

EPA Priorities 2015

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Management Changes in Region 9

- ▶ Division Director Jane Diamond retiring Spring 2015
- ▶ Completed modest reorganization in 2014
- ▶ Nancy Woo is Assistant Director for Ecosystems Branch
 - (Permits, Standards, TMDLs, Wetlands, Watersheds)

Nutrient Science and Permitting

- ▶ Support collaborative SF Bay effort
- ▶ Concerns about national push on nutrient permitting
- ▶ Urge comprehensive planning
- ▶ Consider unconventional options

Toxicity and Permitting

- ▶ Working with State Board on Toxicity Plan
- ▶ Objected to permits in LA Region
- ▶ Initiated objection process for Las Gallinas
- ▶ Numeric limits used effectively in 45 states
- ▶ Trigger-based approaches mixed results
- ▶ Can help deal with CECs

Grab Bag

- ▶ Dental Amalgam Rule
- ▶ E-Reporting Rule
- ▶ IG recommendations on POTW monitoring
- ▶ Integrated Planning pilots

Integrating Sustainability in Permitting

- ▶ Long term planning
 - Asset Management Planning
 - Climate Adaptation Planning
- ▶ Promote wastewater recycling/reuse
- ▶ Energy efficiency and resource recovery
- ▶ Innovative technology and non-conventional approaches (e.g. GI and trading)

How can EPA help?

- ▶ We need to hear from you!
- ▶ How can we help deal with technical, institutional, legal, and financial challenges?
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