

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2014-0047**

**APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
FOR THE TULARE LAKE BASIN TO EDIT AND UPDATE LANGUAGE**

WHEREAS:

1. On March 27, 2014, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopted Resolution [R5-2014-0038](#), amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin to edit and update language.
2. Central Valley Water Board staff prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying State laws and regulations.
3. The State Water Board finds that these amendments will not result in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and is thus not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). (Cal Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15378, subd. (a). In addition, these amendments are not a “project” within the meaning of CEQA because they are an “organizational or administrative activit[y] of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.” (Cal Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15378, subd. (b)(5).) Finally, if these amendments are determined to be subject to CEQA, they are exempt therefrom because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that these amendments will have a significant effect on the environment. (Cal Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15061, subd. (b)(3).)
4. The State Water Board finds that the Basin Plan amendments are in conformance with Water Code section 13240, which specifies that the Regional Water Quality Control Board may revise basin plans.
5. Non-regulatory Basin Plan amendments do not become effective until approved by the State Water Board and until the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) has concurred on its non-regulatory status.
6. The Central Valley Water Board intends to continue its practice of updating its Basin Plan from time to time to reflect future amendments to the State Water Board’s plans and policies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the amendments to the Basin Plan as adopted under Central Valley Water Board Resolution R5-2014-0038.

2. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to submit the amendments adopted under Central Valley Water Board Resolution R5-2014-0038 to OAL for concurrence on its non-regulatory status and to U. S. Environmental Protection Agency for informational purposes.

CERTIFICATION


The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on September 9, 2014.

AYE: Chair Felicia Marcus
Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber
Board Member Tam M. Doduc
Board Member Steven Moore
Board Member Dorene D'Adamo

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board