

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT  
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ITEM: 8

SUBJECT: Report: Southern California Bight Regional Monitoring Program 2008 Update – *(Bruce Posthumus)*

PURPOSE: This is an information item.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Information about this item was provided in the agenda mailing and posted on-line.

DISCUSSION: The Southern California Bight Regional Monitoring Program (Bight RMP) is a collaborative, coordinated monitoring effort conducted in coastal waters from Point Conception to the Mexican border. The Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) organizes and coordinates the Bight RMP. The SDRWQCB is a SCCWRP member agency and is on the Bight RMP Steering Committee.

The Bight RMP was initiated as a pilot project in 1994, with subsequent iterations in 1998, 2003, and 2008. The various iterations of the Bight RMP have included both new and recurring elements. All Bight RMP iterations have included intercalibration exercises to standardize and improve data quality across the organizations participating in collection of samples and/or laboratory processing of samples. Manuals covering quality assurance, information management, laboratory procedures, and field operations have been prepared as part of each iteration.

In order to support the Bight RMP and facilitate the participation of San Diego region dischargers in the Bight RMP, the SDRWQCB has provided for dischargers to conduct monitoring that is part of the Bight RMP in lieu of conducting certain routine monitoring that would otherwise be required.

2008 Bight RMP work has not been completed. Planning documents, field / laboratory manuals, and data forms for 2008 Bight RMP are available at the SCCWRP website: <http://www.sccwrp.org/view.php?id=524>.

Executive summary reports for previous iterations of the Bight RMP are also available at the SCCWRP website:

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[ftp://ftp.sccwrp.org/pub/download/DOCUMENTS/TechnicalReports/538\\_B03ES\\_final.pdf](ftp://ftp.sccwrp.org/pub/download/DOCUMENTS/TechnicalReports/538_B03ES_final.pdf)

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[ftp://ftp.sccwrp.org/pub/download/DOCUMENTS/TechnicalReports/386\\_bight98executive\\_summary.pdf](ftp://ftp.sccwrp.org/pub/download/DOCUMENTS/TechnicalReports/386_bight98executive_summary.pdf)

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Additional information about SCCWRP is available at:

<http://www.sccwrp.org/view.php?id=34>.

KEY ISSUES: N/A

LEGAL CONCERNS: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS N/A

RECOMMENDATION(S): None. This is not an action item.