

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board Strategic Workplan Overview

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of the San Francisco Bay Region's water resources for the protection of the environment, public health, and all beneficial water uses.

We protect and restore surface and groundwater, including sources of drinking water, by regulating discharges from industrial, commercial, municipal, agricultural, and other sources, and by developing and overseeing programs and policies. Our programs, regulations, and policies also address other complex issues, such as climate change adaptation, sea level rise, racial equity, and environmental justice.

WHAT WE DO

To achieve our mission, we conduct and implement multiple water quality programs and initiatives, as well as overarching organizational activities that cut across numerous programs and align with the State Water Board's and our Regional Board initiatives. Our water quality programs are organized under four categories presented below and our organizational priorities are presented on the second page of this document.



PLAN AND ASSESS

We adopt plans and policies to carry out federal and State water quality protection laws. The plans and policies contain water quality standards and regulations, which form the basis of our regulatory actions for protecting the quality of the State's waters. We monitor and assess the condition of the waters to determine if they are supporting their uses, detect long-term trends, and focus and evaluate regulatory efforts.



CLEAN UP

We direct and oversee clean up of contaminated sites throughout the Bay Area from former industrial activities, leaking underground petroleum tanks, and other chemical spills or leaks. We regulate and oversee clean up activities based on laws, regulations, plans, and policies so sites are remediated to protect public health and the environment.



REGULATE

We identify the discharges of pollutants that threaten the quality of the State's waters and regulate those discharges by imposing requirements to control the pollutants, based on laws, regulations, plans, and policies designed to protect water quality.



ENFORCE

We enforce the pollution control and clean up requirements that are established for discharges and contaminated sites with the goal of achieving compliance with requirements to protect water quality. When warranted, we assess financial penalties.

By the Numbers

200	Creek, Wetland, & Bay Habitat Protection water quality certifications per year
83	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permits
58	Recycled Water Programs and Projects
2,200	Permitted Industrial Facilities
1,500	Permitted Construction Sites
67	Regulated Landfills
829	Site Cleanup Cases
411	Military Cleanup Sites

