

The Office of Administrative Law (OAL) & the Administrative Procedures Act (APA)

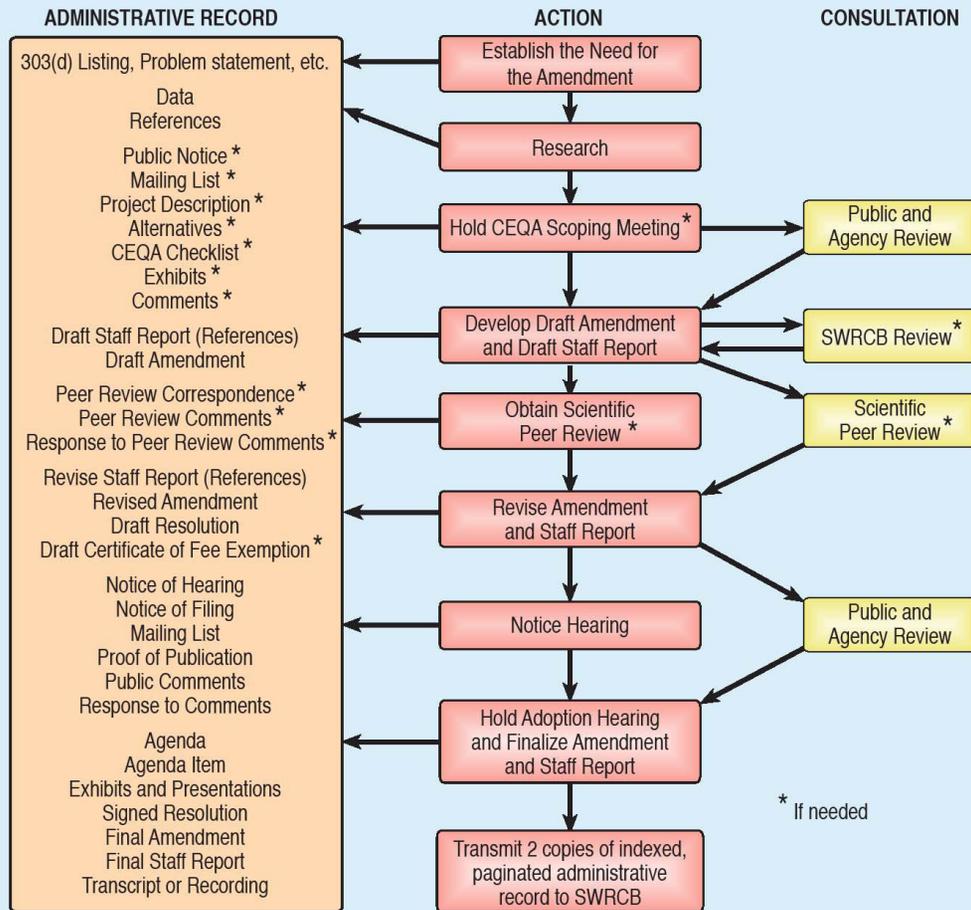
What is OAL?

- The Office of Administrative Law (OAL) ensures that agency regulations are clear, necessary, legally valid, and available to the public.
- OAL is responsible for:
 - Reviewing administrative regulations proposed by state agencies for compliance with the standards set forth in APA
 - Transmitting these regulations to the Secretary of State
 - Publishing regulations in the California Code of Regulations.

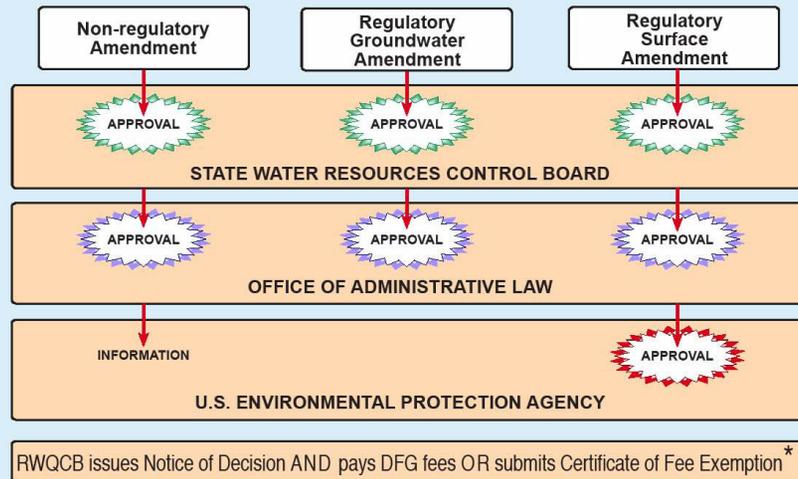
Getting Your Basin Plan Amendment Approved

BASIN PLANNING PROCESS

Regional Water Quality Control Board



* If needed



APA and Basin Planning

- Special Procedures for Waterboards Plans and Policies (Gov't. Code § 11353)
- Any policy, plan, or guideline, or any revision must be submitted to OAL

Administrative Procedures Act (cont.)

- Submittals must include:
- Clear, Concise Summary of Regulatory Provisions
- Administrative Record
- Summary of Necessity
- OCC Certification
- Form 400

Administrative Procedures Act (cont.)

- Limited OAL Review
- Necessity
- Authority
- Clarity,
- Consistency
- Reference
- Nonduplication
- Compliance with Federal Public Participation Requirements

Administrative Procedures Act (cont.)

- Effective Dates under California Law:
 - OAL Approval
 - Payment of Fish and Game Fee
 - No Effect Determination

OAL Decisions and Timeframe

- 30 Working Days (about six weeks)
- Approve
- Disapprove
 - Withdraw