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California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Framework for Monitoring and Assessment in the San Diego Region

To: Interested Parties:

From: David Gibson, Executive Officer

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) has initiated development and implementation of a framework for monitoring and assessment in the San Diego Region.

You are invited to participate in a public workshop on the draft framework. The date, time, and location of the workshop are as follows:

Date: October 30, 2012
Time: 9:00 AM to Noon
Location: Board Room of the San Diego Water Board
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123-4340

The purpose of this workshop is to provide information about this effort and to receive comments. The draft "Framework for Monitoring and Assessment in the San Diego Region" document is attached. A copy is available at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb9/>.

The draft framework outlines a new approach to monitoring and assessment with the intent of enabling the San Diego Water Board to carry out its mission more strategically and more effectively. It also outlines a collaborative ten-step process for implementation of this new approach. The draft framework is intended to be applicable to ground and surface waters, fresh and salt waters, and inland and coastal waters. In the past, the San Diego Water Board's approach to monitoring and assessment focused largely on discharges. The most fundamental shortcomings of such a discharge-oriented approach are that important basic information about conditions in water bodies, causes of unsatisfactory conditions in water bodies, and the effectiveness of management actions is not produced. Therefore, the proposed framework outlines a new systematic, logical, problem-solving approach that is water body-oriented rather than discharge-oriented. The water body-oriented approach is described in the draft framework.

Please forward this notice to others who may be interested. Thank you in advance for your participation in this important effort. If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding this matter, please contact Bruce Posthumus at (858) 467-2964 or at BPosthumus@waterboards.ca.gov.

Enclosure: [Draft Framework for Monitoring and Assessment in the San Diego Region](#)