

California Regional Water Quality Control Board Los Angeles Region Samuel Unger, Executive Officer

Executive Officer's Report

The Executive Officer's Report is not intended to be an exhaustive list, but rather highlights of Regional Board staff activities

Executive Office

Our mission is to preserve

and enhance the quality of

California's water resources

for the benefit of present and

future generations.

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Public Participation Activities

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- Carousel Tract: Project staff are working with our UCLA consultants to design and develop schedules, the agenda and supporting materials and documents for a series of small group community meetings which are to be held concurrently for the proposed RAP and draft EIR during the 45-day public comment period. The public comment period and meeting schedules are dependent on completion of the draft EIR, which is currently being prepared. Meeting dates are in mid-November: 12th (evening), 15th (all day Saturday), 18th (evening – in Spanish if there are enough RSVP's to warrant) and 20th (if needed).
- Senior Staff Training: Management and staff are working with Board member Munoz on Part 2 of a very successful first orientation and training on community outreach that took place September 2013. Based on the results of a follow-up survey, Senior Staff took place in a conversation with Board member Munoz to provide input on designing the agenda for this highly anticipated event. The training is scheduled for early December.
- Remediation: Management and Public Participation staff have had a number of meetings with staff regarding site cleanup and evaluation for public participation activities. We are working internally using the statutory requirements to set up a process for evaluating and prioritizing sites on a case-by-case basis to ensure that the most critical sites get the appropriate level of outreach.

Underground Storage Tanks Program

Completion of Corrective Action at Leaking Underground Fuel Storage Tank Sites

Yue Rong

Regional Board staff have reviewed corrective actions taken for soil and/or groundwater contamination problems from leaking underground storage tanks for the time of July 31, 2014 through September 3, 2014, and determined that no further corrective actions are required for the following sites:

- Former Shell Service Station, La Mirada (I-06466A)
- Ryder LC 0205, Santa Fe Springs (906700161B)
- Sheriners Children's Hospital, Los Angeles (900200189)
- Estate of Gail Ryan, Gardena (I-13850)

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- Shell Service Station, Calabasa (R-26367)
- Super Auto Repair, Los Angeles (900340289)
- Thrifty #66, Hawthorne (I-11075)
- ARCO Station #5023, Maywood (R-12069)

For the case closure sites above, a total of **454** tons of impacted soils were excavated and **50,883** pounds of hydrocarbons were removed by soil vapor extraction system. In addition, **50,883** gallons of groundwater were treated and **15** gallons of free product were removed.

Executive Officer issued General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Yue Rong

In September 2014, the Executive Officer issued 1 General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) to United Oil Station No. 44, located in Gardena (9/5/2014). The WDRs issued for injection of oxygen generating compounds to the impacted aquifer for in-situ groundwater treatment, which, comparing with exsitu treatment, has advantage to save water resources by avoiding discharging the treated water to the ocean.

Regional Board Staff Participated in Senator Bill No. 4 (SB4) Activities Yue Rong

On August 25, 2014, Regional Board staff participated in a public stakeholder meeting in Los Angeles hosted by the State Board. The purpose of the workshop was to describe the process that will be used to develop groundwater monitoring model criteria required by SB4 for wells that are to be hydraulically fractured. State Board staff, local water purveyors, the oil and gas industry, and environmental justice representatives made presentations. Comments were also received from the general public. Regional Board staff also participated in a similar public workshop held in Bakersfield on August 7. These workshops are the first step in the process to develop the groundwater monitoring model criteria. The draft criteria will be shared in public meetings later this year, and a board workshop is planned for the model criteria in early 2015, with adoption by the State Board by July 2015. The implementation is expected to start in January 2016. In the same regard, Regional Board staff also participated in a SB4 coordination meeting with State Board staff and San Luis Obispo Regional Board (Region 3) and Central Valley Regional Board (Region 5) staff. In the meeting, participants discussed how to coordinate efforts and tasks required by SB4.

Groundwater Permitting and Land Disposal Program

<u>Summary of General Waste Discharge Requirements Enrolled and Terminated</u> Clarita Quidilla and Rebecca Chou

From July 24, 2014, to September 15, 2014, eight dischargers enrolled under the general Waste Discharger Requirements (WDR), and five WDR terminated. The following tables contains a breakdown for each category of general WDR.

		Project Manager	Date of Coverage	Date of Revi- sion	Termi- nation
A.	General WDR Discharge for Groundwater remediation at petrole- um Hydrocarbon fuel and/or volatile organic compound impact- ed sites (Order No. R4-2007-0019)				
1.	LAUSD – District 8 Maintenance & Operations Yard / CI 10073	Ann Chang	07/22/14		
2.	Alondra Industrial Park / CI 10066	Ann Chang	08/01/14		
3.	Former Palo Verde Cleaners / CI 10072	Ann Chang	08/04/14		
4.	Former Arco Station No. 00210 / CI 9859	Ann Chang			08/15/14
5.	New Hampshire Ball Bearings, Inc. / CI 9471	David Koo			08/18/14
6.	Former LA Terminal Facility / CI 10060	Mercedes Merino	08/21/14		
7.	Rapid Gas Station #44 / CI 10076	Ann Chang	09/05/14		
B.	General WDR Discharge requirement for groundwater remediation at petroleum hydrocarbon fuel and/or volatile organic compound impacted sites (Order No. R4-2005-0030)				
1.	Former Tosco Station No. 6878 / CI 9192	Ann Chang			08/09/14
C.	Statewide General WDR requirement for Discharges to Land with a Low Threat to Water (Order No. R4-2003-0003-DWQ)				
1.	Howland's Potable Water Well #3 / CI 10077	Mercedes Merino	08/21/14		
D.	General WDR permit for WDR requirements for small commercial multi-family residential subsurface sewage disposal systems (Order No. R4-01-031)				
1.	3 Unite Apartment Complex / CI 9648	Don Tsai			08/11/14
2.	Sierra Canyon Lower School / CI 10070	Mercedes Merino	08/25/14		
E.	General WDR for specified discharges to groundwater in Santa Clara River and Los Angeles River Basins File No. 92-60 (Order No. 93-010)				
1.	J Street Drain Project / CI 9869	David Koo			08/11/14
2.	Camarillo Airport Water Improvement / CI 10069	Mercedes Merino	08/28/14		

Summary of Inspection Reports

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	Date Issued	Permittee	Project Manager
1.	05/30/14	Santa Clara Waste Water / ID: 372187	David Koo
2.	06/10/14	Sunshine Canyon City / County Landfill / CI 2043	Wen Yang
3.	07/10/14	Tesoro / Shell #68501 / CI 7527	David Koo
4.	07/15/14	Western Oil Spreading Services, Inc / File No. 11-046	David Koo
5.	07/15/14	Valley Land Development Landfill / CI 2297	Wen Yang
6.	07/24/14	Eagle Village HOA / CI 7018	David Koo
7.	07/24/14	Camarillo Airport Water Improvement Project / CI 10069	Mercedes Merino
8.	07/31/14	Ojai Valley School / CI 8728	Mercedes Merino
9.	07/31/14	Tierra Rejada Golf Club / CI 7863	Mercedes Merino
10.	08/04/14	Southern California Edison – Monrovia / CI 10077	Mercedes Merino

From July 24, 2014 to September 15, 2014, staff conducted ten pre-permitting and annual inspections.

Summary of Notice of Violations

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From July 24, 2014 to September 15, 2014, staff issued seven Notices of Violations.

	Date Issued	Permittee	Project Manager
1.	08/04/14	Toland Road Landfill / CI 5644	Enrique Casas
2.	08/07/14	Zuma Beach Restroom/Dressing Station No. 9 / CI 8550	Don Tsai
3.	08/08/14	Former Aramark Magazine & Book Services Facility / CI 10043	Ann Chang
4.	08/08/14	Vision Treatment Center / CI 10047	Ann Chang
5.	08/12/14	River Ridge Farms / CI 9840	Don Tsai
6.	08/22/14	Lanzit Facility / CI 9760	Ann Chang
7.	08/21/14	Crown Business Center / CI 9072	Don Tsai

Summary of California Water Code (CWC) Section 13260 Order

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From July 24, 2014 to September 15, 2014, Executive Officers issued two CWC Section 13260 Order requir-

	Date Is-	Permittee	Project Manager
	sued		
1.	08/01/14	Thousand Trails Soledad Canyon RV & Camping Resort /	David Koo
		File	
		No. 14-066	
2.	08/08/14	Glenview Mobile Home Park / File No. 13-149	David Koo

ing dischargers for submittal of WDR application.

Remediation

Investigative Orders—New and Continued Activities

Discharger	Location	Required Action
Tidelands Oil Parcel	606 South Pico Avenue Long Beach, CA	Free product recovery is ongoing. Status report in October 2014. 136,111 gallons of oil has been recovered as of end of June 2014.
Athens Services (Former A-1 Ornamental Iron Facility)	15019 Salt Lake Avenue City of Industry, CA	Approved confirmation sampling workplan. Human Health Risk Assessment may be required.
Former Technibilt Corporation	3075 North California Street Burbank, CA	Requirement for CUQ submittal

Clean up & Abatement Orders—New and Continued Activities

Discharger	Location	Required Action
Square D Facility (Former)	4335 East Valley Boulevard Los Angeles, CA	Replacement of groundwater monitoring MW-9 was initiated.
Ted Levine Drum Co.	1729, 1807, and 1817 Chico Avenue South El Monte, CA	A CAO document is being developed for groundwater cleanup. Several other parties might be included in this CAO.
BDP Carrier Facility	855 Anaheim and Puente Road City of Industry, CA	Vapor Intrusion Workplan Approval and requirement for change in technical report format.
Standard Metals	378 West 133 rd Street Los Angeles, CA	Extension Request Approval
General Welding Company	352 West 133 rd Street Los Angeles, CA	Extension Request Approval
Precision Specialty Metals, Inc	3301 Medford Street Los Angeles, CA	Draft CAO for comment
Former Powerine Oil Corporation	Rosecrans Ave and Bloomfield Ave Santa Fe Springs, CA	Approval of Additional Site Investigation Workplan

Closures—Soil and Case Closure

Discharger	Location	Required Action
Beagle Manufacturing, Inc. (Former)	4377 Baldwin Avenue El Monte, CA	NFA for Soil Only issued on October 1, 2012. Well Abandonment Report promised again. The case continues open in GeoTracker.
Former James Jones Company Site	4127 Temple City Boulevard El Monte,CA	A No Further Requirements for Soil was requested. Case Review process started. Additional sampling on various areas of concern (AOC) will be required. Meeting with RP reps on September 4, 2014.
Telstar Business Park	9682, 9690, 9698 Telstar Ave El Monte, CA	No further requirements for soils only
ADB Industries	2523 North Ontario Street Burbank, CA	No further requirements for soils only
Barry Controls	4140, 4200 Vanowen Place Burbank, CA	No further requirements for soils only

Staff Signed Letters

Discharger	Location	Action	
Former All American Uniform	3680 North Tyler Ave	Land Owner Notification Re-	
	El Monte, CA	quirement	
Carson-Normandie Plaza	1141-1259 Carson Street	Extension Request Approval	
	Torrance, CA		
Former Commercial Coil Spring	727 North Vernon Avenue	Workplan Approval for Addition-	
	Azusa, CA	al Site Assessment	
Former MQS Inspection	6800 E Washington Blvd	Requirement for additional soil	
	Commerce, CA	vapor investigation workplan	
Union Pacific Railroad J-Yard	1999 East 25th Street	Requirement for soil vapor inves-	
	Los Angeles, CA	tigation workplan	

Enforcement—Stormwater Compliance Program

Stormwater Facility Inspections:

The Stormwater Unit inspectors conducted inspections at 49 facilities with Construction and Industrial Stormwater Permits. Inspection of these facilities is a required part of the Stormwater program.

Expedited Payment Program:

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0147 was issued to Mersen USA Oxnard-CA, Inc. (Permittee) on August 4, 2014 in the amount of \$1,500 for failing to submit the 2010-2011 annual report by the due date of July 1, 2011. The Permittee submitted the signed waiver to the Regional Board on September 4, 2014.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0151 was issued to Capri Urban Baldwin, LLC (Permittee) on August 5, 2014 in the amount of \$1,500 for failing to submit the 2012-2013 annual report by the due date of September 1, 2013. The Permittee submitted the signed waiver to the Regional Board on September 4, 2014.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0078 was issued to Safeway (Permittee) on August 6, 2014 in the amount of \$2,500 for failing to submit the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 annual reports by the due dates of September 1, 2012, and September 1, 2013 respectively. The Permittee has failed to respond by the September 5, 2014 due date.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0134 was issued to South Western LLC (Permittee) on August 6, 2014 in the amount of \$1,500 for failing to submit the 2012-2013 annual report by the due date of September 1, 2013. The Permittee has failed to respond by the September 6, 2014 due date.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0077 was issued to Safeway (Permittee) on August 6, 2014 in the amount of \$2,500 for failing to submit the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 annual reports by the due dates of September 1, 2012, and September 1, 2013 respectively. The Permittee has failed to respond by the September 5, 2014 due date.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0076 was issued to Vintage Capital Group LLC (Permittee) on August 6, 2014 in the amount of \$2,500 for failing to submit the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 annual reports by the due dates of September 1, 2012, and September 1, 2013 respectively. The Permittee has failed to respond by the September 5, 2014 due date.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0152 was issued to Sumermal Vardhan (Permittee) on August 8, 2014 in the amount of \$1,500 for failing to submit the 2012-2013 annual report by the due date of September 1, 2013. The Permittee submitted a response on September 8, 2014 and Regional Board staff is reviewing the Permittee's response.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0145 was issued to Southern California Edison Company on August 11, 2014 in the amount of \$3,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Pebbly Beach Desalination Plant. The Permittee submitted the signed waiver on September 5, 2014.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0148 was issued to Trizec Wilshire Center, LLC (Permittee) on August 11, 2014 in the amount of \$6,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for an office building located at 11601 Wilshire Boulevard. The Permittee submitted the signed waiver on September 5, 2014.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0149 was issued to pay Calleguas Municipal Water District (Permittee) on August 14 2014 in the amount of \$3,000 for an alleged effluent violation of the NPDES Permit for the Sa-

linity Management Pipeline Phase 2C. The Permittee submitted the signed waiver on August 25, 2014.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-161 was issued to the City of Arcadia (Permittee) on August 14, 2014 in the amount of 36,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Hugo Reid Well and Orange Grove Wells. The Permittee responded on August 29, 2014.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0162 was issued to the San Gabriel County Water District (Permittee) on August 14, 2014 in the amount of \$3,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Longden Reservoir site. The Permittee submitted the signed waiver on September 15, 2014.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0146 was issued to City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (Permittee) on August 14, 2014 in the amount of \$3,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant. The Permittee submitted the signed waiver on September 4, 2014.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0160 was issued to West Basin Municipal Water District (Permittee) on August 14, 2014 in the amount of \$9,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility. The Permittee submitted the signed waiver on September 8, 2014.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0094 was issued to Robert Offer, Trustee of the MB Living Trust (Permittee) on August 14, 2014 in the amount of \$1,500 for failing to submit the 2012-2013 annual report by the due date of September 1, 2013. The Permittee has failed to respond by the September 14, 2014 due date.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0089 was issued to the Centinela Valley Union High School District (Permittee) on August 14, 2014 in the amount of \$1,500 for failing to submit the 2012-2013 annual report by the due date of September 1, 2013. The Permittee has failed to respond by the September 14, 2014 due date.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0086 was issued to Simi Valley Auto Wrecking, Inc. (Permittee) on August 14, 2014 in the amount of \$2,500 for failing to submit the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 annual reports by the due dates of September 1, 2012, and September 1, 2013 respectively. The Permittee has failed to respond by the September 14, 2014 due date.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0085 was issued to Port of Hueneme-Oxnard Harbor District (Permittee) on August 14, 2014 in the amount of \$2,500 for failing to submit the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 annual reports by the due dates of September 1, 2012, and September 1, 2013 respectively. The Permittee has failed to respond by the September 14, 2014 due date.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0091 was issued to Saint Demetrius Greek Orthodox Church (Permittee) on August 14, 2014 in the amount of \$1,500 for failing to submit the 2011-2012 annual report by the due date of September 1, 2012. The Permittee has failed to respond by the September 14, 2014 due date.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0096 was issued to Mt San Antonio College (Permittee) on August 14, 2014 in the amount of \$1,500 for failing to submit the 2012-2013 annual report by the due date of September 1, 2013. The Permittee has failed to respond by the September 14, 2014 due date.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0087 was issued to BSI Saticoy Development (Permittee) on August 14, 2014 in the amount of \$1,500 for failing to submit the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 annual reports by the due dates of September 1, 2012 and September 1, 2013. The Permittee has failed to respond by the September 14, 2014 due date.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0095 was issued to California Domestic Water Company (Permittee) on August 14, 2014 in the amount of \$1,500 for failing to submit the 2012-2013 annual report by December 31, 2013 for Plant 3 Reservoir and Pump Station. The Permittee has failed to respond by the September 18, 2014 due date.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0163 was issued to Douglas Emmett 2010, LLC on August 15, 2014 in the amount of \$9,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the 9601 Wilshire. The Permittee has failed to respond by the September 15, 2014 due date.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0088 was issued to JPMorgan Chase Bank (Permittee) on August 19, 2014 in the amount of \$2,500 for failing to submit the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 annual reports by the due dates of September 1, 2012, and September 1, 2013 respectively. The Permittee has until September 19, 2014, to respond.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0097 was issued to Garvey Senior Affordable Partners, LP (Permittee) on August 22, 2014 in the amount of \$1,500 for failing to submit the 2012-2013 annual report by the due date of September 1, 2013. The Permittee has until September 22, 2014, to respond.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0092 was issued to SSH Holdings LLC (Permittee) on August 22, 2014 in the amount of \$1,500 for failing to submit the 2012-2013 annual report by the due date of September 1, 2013. The Permittee has until September 22, 2014, to respond.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0171 was issued to Omega Precision (Permittee) on August 27, 2014 in the amount of \$1,500 for failing to submit the 2010-2011 annual report by the due date of July 1, 2011. The Permittee has until September 29, 2014 to respond.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0172 was issued to Long Beach City Parks and Recreation Department (Permittee) on August 29, 2014 in the amount of \$1,500 for failing to submit the 2012-2013 annual report by the due date of September 1, 2013. The Permittee has until September 29, 2014 to respond

Stipulated Orders:

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0045 was issued to Honeywell International Inc. (Permittee) on August 1, 2014 in the amount of \$9,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Gardena Groundwater Remediation System. On August 11, 2014 the Regional Board received payment in full.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0044 was issued to the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation (Permittee) on August 1, 2014 in the amount of \$9,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant. On September 9, 2014 the Regional Board received payment in full.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2011-0063-M was issued to the Southern California Marine Institute (Permittee) on August 1, 2014 in the amount of 33,000 for alleged reporting violations of the NPDES Permit for the facility located at 820 South Seaside Avenue. On September 9, 2014 the Regional Board received payment in full.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0054 was issued to the Dole Food Company Inc. (Permittee) on August 6, 2014 in the amount of \$3,000 for an alleged effluent violation of the NPDES Per-

mit for the Westlake Village Hotel & Spa. On September 5 2014, the Regional Board received payment in full.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0070 was issued to the Orange County Flood Control District (Permittee) on August 6, 2014 in the amount of \$42,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Los Alamitos Pump Station. On September 5 2014, the Regional Board received payment in full.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0053 was issued to West Basin Municipal Water District on August 6, 2014 in the amount of \$3,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility. On June 30 2014, the Regional Board received payment in full.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2014-0012 was issued to Wilshire Le Doux Medical Plaza LP (Permittee) on August 6, 2014 in the amount of \$54,000 for alleged effluent violations of the NPDES Permit for an office building located at 8536 Wilshire Boulevard. On September 2, 2014 the Regional Board received payment in full.

13267 Investigative Orders:

13267 Investigative Order to Submit Information No. R4-2014-0169 was issued to E & B Natural Resources Management Corp. on August 29, 2014 for information related to oil and gas activities that may pose a threat to water quality from the discharge of stormwater exposed to crude oil. The Permittee has until September 29, 2014 to respond.

3 Notices to Comply were issued

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Violation(s)	Permit Type
4 19I024574	8/7/2014	Carson Products Termi- nal	Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs¹ and Group Monitoring Plan	Industrial
4 19I003429	8/15/2014	Brite Plating Co Inc.	Failure to Maintain an Adequate SWPPP ²	Industrial
4 19I002083	8/20/2014	United Parcel	Failure to Maintain an Adequate SWPPP	Industrial

2 Notices of Violation were issued

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Violation(s)	Permit Type
4 56I001962	8/7/2014	Santa Clara Waste Water	Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs, Failure to Maintain an Adequate SWPPP	Industrial
4 19I012884	8/13/2014	M & B Trucking	Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs, Failure to Maintain an Adequate SWPPP, Failure to Submit 2007/08 - 2012/13 Annual Reports	Industrial

6 Requests for Information were sent

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Permit Type
4 56I001270	8/7/2014	Sealed Air Corp.	Industrial
4 19I002428	8/7/2014	Hitco Carbon Composites, Inc.	Industrial
4 19I019033	8/7/2014	Edris Plastic Manufacturing Inc.	Industrial
4 19I020745	8/7/2014	Hope Plastics Co. Inc.	Industrial
4 19I021094	8/7/2014	WNA	Industrial
4 19I021215	8/7/2014	American Plastic Products Inc.	Industrial

Watershed Management/Watershed Coordinator

Integrated Regional Water Management

The watershed coordinator participated in meetings of Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) committees including those for the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Region's Stakeholders (August 28); and Greater Los Angeles County's North Santa Monica Bay Subregional Steering Committee (August 19), Lower Los Angeles/San Gabriel Subregional Steering Committee (August 19), Upper Los Angeles River Subregional Steering Committee (August 26), and Upper San Gabriel/Rio Hondo Subregional Steering Committee (August 21). Applications for Round 3 implementation funds (to include proposals for "drought" projects) through the Department of Water Resources (DWR) were due July 21 in an expedited schedule with final conditional grant awards tentatively scheduled for approval by DWR by October 2014.

Other Meetings/Activities

The Watershed Coordinator attended the Ecological Society of America's Annual Meeting (as a member) held in Sacramento from August 11 through August 15. A number of sessions had local relevance including one moderated by the Council for Watershed Health entitled: "Biota of the Los Angeles River; New Studies and Insights in 2014."

Activities involving the Wetlands Recovery Project (WRP) and its committees and workgroups are represented at staff level by the Watershed Coordinator. The WRP formed a Regional Strategy Update Workgroup to aid in updating the Regional Strategy. Its most recent meeting was held on September 11. A newly re-formed Science Advisory Panel (SAP) will do much of the needed technical work for the update.

The WRP is supporting a project called Temporal Investigations of Marsh Ecosystems (TIME) which is coupling the use of ecosystem services with temporal information such as historical ecology, current monitoring, and future scenario planning, to help managers make well-informed decisions about restoration plans and management. The TIME project will serve the entire WRP area but with an increased focus on the Tijuana River Valley. The Watershed Coordinator is participating on an advisory group which was formed to ensure that products developed will be immediately useful for regional management and restoration efforts. The second meeting of the advisory group was held on September 4.

The Watershed Coordinator attends meetings of the Stakeholder Technical Advisory Committee for the Los Angeles Basin Stormwater Conservation Study which met most recently on August 18. The Basin Study's goal is to analyze the long-term potential of existing Los Angeles County Flood Control District and other local stakeholder facilities to conserve stormwater, as well as, analyze the potential for new facilities

¹ Best Management Practices (BMPs) ² Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

and changes in operations in order to meet future water demands and climate change challenges.

More information about the Regional Board's watersheds can be found at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water issues/programs/regional program/index.shtml#Watershed.