

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION

- NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - PROPOSED REGIONAL ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES

PROPOSED PRIORITIES

Advisory and prosecution staff members (led by the Executive Officer and Assistant Executive Officer, respectively) have developed recommendations for regional enforcement priorities for 2018. Current priorities were presented in the [April 2017 Executive Officer Report](#). For 2018, the advisory and prosecution staff collectively recommend to continue to prioritize enforcement of violations that affected one or more [key beneficial use categories](#) (i.e. municipal water supply, fish and shellfish consumption, recreation, and ecosystem health) in a key area for the specific use.

Consistent with our Practical Vision goal of focusing work on the most important issues, this recommended approach to prioritizing enforcement ensures that violations which potentially do harm in the most important water body areas are not overlooked. However, it is not the only determinate factor when selecting cases for formal enforcement. Other factors considered include variables such as timing/case readiness, available resources, program-specific enforcement priorities, degree of harm to receiving waters, and Enforcement Policy priorities such as considerations for environmental justice and the human right to water.

Examples of priority enforcement scenarios might include sanitary sewer overflows that result in beach closures at intensively used beaches, unauthorized discharges with pollutants that affect a local water supply, unreasonable delays in bay sediment cleanups, or unpermitted alteration of high quality or reference stream areas.

COMMENT PERIOD

The new [2017 Water Quality Enforcement Policy](#) added a recommendation that each Regional Water Board consider identifying general enforcement priorities based on input from members of the public and Regional Water Board members. As a result, staff is now seeking input from the Board and public on the recommended regional enforcement priorities. In order to be considered, **public comments must be received by March 15, 2018, at 5:00 pm.**

CONTACT INFORMATION

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