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Request Approval to Send the 2018 Annual Report on Basinwide Water Management Planning by the Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Management Commission to the Environmental Review Commission (ERC)

Explanation: General Statute 143-215.8B(d) and 143-355(p) requires the Environmental Management Commission and the Department of Environmental Quality to report on or before November 1 of each year to the Environmental Review Commission on the progress in developing and implementing water resource management plans and on the development of basinwide hydrologic models.

The basin plans evaluate point and nonpoint sources of pollution using biological and ambient water quality data as well as computer modeling and analysis. While basin planners are focused on the plans that are currently due, they also continue to collect data and work in all the watersheds under their purview. The 2018 annual report includes updated information and the status of each basin plan as well as an overview of water quality concerns in each. EMC members requested the inclusion of additional environmental concerns as they relate to water quality. Because many of the topics included at the request of the EMC go beyond the requirements of the statute, the Basin Planning Branch (BPB) worked with staff within DWR to include the additional information.