

Statewide Policies/Significant General Permits

Division of Water Quality		
Status Code	Policy/Significant General Permit	Status
A*	Anti-Degradation Policy / Implementation Triennial Review	Scoping meeting held on 11/17/08. Reviewing the 30+ comment letters received. Preparing recommendation for the Board. Work delayed by petitions.
A-11	Aquatic Pesticide General Permit – Weed Control, Aquatic Application	Expect to release formal draft in Fall 2011.
A-12	Aquifer Storage and Recovery Policy	The Water Boards have formed a work team to develop a statewide general order for ASR. The work team is under the lead of Region 5.. Various stakeholder groups have been participating including the City of Roseville, Sacramento Suburban Water District, Orange County Water District, and the Groundwater Resources Association. The work team has met several times and a draft general order will be circulated for State Board and Regional Board review within the next several months.
A-11	Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS): Special Protections	Public Notice released on January 20, 2011. Public Hearing rescheduled for May 18, 2011. Written comment period closed on May 20, 2011.
A-11	Bacterial Objectives for Inland Surface Waters	Staff preparing draft policy and staff report Public hearing targeted for November 2011.
A	Biological Objectives Development	Established Stakeholder and Scientific Advisory Groups. Will brief Regional Board staff on the project in spring and summer 2011. Will schedule the CEQA Scoping meeting in late summer 2011.
A-12	Cadmium Objective and Implementation Policy	Final internal review of draft policy and staff report prior to upcoming release for public comment. Requested technical support from Central Coast Water Board staff on hardness calculation protocol. Targeting Public Hearing in January 2012.

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A-11	Constituents of Emerging Concern (CEC) Monitoring – Recycled Water Policy	Staff report released November 18, 2010. Public Hearing held on December 15, 2010. Comment deadline extended until 12:00 noon on January 10, 2011. Reviewing comments and coordinating with CDPH to revise staff recommendations. DWQ reviewing first draft of revised Recycled Water Policy.
A-11	Chlorine Residual Objectives and Implementation Policy	Scientific Peer review received. Report and policy will be revised as necessary to address peer review comments. Public Hearing targeted for December 2011.
A	Composting Facilities Statewide Waiver	Informal staff workshops August 31 in Chino and September 1 at CalEPA outlining concepts developed with Water Boards' internal working group. Using concepts of Water Quality Protection Areas and Water Quality Protection Measures. Continuing to meet with CalRecycle and Regional Boards on preparing draft statewide waiver. Expect State Water Board to consider adoption of statewide order and approval of CEQA documents June 2012.
P	Grazing	The Water Boards have formed a work team to develop this project (titled Statewide Grazing Regulatory Action Project or Grazing RAP). The work team is under the lead of Region R6 with active participants from R1, R2, R3, R5 and DWQ. The work team has been convened and meets monthly. At its June meeting, the work team reviewed a draft scope of work with tasks and schedule. Based on this review, a revised scope was then provided to the work team for further review and discussion at its next meeting in late July. The team is working of further revision to the scope and schedule with final revisions to the draft to be completed by August 31. The next step is to finalize the scope, task, schedule and staff resources needed at the September meeting, then, transmit the final drafts to MCC ifor its consideration and acceptance.

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A	Listing Policy Update (Sediment Quality Objectives and Procedural Changes)	CEQA Scoping Meeting held on March 29, 2010. Comment period closed April 12, 2010. Developing new schedule due to loss of key staff. Staff anticipates this will be delayed until 2013.
A	Marina Permit	Permit is postponed while working with other agencies and Marina and Boating groups to develop interim approaches.
P	Mercury Offset Policy	Partial economic analysis received from contractor (SAIC). No further contract funding available to complete economic analysis.
A-12	Methylmercury Objectives	Staff are working on draft staff report and coordinating with efforts to develop statewide mercury TMDL. Updating economic analysis. Board Workshop targeted for summer 2012.
A	Nutrient Numeric Endpoints Tools	Freshwater: to be peer reviewed. Contract with SCCWRP to develop estuary nutrient framework and numeric endpoints underway. Technical, stakeholder, and regulatory (Water Boards and U.S. EPA) advisory groups have been formed. CEQA Scoping meeting for inland waters scheduled for September 19, 2011.
A-11*	Ocean Plan Amendment: model monitoring provisions, vessel discharges and non-substantive changes.	Staff drafting Substitute Environmental Documentation. Public Hearing will be conducted on November 1, 2011
A	Ocean Plan Amendment: desal/brine provisions	Stakeholder workshop held on April 18, 2011. Workshop also addressed disposal of brackish water. Results of stakeholder workshop will inform a future Board Workshop.
P	Ocean Plan Amendment: vessel provisions	Pending completion of other Ocean Plan Amendments. Hearing is targeted for October 2011.
A	Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) WDRs/Waiver	Developing concepts for WDRs/waiver for OHVs at State Parks.
A-11	Once-Through Cooling (316b) Policy Amendment	Completed/adopted July 19, 2011.

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A-12*	Onsite Waste Water Treatment Regulations/Waiver	<p>Staff are working with a focused stakeholder group to develop a draft OWTS Policy and in March 2011 completed kick-off meetings to discuss the new approach. A CEQA scoping document for the Substitute Environmental Document was release for public comment on April 4, 2011 and public scoping meetings were held in Sacramento and Riverside on May 2 and 9, 2011, respectively. Staff completed a second round of OWTS Policy review meetings with focused stakeholders on June 29 and July 1 2011. Staff completed the initial set of stakeholder meetings, and completed State Water Board Member briefings. Staff is planning on releasing public drafts of the Policy and SED around September 14. Staff has scheduled four workshops to take comments and answer the publics questions. The venues and dates are as follows:</p> <p>October 14 - Redding - David Marr Theater at the Shasta Learning Center October 19 - Riverside - County Board of Supervisors Chambers October 24 - San Luis Obispo - San Luis Obispo Performing Arts Center November 3 - Santa Rosa - Wells Fargo Center</p>
A	Rapid Diagnostic Tests for Bacterial Indicators in Coastal Waters	Results and lessons learned transmitted to U.S. EPA for consideration in national standards setting work for a new Rapid Method. Task Force preparing final results report. Task Force working with City of Los Angeles as next possible pilot testing location.

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A-11	Sanitary Sewer System (SSS) WDR Update	Information Item presented to Board on September 21, 2010. Draft revised SSS WDR was released on March 24, 2011. Public Hearing to be scheduled at a later date. The comment period closed on Friday, May 13, 2011. Staff are reviewing the comments received.
P	Sediment Quality Objectives (SQOs) for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries: Phase III	Pending completion of Phase II and availability of funding
A-11*	Storm Water CalTrans Permit	Released on January 7, 2011. Reviewing comments, which were due on March 14, 2011. Public hearing scheduled for July 19, 2011. Revised draft circulated for public comment on August 19, 2011. Board workshop scheduled for September 21, 2011.
A-11*	Storm Water Industrial General Permit	Released on January 28, 2011. Staff workshops held February 14 and 23, 2011. Additional on-line staff workshop scheduled for March 15, 2011. Public Hearing conducted on March 29, 2011. Reviewing comments, which were due on Friday, April 29, 2011. Board consideration in September 2011.
A-12*	Storm Water MS4 Phase II Permit	Revising to incorporate similar provisions to Construction General Permit and to incorporate TMDLs. Administrative draft released on February 22, 2011, with comments due on March 18, 2011. Released on June 7, 2011. Comment deadline extended from August 8, 2011 to September 8, 2011. A workshop on the draft permit was conducted on August 17, 2011. Board consideration in February, 2012.

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P	Suction Dredge General Permit	On hold, and working instead with Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to coordinate with their suction dredge regulation and permit revision. On February 28, 2011, DFG released the SEIR/draft regulation and permit revision package for public comment. State Water Board staff has now received scientific peer reviewers' comments on the water quality portions of the SEIR. State and Regional Water Board staff comments, along with the scientific peer reviews, were submitted to DFG by the comment deadline.
A-11*	Timber Activities on National Forest System Lands	Drafting Statewide Waiver for USFS, based on Region 1 waiver. Staff released a Notice of Availability to Comment and Notice of Intent to Adopt the Waiver on June 10 as well as supporting CEQA documentation. Public comments are due by July 25, 2011. The Board will hold a public workshop in late summer prior to considering adoption of the waiver.
P	Timber Activities on Non-federal Lands	Work with California Board of Forestry, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and Regional Water Boards. Work delayed pending the outcome of a petition.
A-11*	Toxicity Control Provisions for the SIP	Staff held a staff-level workshop on August 22, 2011 to discuss responses to comments and solicit feedback on alternatives for policy revisions. Tetratex also presented the results of a Board directed "test-drive" of policy. Staff is now working on revisions to the policy and staff report Public hearing targeted for December 2011.
A-11*	Trash Policy	CEQA Scoping Meetings held on October 7, 2010 in Rancho Cordova and October 14, 2010 in Chino. Staff is putting together a stakeholder advisory group to assist in development of the Policy. A Public Advisory Group (PAG) has been appointed to provide input to Water Board staff on the development of this policy. The PAG has met on July 26, 2011 and August 30, 2011.

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A-11	UST Low-Threat Case Closure Policy	Staff has convened a small work group to develop recommendations regarding low-threat UST sites. Targeting Board consideration for 2011.
A-11	Wetlands and Riparian Areas (Dredge and Fill) Policy – Phase I	Request for scientific peer review for the Technical Advisory Team's (TAT's) wetland definition. Initial Study released for public comment on January 5, 2011. CEQA Scoping Meetings held on January 31, 2011 and February 8, 2011. Comment deadline closed on May 20, 2011.
P	Wetlands and Riparian Areas Policy – Phase II	Pending completion of Phase I.
P	Wetlands and Riparian Areas Policy – Phase III	Pending completion of Phase II.

Note: * indicates Board Priority

Status Code Key:

White = Active effort (A)

Green = Targeted for completion in 2011 (A-11)

Orange = Targeted for completion in 2012 (A-12)

Blue = Completed (C)

Grey = Suspended or No statewide effort at this time or Pending (P)

Policies/General Permits Completed in 2011

C	Aquatic Pesticide General Permit – Aquatic Animal Invasive Species	Adopted by State Water Board on March 1, 2011.
C	Aquatic Pesticide General Permit – Vector Control, (Adulticide/Larvicide)	Adopted by State Water Board on March 1, 2011.
C	Ocean Plan Triennial Review	Adopted by State Water Board on March 15, 2011.
C	Sediment Quality Objectives (SQOs) for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries: Phase II	Adopted by State Water Board on April 6, 2011. Approved by the Office of Administrative Law on June 13, 2011. Staff will submit to U.S. EPA.
C	Spray Applications Permit (CDFA and USFS Eradication Programs)	Adopted by State Water Board on March 1, 2011.
C	Storm Water MS4 Effectiveness Assessment Document (AB 739, Ch. 610, Statutes of 2007)	On October 27, 2010, staff issued a revised Notice of Staff Workshops and Opportunity for Public Comment on draft document. Workshops scheduled for November 4 in Sacramento and November 9 in Rancho Cucamonga. Comments were due 12:00 noon on November 30, 2010. Information Item presented to the Board on April 19, 2011.

Policies/General Permits Completed in 2010

C	Integrated Report Adoption (2010)	Board approved 303(d) list on August 4, 2010. Transmitted to USEPA on October 13, 2010, and awaiting their approval.
C	Leaking Underground Fuel Tank (LUFT) Manual	The LUFT manual was drafted as a guidance document with state-of-the-art information on the cleanup of leaking UST sites. The LUFT manual is considered a draft/evergreen document that will be updated periodically in response to comments.
C*	Once-Through Cooling (316b) Policy	Approved by Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on September 27, 2010. Effective date October 1, 2010.

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C*	Once-Through Cooling (316b) Policy Limited Revisions	Adoption Hearing held on December 14, 2010. No changes made to Policy.
C	South Bay Power Plant	Notice of Cancellation of Public Hearing issued on November 2, 2010 due to permit application withdrawal.
C	Storm Water Construction General Permit Limited Revisions	Adopted on November 16, 2010.
C	UST Regulatory Program Task Force	Final task force recommendations submitted to the Board in January 2010. DWQ staff updated the Board at the May 18 Board meeting in conjunction with DFA staff report on the UST Cleanup Fund.