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TO: RMP Steering Committee

FROM: Philip Trowbridge, RMP Manager

RE: Coordination with the Delta RMP using revenue from East Contra Costa County

SUMMARY

In 2015, the Delta RMP transitioned from planning to implementation. The program has a \$890,000 budget for FY15/16, which will fund current use pesticide monitoring, pathogens monitoring, and synthesis of data on nutrients. The Bay and Delta RMPs should be coordinated as a general principle. However, there is another, immediate reason for coordination. The cities in East Contra Costa County have participated in the Bay RMP even though they are actually under the jurisdiction of the Central Valley Water Board. These cities would like to continue to pay into the Bay RMP but the Central Valley Water Board has requested that their fees (~\$27,000) should be earmarked for coordination with the Delta RMP.

EXPLANATION

Most of the developed land in Contra Costa County (CCC) is under the jurisdiction of the SF Bay Water Board (RB2), except for the eastern part of CCC which is under the jurisdiction of the Central Valley Water Board (RB5) (Figure 1). As a result, there are two Phase I MS4 permits for the county as explained below:

CWP's current NPDES permits are the Municipal Regional Permit (MRP) for discharges to the San Francisco Bay (Region 2); and the East Contra Costa County Permit for discharges to the Delta (Region 5). The MRP was adopted on October 14, 2009, and applies to 76 Bay Area municipalities in order to standardize requirements, pool resources and achieve results on a large scale. The East County Permit was adopted on September 23, 2010 and applies to the Cities of Antioch, Oakley, Brentwood, unincorporated Contra Costa County and the Contra Costa County Flood Control District. (Source: <http://www.cccounty.us/344/County-Watershed-Program>)

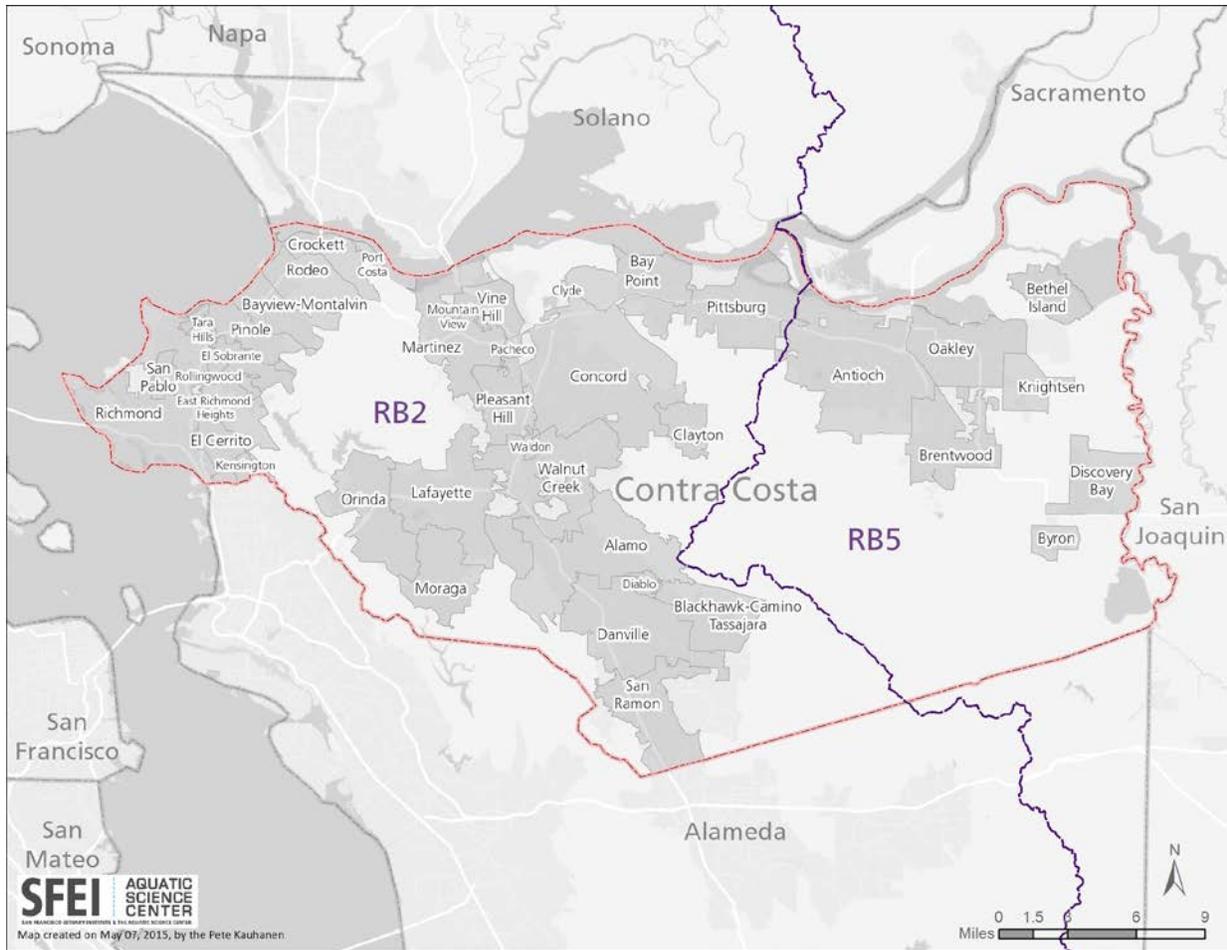


Figure 1: Developed areas of Contra Costa County under the jurisdiction of the SF Bay Water Board (RB2) and the Central Valley Water Board (RB5)

Currently, all of CCC is considered part of the Bay RMP and pays fees according to its total population. The County would like to continue to pay into the Bay RMP to maintain continuity and for administrative efficiency.

The Central Valley Water Board has requested that the approximate amount of the fees paid into the Bay RMP by East CCC cities (~\$27,000) should be earmarked for coordination with the Delta RMP. Coordination activities would include some governance tasks for the Delta RMP, coordination of nutrient monitoring programs between the Bay and the Delta, coordination of other monitoring programs (the Bay RMP already maintains two historic sites in the Delta), and coordination on specific special studies of mutual interest.

If the Steering Committee is supportive of this request, a line item will be added to the 2016 Bay RMP budget for coordination with the Delta RMP. The Steering Committee will be asked to approve this line item in November 2015 along with the rest of the 2016 budget.