

Management Zone – Options/Alternatives

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Key Elements in Draft Policy Document	Key Proposed Options or Alternatives	Executive Committee Decision
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management zone policy applies specifically to groundwater. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand the management zone policy to also apply to surface water. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management zone policy would apply to nitrates and salinity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit management zone policy to nitrate at this time. May be appropriate for salinity after Phase I. Expand management zone to allow for inclusion of other contaminants that may be of concern for drinking water. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management zones are a pathway for complying with Basin Plan requirements (i.e., permit compliance). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management zones would be unavailable for permit compliance, but may be appropriate for modeling, monitoring, and other activities. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management zones are to be established to help address the priority issue of ensuring that users are being provided safe drinking water, which includes development and implementation of an Early Action Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management zones are not the appropriate entity to ensure safe drinking water. Dischargers should be required to pay into a mitigation fund, and the Office of Sustainable Water Solutions should be responsible for ensuring safe drinking water. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum size/area of a management zone relatively undefined. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management zones should not be allowed to be any larger than the DWR Bulletin 118 basins/sub-basins, but may be smaller. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dischargers have the discretion to join a management zone, or be permitted as an individual (or group under General Orders) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a management zone exists for the area where the individual is located, Regional Board needs to be able to require additional conditions/demonstrations for a discharger that chooses to not participate. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a set 270-day timeline for development of a preliminary management zone proposal, and an additional 60 days for dischargers to submit their notice of intent with respect to which path for compliance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Officer should have flexibility to extend timeline for development of a management zone. The 270-day timeline should apply only to those priority areas that receive notice prior to the effective date of Basin Plan amendments, other areas should be granted a year. The timelines should be removed from the policy and the discretion should be given to the Regional Board. Timelines for the first priority area are too short/long. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dischargers notify the Regional Board of their participation in a management zone within 60 days after a preliminary management zone proposal is posted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There should be some mechanism that allows dischargers to join the management zone even if it is after the 60 days from when the preliminary management zone proposal is posted. Executive Officer needs some level of discretion to allow dischargers to join and/or depart from participating in a management zone. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum goal of a management zone is to be consistent with short-term and long-term goals of the SNMP. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify that the need to achieve balance and restore aquifers is where it is reasonable and feasible to do so. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assimilative capacity within a management zone may be determined based on a volume-weighted average in the production zone of the delineated management zone boundary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For nitrate, limit determination of available assimilative capacity based on a volume weighted average in the upper zone. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management zone policy is silent with respect to additional actions that the Regional Board should undertake if water quality impairments are created due to water supply operations and/or septic systems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add in additional language with respect to actions the Regional Board will take if there are local sources of impairment from sources such as septic systems. 	