

ITEM: 8

SUBJECT: NPDES Program Update

BOARD ACTION: *Informational Item Only*

BACKGROUND: The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program is a federal program, under the Clean Water Act, that has been delegated to the State of California for implementation through the State Water Resources Control Board and the nine Regional Water Control Boards. The NPDES program controls water pollution by regulating point sources that discharge pollutants into waters of the United States. Point sources are discrete conveyances such as pipes or man-made ditches. Since its introduction in 1972, the NPDES program has been responsible for significant improvements to water quality.

This informational item will provide an update on the Central Valley Water Board's NPDES program. In addition, a summary of the current status of permitting activities and recent changes to the program will be presented.

USEPA will also provide a short overview of upcoming federal regulations that may impact the program.

ISSUES: None

RECOMMENDATION: This is an informational item only.

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