

ITEM: 15

SUBJECT: Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins

BOARD ACTION: *Workshop to Receive Comments*

BACKGROUND: Water Quality Control Plans (Basin Plans) are mandated by the federal Clean Water Act and the state Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Porter-Cologne). A triennial review process is set forth in these Acts that requires the Board to conduct public hearings to help them identify and prioritize problems concerning the effectiveness of the Basin Plan. It also requires the Board to develop a work plan to investigate the water quality problems and make appropriate amendments to the Basin Plan. The workplan is a priority list of potential issues that is used to direct basin planning activities over the next three years.

The list of issues far exceeds the staff resources allocated to planning activities. Existing resources only allow a small portion of the highest priority issues to be addressed. By prioritizing the activities, the Regional Water Board identifies unfunded issues that the Regional Water Board will actively seek funding and will accept funding to accomplish.

RECOMMENDATION: No action.

Mgmt. Review _____

Legal Review _____

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