

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION****TENTATIVE RESOLUTION NO. R9-2020-0012****UPDATE TO CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 305(b)
REPORT TO IDENTIFY HIGH QUALITY WATERS OF THE
STATE****WHEREAS:**

1. Section 305(b) of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) requires each State to monitor, assess, and biennially submit to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) a report on the quality of its waters relative to the designated uses of those waters.
2. CWA section 303(d)(1) requires each State to regularly identify surface waters that do not meet applicable water quality standards after technology-based controls have been implemented (referred to as the section 303(d) List) and prioritize such surface waters for the purposes of developing total maximum daily loads (TMDLs). States are required to submit their section 303(d) List biennially to the USEPA.
3. CWA 305(b) and 303(d) reports are typically combined into an "Integrated Report." In California, the Integrated Report is released in "cycles," with each cycle occurring every two years, on even numbered years, and includes three of the nine Regional Water Boards per cycle. The San Diego Water Board was "off-cycle" for the 2018 Integrated Report and chose to conduct assessments on readily-available biological data that resulted in proposed additions to the section 305(b) Report.
4. The San Diego Water Board has prepared a 2018 "Off-cycle" CWA Section 305(b) Report (2018 "Off-cycle" 305(b) Report).
5. Consistent with the San Diego Water Board Practical Vision Chapters 1-3, the 2018 "Off-cycle" 305(b) Report uses biological data to identify waterbodies where aquatic-life Beneficial Uses are supported or partially supported.
6. San Diego Water Board staff provided advanced notice and an opportunity for public comment on the draft recommendations for the 2018 "Off-cycle" 305(b) Report during a 31-day public comment period between November 22, 2019, and December 26, 2019. The San Diego Water Board did not receive any written comments on the proposed 2018 "Off-cycle" 305(b) Report.
7. On November 22, 2019, the San Diego Water Board published notification of its intent to convene a public meeting on February 12, 2020. A draft 2018 "Off-cycle" 305(b) Report and supporting appendices were posted on the San Diego Water Board web page on November 22, 2019.
8. On February 12, 2020, the San Diego Water Board heard and considered all comments pertaining to its consideration and adoption of the 2018 "Off-cycle" 305(b) Report for the San Diego Region.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The San Diego Water Board approves the 2018 “Off-cycle” CWA 305(b) Report for the San Diego Region; and
2. The San Diego Water Board authorizes the Executive Officer to transmit the 2018 “Off-cycle” CWA 305(b) Report for the San Diego Region, and other supporting information included in the Administrative Record, to the State Water Board for its inclusion in the statewide 2018 CWA 305(b) Report.
3. If, during the approval process, the State Water Board or USEPA determine that minor, non-substantive corrections are needed for clarity or consistency, the Executive Officer may make such changes and shall inform the San Diego Water Board of any such changes.

I, David W. Gibson, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, on February 12, 2020.

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David W. Gibson
Executive Officer