

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
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ITEM 6

SUBJECT

PRESENTATION OF THE CALIFORNIA WATER CODE SECTION 13385 ENFORCEMENT REPORT

DISCUSSION

This item presents information contained in the recently prepared enforcement report pursuant to California Water Code Section 13385(o), generally referred to as the 13385 Report. The 13385 Report summarizes information regarding violations of waste discharge requirements and enforcement actions taken by the Regional Water Quality Control Boards in response to those violations. The report addresses only discharges to surface water because it has been prepared pursuant to Chapter 5.5 of the California Water Code. Chapter 5.5 implements provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and establishes a regulatory program for discharges to surface water only.

This is the first of two reports on Water Board enforcement efforts that will be presented to the State Water Board in early 2009. In addition to the 13385 Report which focuses on violations and enforcement actions, staff are preparing the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Annual Enforcement Report. The Annual Enforcement Report is an outgrowth of the completion of the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Baseline Enforcement Report which described the enforcement activities for each of the Water Boards core regulatory programs. The Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Annual Enforcement report builds upon information presented in the Baseline report and will begin to provide an assessment of enforcement efforts statewide as well as report on key enforcement-related program and policy initiatives.

The 13385 Report can be accessed on the State Water Board's Web site at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/enforcement/docs/13385o_2008.pdf

POLICY ISSUE

The Board will advise staff on the content and future versions of the report.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None.