Water Board Performance Reports: This annual report provides information on the Water Boards' efforts to protect and allocate the state's waters for beneficial uses. http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/performance_report/

Additional information can be found at www.waterboards.ca.gov.



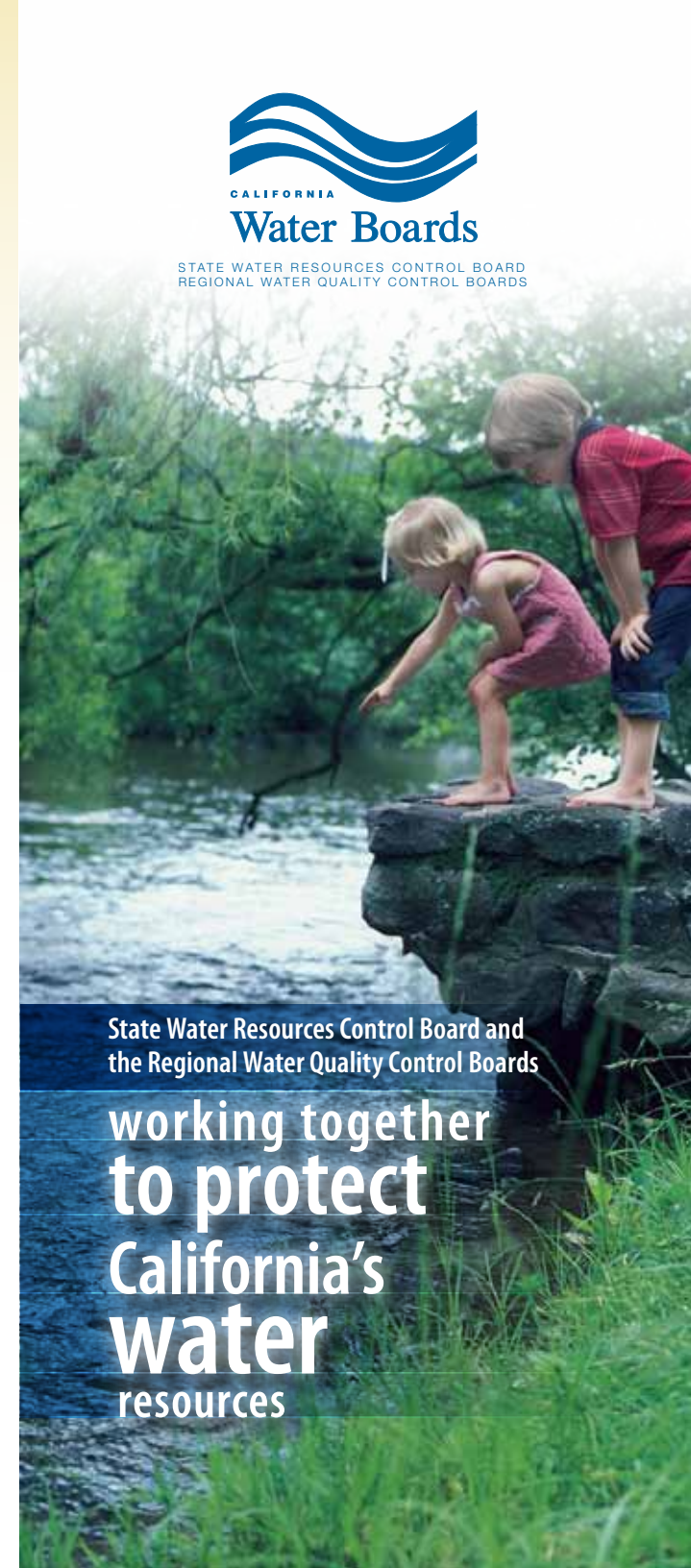
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State Water Resources Control Board and
the Regional Water Quality Control Boards

working together
to protect
California's
water
resources

OUR MISSION: To preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources, and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations.



What the State Water Resources Control Board does

Created by the State Legislature in 1967, the five-member Board protects water quality by setting statewide policy, coordinating and supporting the Regional Water Board efforts, and reviewing petitions that contest Regional Board actions. Together with the Regional Boards, the State Board is authorized to implement the federal Clean Water Act in California. The State Board also is solely responsible for allocating surface water rights.

Each of the five full-time salaried board members fills a different specialized position (representing the public, engineering expertise, water quality expertise and water supply). The members are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

FELICIA MARCUS, Board Chair:
Qualified in the field of water quality

FRANCES SPIVY-WEBER, Vice-Chair:
Represents the public

TAM M. DODUC, Board Member:
Civil engineer qualified in the fields of water supply, water rights and irrigated agriculture

DORENE D'ADAMO, Board Member:
Attorney qualified in the fields of water supply and water rights

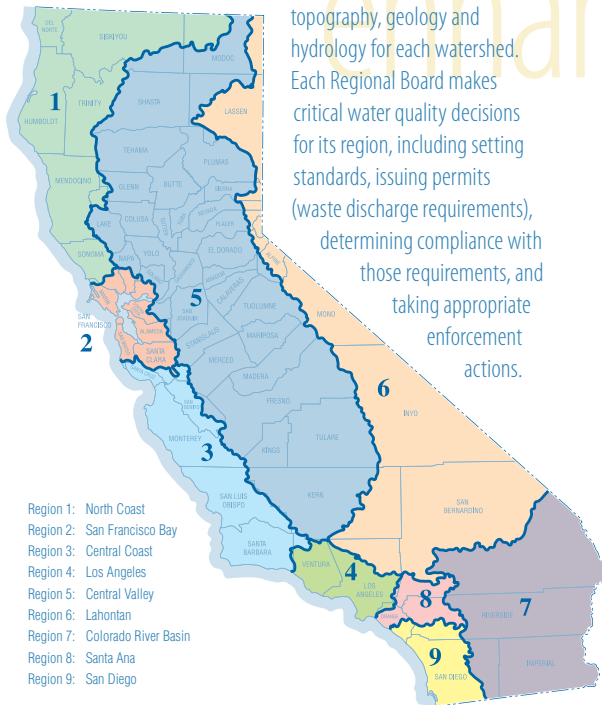
STEVEN MOORE, Board Member:
Professional engineer qualified in the field of water quality

THOMAS HOWARD, Executive Director

What the Regional Water Quality Control Boards do

There are nine regional water quality control boards statewide. The nine Regional Boards are semi-autonomous and are comprised of seven part-time Board members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Regional boundaries are based on watersheds and water quality requirements are based on the

unique differences in climate, topography, geology and hydrology for each watershed. Each Regional Board makes critical water quality decisions for its region, including setting standards, issuing permits (waste discharge requirements), determining compliance with those requirements, and taking appropriate enforcement actions.



State Water Board programs

The State Water Board has three major programs:

WATER QUALITY: The State Water Board works in coordination with the Regional Water Boards to preserve, protect, enhance and restore water quality. Major areas of focus include:

- Stormwater
- Wastewater treatment
- Water quality monitoring
- Wetlands protection
- Ocean protection
- Environmental education
- Environmental justice
- Clean up contaminated sites, including brownfields
- Low-impact development
- Underground Storage Tank Cleanups
- Groundwater Protection

The State Water Board and the nine Regional Water Boards are responsible for swift and fair enforcement when the laws and regulations protecting our waterways are violated. The Water Boards also work with federal, state and local law enforcement, as well as other environmental agencies to ensure a coordinated approach to protecting human health and the environment.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: The State Water Board provides loans and grants for constructing municipal sewage and water recycling facilities, remediation for underground storage tank releases, watershed protection projects, and for nonpoint source pollution control projects. The State Water Board has several financial programs to help local agencies and individuals prevent or clean up pollution of the state's water.

WATER RIGHTS: Anyone wanting to divert water from a stream or river not adjacent to their property must first apply for a water right permit from the State Water Board. The State Water Board issues permits for water rights specifying amounts, conditions and construction timetables for diversion and storage. Decision-making stems from water availability, prior water rights and flows needed to preserve instream uses, such as recreation and fish habitat.

The State Water Board's Bay-Delta Program facilitates the development and review of plans and policies to protect beneficial uses of the San Francisco Bay / Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta Estuary. This Program also implements a nine-point Strategic Workplan to protect this important natural resource.

The State Water Board is also home to the Delta Watermaster. The Office of Delta Watermaster oversees the monitoring and enforcement of water right activities regarding water diversions in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The Watermaster's authority extends to all diversions within the Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta and includes water appropriations within the Delta watershed.