

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-0005**

APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO REFORMAT THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR  
THE SACRAMENTO RIVER AND SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASINS AND THE WATER QUALITY  
CONTROL PLAN FOR THE TULARE LAKE BASIN

WHEREAS:

1. On October 20, 2017, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopted [Resolution No. R5-2017-0106](#) reformatting the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins and the Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin.
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 activity 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 the Office of Administrative Law (OAL).
6. Central Valley Water Board staff determined that a minor, non-substantive change to the Basin Plan amendment was necessary to correct a drafting error in which the water quality objective for silver was inadvertently left out. The Central Valley Water Board’s Executive Office made this correction in a memorandum dated [December 18, 2017](#).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board:

1. Approves the amendments to the Basin Plans adopted under Central Valley Water Board Resolution No. R5-2017-0106.

2. Authorizes and directs the Executive Director or designee to submit the amendments adopted under Central Valley Water Board Resolution No. R5-2017-0106 and the administrative record for this action to the OAL for approval and to the 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 and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on February 6, 2018.

AYE:           Chair Felicia Marcus  
                  Vice Chair Steven Moore  
                  Board Member Dorene D'Adamo  
                  Board Member Tam M. Doduc  
                  Board Member E. Joaquin Esquivel

NAY:           None

ABSENT:       None

ABSTAIN:      None

  
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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board