



State Water Board Bay-Delta Program Overview

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Mission of the State and Regional Water Boards

- Preserve, enhance and restore the quality of California's water resources, and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations.
- Develop and enforce water quality objectives and implementation plans that will best protect the State's waters, recognizing local differences in climate, topography, geology and hydrology.

Water Quality Planning Tools

- Basin Plans – water quality control plans developed by the nine Regional Boards. Each contains water quality standards for their specific hydrologic areas. Includes adopted TMDLs and implementation plans.
- Water Quality Control Plans – developed by the State Water Board for water quality issues crossing Regional Board boundaries or for issues with significant statewide importance. Examples: Ocean Plan, Bay-Delta Plan
- Water Quality Control Plans and Basin Plans contain water quality standards designed to ensure that the beneficial uses of California's waters are protected.
- Basin Plans and Water Quality Control Plans are periodically reviewed.

Bay-Delta Program

- Develops revisions to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan) to protect the beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta
- Implements flow related objectives of the Bay-Delta Plan through conditioning of water rights

History of State Water Board's Bay-Delta Planning Efforts

- 1960s: Water rights for CVP and SWP with reservation of jurisdiction to develop water quality requirements
- 1971: D-1379 – Monitoring and interim water quality standards to be met by CVP and SWP
1978: Delta Plan and D-1485 – Updated water quality standards for the Delta and established water right requirements
- 1991: Bay-Delta Plan

History Continued

- 1992: Draft D-1630 – Not adopted
- 1995: Bay-Delta Plan – Basis for current Bay-Delta Plan objectives
- 2000: D-1641 – Implements 1995 Bay-Delta Plan
- 2006: Bay-Delta Plan – Updates 1995 Bay-Delta Plan identifies emerging issues

Current Bay-Delta Planning Activities

- Phase I – Review and update of Bay-Delta Plan's San Joaquin River flow and southern Delta water quality requirements
- Phase II – Review and update of remainder of the Bay-Delta Plan: Delta inflows/outflows, operational requirements

Current Bay-Delta Planning Activities Continued

- Phase III – Implementation of revised Bay-Delta Plan
- Phase IV – Develop and implement instream flow requirements for priority Delta tributaries

Recent and Upcoming Dates

- San Joaquin River Flows and Southern Delta Water Quality

February 24, 2012	Released scientific appendices
December 2012	Release draft environmental documents
Spring 2013	Release final draft environmental documents
Summer 2013	Board Meeting to consider adoption

- Comprehensive Update of Remainder of Bay-Delta Plan

September – November 2012	Scientific Workshops
Summer 2013	Release draft environmental documents
Winter 2013	Release final draft environmental documents
Summer 2014	Board Meeting to consider adoption

For More Information

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