

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND PERFORMANCE
JULY 1, 2008**

ITEM 6

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:
2008-2012

DISCUSSION

In early 2007, the Water Boards established a process to update the 2001 Strategic Plan. This collaborative process included staff and stakeholders and was designed to identify key areas of focus and move the Water Boards toward becoming performance-based organizations.

To guide the Water Boards through this collaborative process, the State Water Board contracted with the Center for Collaborative Policy at the California State University, Sacramento. The Water Boards held two statewide forums – one for staff and the other for stakeholders – to receive input on what our priorities should be for the upcoming years and of the various trends that have been observed as affecting water quality and water rights programs. Each Regional Water Board also held a stakeholder outreach session in their region to solicit additional comments and ideas that would help steer the direction of the upcoming Strategic Plan Update. Staff analyzed the input received and extracted the common themes to begin development of the draft Strategic Plan Update.

Three versions of the draft Strategic Plan Update have been released for public comment, with two versions formally noticed with comment deadlines. Each version that has been released builds upon the previous draft using comments received from Board Members, staff, stakeholders and the public. All of the information related to the development of the Strategic Plan Update can be found on the State Water Board's website at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/hot_topics/strategic_plan/2007update.shtml.

This draft Strategic Plan Update provides for an annual, informal review to evaluate the appropriateness and effectiveness of the proposed objectives and actions to keep the plan current.

POLICY ISSUE

The Strategic Plan Update does not set any specific policy. The Strategic Plan Update establishes the priorities of the Water Boards and identifies the actions that will be taken to implement these priorities. The Strategic Plan Update also highlights a series of strategies to enhance achievement of all of our organizational responsibilities.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. At the present time, the Water Boards should be working within their given resource level to perform the specific actions in the Strategic Plan Update.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

Yes. The Regional Water Boards will be expected to participate in the strategies set forth in the Strategic Plan Update to help the Water Boards meet their overall mission. Many of the identified actions will contain some dedication of resources by the Regional Water Boards to reach the priorities established in the draft Strategic Plan Update.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The State Water Board should adopt the proposed resolution to finalize the draft Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 as presented.

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2008-

ADOPTION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: 2008-2012

WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board and the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (the Water Boards) established a collaborative, public process to update the 2001 Strategic Plan;
2. The process broadly solicited input from Board Members, staff, stakeholders, and the public for developing the draft Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012;
3. The Water Boards released three versions of the draft Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 for public comment, with two versions released for a formal comment period;
4. The draft Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 establishes the priorities, goals, objectives and actions for the Water Boards to help achieve their mission;
5. The draft Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 establishes priorities, goals, objectives, and actions that may result in future regulatory actions by the Water Boards, but the Strategic Plan Update does not regulate any person or establish policies;
6. The draft Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 provides for an annual review to evaluate the appropriateness and effectiveness of the identified objectives and actions to keep the plan current; and
7. The draft Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 continues to move the Water Boards towards becoming a performance-based organization.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board adopts the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on July 1, 2008.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board