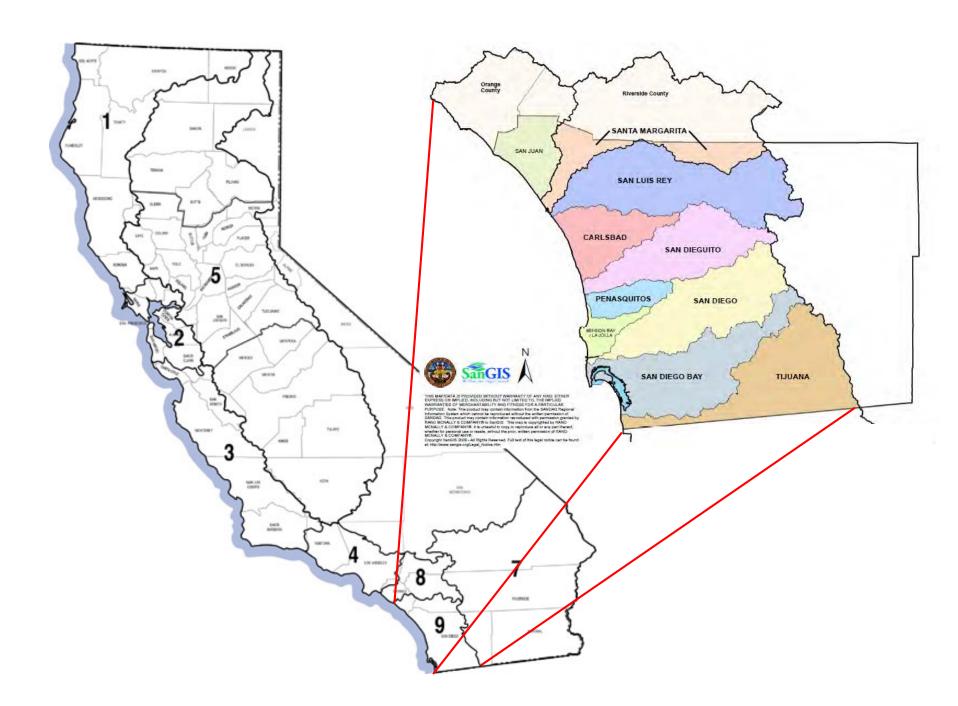
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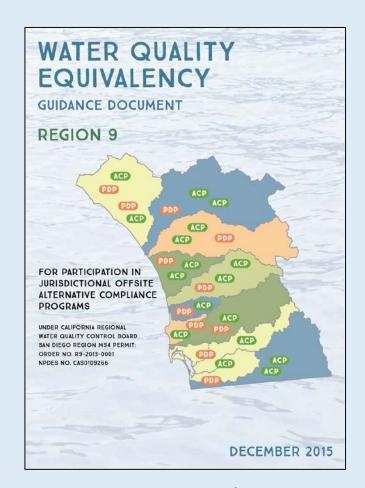


Regional MS4 Permit Allows

- Alternative Compliance Land Development
- In-Lieu Fee Program
- Water Quality Crediting Program



- **→** Just Getting Started
 - Phase I Guidance
 Finalized Dec 2015
 - Phase II Guidance Under Development – Dec 2017
- Requires Greater Overall Water Quality Benefit



https://www.projectcleanwater.org/water-quality-equivalency-guidance/

- ➤In-Lieu Fee Structure
 - Not much discussion on this yet!
 - Fee Structure Developed either
 - Individual Copermittee
 - Multiple Copermittees
 - Fees must be transferred Prior to Construction
 - Copermittee for public projects
 - Escrow account for private projects

Water Quality Crediting Program

- **≻**Currency
 - Pollutant Control = Volume
 - Hydromodification = Directly Connected
 Impervious Area Effectively Managed

- **≻**Challenges
 - Timing
 - Quantifying stream restoration credits
 - Partial crediting
 - Keeping it simple
 - Usable by smaller Copermittees
 - Consistently applied
 - Auditable
 - Ensure water quality improves FASTER

- ➤ Looking for Advice
 - Reducing fear
 - TMDL compliance regulatory transparency
 - Third party law suits
 - Cross jurisdictional liability
 - Manage / Track it
 - So credits don't get sold twice
 - Audit for compliance
 - Keep it simple

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