

**REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT
AUGUST 13, 2025**

ITEM 5

SUBJECT

Resolution Endorsing the Workplan from the 2024/2025 Triennial Basin Plan Review (Tentative Resolution No. R9-2025-0086). (*Jody Ebsen*)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Tentative Resolution No. R9-2025-0086. (Supporting Document No. 1)

KEY ISSUE

The number of potential Basin Plan amendments far outweigh the resources available to update the Basin Plan. The large number of amendment projects and the lengthy administrative process required to prepare the amendments limit what staff can achieve during each triennial review cycle. Projected resources available over the next three years are not enough to fully vet and complete all projects on the priority list staff report (Supporting Document 2).

PRACTICAL VISION

The recommended projects represent the highest priority basin planning actions to achieve the goals of the Practical Vision. Each project will involve collaboration, public participation, and the latest science to support resilient human and environmental uses of water.

DISCUSSION

The Basin Plan designates beneficial uses for water bodies in the San Diego Region, establishes water quality objectives, and describes antidegradation polices and implementation plans to protect the beneficial uses. State and federal laws require periodic review of the Basin Plan. Because federal law requires a review every three years, this Basin Plan review is referred to as the “triennial review.”

The triennial review is the process used to identify potential revisions to water quality standards and other elements of the Basin Plan. The outcome is a prioritized list of potential projects, which may result in Basin Plan amendments, that serve as the basis for a three-year work plan. The list of potential projects is included in the Tentative Resolution and described in more detail in the staff report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Staff initiated the 2024/2025 triennial review of the Basin Plan on December 2, 2024, by providing a workshop notice and opening a 75-day public comment period which ended on February 14, 2025. Staff prepared a preliminary list of potential Basin Plan projects for consideration and invited the public to comment on the list and submit their own ideas for potential Basin Plan projects. The preliminary list was also presented at a meeting of tribal representatives on January 17, 2024, and during a public workshop on January 29, 2025.

Written Comments were due on February 14, 2025. Ten comment letters (Supporting Documents Nos. 3-12) were received from interested parties during the public comment period. A Response to Written Comments document has been prepared and included as Supporting Document No. 13.

After considering the public comments, staff updated the preliminary list of potential projects creating a final priority list of Basin Plan projects (Supporting Document No. 2). The final prioritized project list is divided into two priority categories: high and medium based on a project's value to the Practical Vision, resources, and readiness.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Notice of Public Hearing (Supporting Document 14) in both English and Spanish, was posted on the San Diego Water Board's website on June 27, 2025, and emailed to interested parties on July 1, 2025. The agenda notice for today's meeting was posted on the San Diego Water Board's website and sent to subscribers to the Board meeting email list. This satisfies the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act requirements to publish the meeting notice and agenda.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Tentative Resolution No. R9-2025-0086
2. Final Review of Potential Basin Planning Projects for the 2024/2025 Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin
3. Comment Letter from USEPA
4. Comment Letter from Mr. John Odermatt, M.Sc., PG
5. Comment Letter from ChemMetrics
6. Comment Letter from City of Carlsbad
7. Comment Letter from City of Dana Point
8. Comment Letter from Port of San Diego
9. Comment Letter from San Diego Coastkeeper
10. Comment Letter from Orange County Public Works
11. Comment Letter from County of San Diego Public Works
12. Comment Letter from City of San Diego
13. Response to Written Comments Document
14. Notice of Public Hearing