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**Sent:** Wed 12/13/2017 1:25:20 AM
**Subject:** RE: Second Reminder for Weekly, External Events, and Rolling 90-day Issues Calendar

Hi Paul – Here's an item about SMB – could either be in the weekly or put in the calendar.

**Santa Monica National Estuary Program (NEP):** On 12/14, we participated in the second of several workshops focused on gathering input to revise the Santa Monica Bay NEP's Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP). The CCMP revision is expected to be completed by the end of 2018. (Yelensky, 2-3021)

Thanks,

~ Gail

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By COB today, please. Here's what I heard at the managers meeting as possible items:

1. So Cal wildfire update
2. Santa Monica Bay NEP workshop
3. NPDES permit withdrawal(?)
4. Approving CNMI bacteria TMDL
5. Stormwater meetings in San Leandro and Palo Alto

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Please email me 1) Weekly items, 2) external events through **January**, and 3) check for updates to the Rolling 90-day issue calendar, or let me know you won't have any, by **COB Tuesday**.

1. The Weekly consists of the following categories:

- ***Upcoming Hot Issues and Important Deadlines [Emphasis on Urgent]***
- ***Past week accomplishments***
- ***Upcoming Major Public Events***

Please try to include items two weeks in advance. In addition, include relevant dates for the items submitted, along with POCs.

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2. External events should only include meetings that are open to the public at which EPA has a presenting role. We are reporting the following:

- Name of Event
- Date
- Location
- A short description of the event (no more than 2 sentences)

(*note: names and number of EPA participants not required*)

For reference, here is the current list of upcoming meetings: we have no future events listed

3. 90-Day Rolling Issue Calendar (attached)

**WEEKLY REPORT**

**Region 9**

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PAST WEEK ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Water System Impacts from Southern CA Wildfires:** We are monitoring the growing impacts from several wildfires in Southern California. There are currently 20 public water systems in the affected areas, and boil water notices have been issued for six systems serving several communities in Ventura County, including City of Ventura, all beach communities between City of Ventura and the Santa Barbara County line, Foster Park, Casitas Springs, Upper Ojai Valley, and Santa Paula. We are not aware of any tribal systems or tribal communities under boil water orders. Known impacts have primarily been from loss of power. (Macler, x23569)

**Seeking Comment for Navajo Nation and Guam NPDES Permits:** On 12/6 we published Notices of Availability in the Federal Register, seeking public comment by 2/5, for the proposed NPDES General Permit for Low Threat Discharges in Navajo Nation, and the proposed NPDES General Permit for Guam Bulk Fuel Storage Facilities Discharges. The proposed Navajo Nation permit covers entities that discharge relatively pollutant free wastewater below a specified volume, and/or for a limited time. The proposed Guam permit replaces individual NPDES permits for five bulk fuel storage facilities and provides coverage for new eligible bulk fuel facilities. (Sheth, x23516)

**UPCOMIMG HOT ISSUES & IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

**Supplemental TAS for Navajo SDWA Program:** We will publish a Federal Register Notice and a notice for local news media on our proposed approval of a supplemental "Treatment in a Similar Manner as a State" determination for the Navajo Nation drinking water program, pending Office of Administrator support. Approval will grant Navajo Nation the authority to regulate an additional 12 drinking water systems on the Navajo Nation. (Lee, x23776)

# Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

**Seeking Comment for Navajo Nation NPDES Permit Renewals:** On 12/12, we will publish notices on EPA's website seeking public comment by 1/15, for two draft NPDES permit renewals to Navajo Tribal Utility Authority for its Shiprock Wastewater Treatment Facility in New Mexico, and Twin Arrows Casino and Resort wastewater treatment facility near Flagstaff, Arizona, both located in the Navajo reservation. The Shiprock

permit includes additional monitoring and reporting requirements for ammonia for effluent that discharges to the San Juan River and the Twin Arrow permit includes requirements for discharges to a tributary to the Little Colorado River. (Tran, x23511).

**Reviewing Findings of California Lead and Copper Rule Implementation Report:** On 12/12, we will meet with California's Division of Drinking Water to discuss our draft report evaluating compliance information for public water systems with reported lead action level exceedances. Findings include several LCR implementation discrepancies and a need for statewide standardization. (Garcia-Bakarich, x23237)

**Working with Arizona to Reduce Nickel and Chromium in the Santa Cruz River:** We will send joint letters, with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, inviting the U.S. parent companies of facilities in Nogales, Sonora, to work with us to reduce suspected releases of nickel and chromium to the Nogales, Sonora, sewer system. The Nogales International Wastewater Treatment Plant treats sewage from Nogales, Sonora and Nogales, Arizona and has received high levels of nickel and chromium, resulting in impairments in the Santa Cruz River and increasing the cost of biosolids disposal. (Roger Kohn, x23416)

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**Approving Port of LA Compensatory Mitigation Bank**: Next week we will sign a mitigation bank instrument approving seven sites totaling 374 acres within the POLA for use as compensatory mitigation under Section 404 of the CWA. The sites were previously created under MOUs with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. This new agreement brings the sites into compliance with the 2008 Army Corps/EPA Mitigation Rule and allows the Corps to utilize them as compensatory mitigation for impacts to waters of the U.S. located in the POLA. (Scianni, x41817)

**UPCOMING MAJOR PUBLIC EVENTS**

**Reporting on EPA's Northern California Wildfire Response:** On 12/8, we will attend a board meeting of the California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board to share EPA's ongoing efforts to address impacts from the Northern California wildfires, including our support of the FEMA mission assignment. (Woo, x23409)

## OTHER INFORMATION

**Division Director Schedule (December 11 - 15):** Tomás Torres will be in San Diego on Monday-Wednesday for visits with Regional Boards 7 and 8, and in the office the rest of the week. Kristin Gullatt will be acting.

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