ITEM: 8
SUBJECT: Information Item: The Health and Condition of San Diego Bay (Bruce Posthumus)
PURPOSE: To provide San Diego Water Board members with information about and related to the suitability of San Diego Bay fish and shellfish for human consumption
RECOMMENDATION(S): There are no recommendations at this time because no action will be taken by the Board at today’s meeting.
KEY ISSUES: Are San Diego Bay fish and shellfish safe to eat?
PRACTICAL VISION: This topic supports the San Diego Bay Strategy, which is a key project of both Chapter 1 (Healthy Waters) and Chapter 2 (Monitoring and Assessment).
DISCUSSION: There are a number of components of the health or condition of various waters of the State. These components correspond to various beneficial uses of those waters and can be expressed as questions about the beneficial uses of those waters, for example:
- Is water safe to drink?
- Are fish and shellfish safe to eat?
- Is water quality safe for swimming?
- Are ecosystems healthy?
This information item will focus on one of these questions as it applies to one water body in the San Diego Region, i.e., on the question “Are San Diego Bay fish and shellfish safe to eat?”

Several invited speakers and staff will make presentations related to this question, and there will be an opportunity for other interested parties to address the Board.
LEGAL CONCERNS: None
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: None
PUBLIC NOTICE: The agenda notice for today’s meeting was also posted on the Board’s website and sent to those subscribed to the Email list for Board meetings.