

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The California Environmental Protection Agency works to restore, protect, and enhance environmental quality. The Agency coordinates state environmental regulatory programs and promotes fair and consistent enforcement of environmental law.

The May Revision includes total funding of \$4.7 billion (\$72.9 million General Fund) for all programs included in the Agency.

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

The State Water Resources Control Board and the nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards preserve and enhance the quality of California water resources, and protect the proper allocation and effective use of state water.

Significant Adjustment:

- Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan—An increase of \$7.8 million (\$3.7 million General Fund and \$4.1 Water Rights Fund) and 16 positions to complete the comprehensive update of the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan. The Water Action Plan, a comprehensive five-year water infrastructure and management strategy to support sustainable water management, identified the update of the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan. This proposal will develop flow criteria and an adaptive management framework that identifies water quality objectives needed to

protect and balance competing uses of water, including municipal and agricultural supply, hydropower, fishery protection, and recreational uses.

DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

The Department of Toxic Substances Control protects California residents and the environment from the harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated properties, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically-safer products.

The Department continues to make progress in implementing reforms initiated in its “Fixing the Foundation” initiative, which is designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of cleanup, permitting, enforcement, and safer consumer products programs. A key component of this effort is to enforce compliance with California’s hazardous waste laws to prevent harm to public health and the environment, particularly in disproportionately impacted communities. The May Revision proposes additional resources to improve the Department’s hazardous waste enforcement efforts.

Significant Adjustments:

- Improving Hazardous Waste Enforcement Program Performance—An increase of \$1.4 million Toxic Substances Control Account annually for two years to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the hazardous waste enforcement program and conduct a statewide community assessment.
- Enhanced Enforcement Initiative—An increase of \$2.1 million from various special funds annually for three years to implement and evaluate approaches to address serious environmental violations that occur in California’s most disproportionately impacted communities. This proposal will focus inspection and enforcement resources on metal recycling and hazardous waste transportation activities.