

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 10, 2009
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ITEM NUMBER: 13

SUBJECT: Consideration of a Resolution Adopting the 2009 Triennial Review of the Central Coast Basin Plan

SUMMARY

State and federal laws require the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board or Water Board) to review and update its Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) at least every three years. Water Board staff calls this review and update the "Triennial Review." The purpose of the review process is to identify and prioritize important water quality and watershed protection issues that staff will develop into basin plan amendments for the Water Board to consider in the future. Basin Plan amendments may include additions or deletions to the designated beneficial uses and water quality objectives, and implementation programs. Staff reviewed the Basin Plan for and scoped new water quality and watershed protection issues to develop a Priority List of issues that will inform potential Basin Plan amendments. The outcomes of the review are contained in the 2009 Triennial Review Technical Report. The Report includes the following: a brief description of each water quality issue considered; a generalized ranking of each issue by priority; an estimate of staff time and resources over a three-year period needed to investigate and potentially develop the highest priority issues as a Basin Plan amendment; and identification of lower priority issues that may be developed into amendments but will require additional resources to complete.

Water Board staff provided a 45-day public comment period, as announced in a March 26, 2009 Notice of Public Hearing, Public Workshop and Public Comment Period letter. After consideration of public comments from interested persons, interest groups, and regulatory agencies, staff developed and prioritized the 2009 Triennial Review Priority List. The proposed Resolution R3-2009-0052, including the proposed 2009 Triennial Review Priority List, is presented to the Water Board for review and for consideration of approval (Attachment 1). The 2009 Triennial Review Technical Report (Attachment 2) contains public comments and responses, a detailed discussion of each water quality issue considered, and a description of the ranking process.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution R3-2009-0052 (Attachment 1) completing the 2009 Triennial Review process. The Resolution approves the Triennial Review Priority List for issues that may be developed into amendments of the Basin Plan, affirms the general adequacy of the present Basin Plan in areas not under revision, and states that the entire Basin Plan is effective until subsequent amendments are adopted.

ATTACHMENTS

The attachments are available at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2009/2009_agendas.shtml

Attachment 1. Draft Resolution, including 2009 Basin Plan Triennial Review Priority List
Attachment 2. 2009 Basin Plan Triennial Review Technical Report

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