

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT  
November 14, 2007

ITEM: 9

SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT: The State Water Resources Control Board's Proposed Water Quality Control Plan for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California, Sediment Quality Objectives (SQOs). This is an informational item only on this State Board project and no Regional Board action will be taken.  
See <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/bptcp/sediment.html> for more information. (Chris Beegan)

PURPOSE: Informational item.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Public Notice for this item was provided in the Agenda Notice for the November 14, 2007 meeting of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board)..

DISCUSSION: In 2003, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) initiated a program to protect enclosed bays and estuaries through the development of sediment quality objectives (SQOs). The SQOs use multiple lines of evidence to integrate the chemistry, toxicity, and condition of the benthic community to determine the health of the sediment.

A draft Staff Report and proposed Water Quality Control Plan for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California, Sediment Quality Objectives (proposed Plan) was recently issued for public review and comment, and a public hearing at the State Water Board is scheduled for November 19, 2007 in Sacramento. The purpose of this informational item is to provide an overview of the draft Staff Report and proposed Plan.

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KEY ISSUES: Informational item only.

LEGAL CONCERNS: Informational item only.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: None.

RECOMMENDATION(S): Informational item only.