

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 94-116

APPROVAL OF A REVISED WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
FOR THE SAN DIEGO REGION

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (RWQCB), adopted the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (Basin Plan) on March 17, 1975.
2. Section 303(c) of the federal Clean Water Act requires that water quality standards be reviewed and revised, if appropriate, at least every three years (Triennial Review); and Section 13240 of the California Water Code provides that Basin Plans be periodically reviewed and may be revised.
3. In January, June, and August 1994, the RWQCB released drafts of the Basin Plan for public review.
4. The RWQCB held public hearings on February 10, 1994, April 14, 1994, and July 28, 1994, for the purpose of receiving testimony on the proposed amendments to update the Basin Plan.
5. On September 8, 1994, the RWQCB adopted the revised Basin Plan under RWQCB Resolution No. 94-10 (Attachment 1) and the Triennial Review Project Priority List under Resolution No. 94-11 (Attachment 2).
6. The RWQCB prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq. and other State laws and regulations.
7. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will work with the Department of Fish and Game to ensure that threatened or endangered species are protected pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2055.
8. Basin Plan revisions and amendments do not become effective until approved by the SWRCB and until regulatory provisions are approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The SWRCB:

1. Approves the revised Basin Plan adopted by RWQCB Resolution No. 94-10 on September 8, 1994, with the understanding that:
 - a. The RWQCB shall continue to implement provisions of existing State and federal laws regarding the discharge of toxic pollutants. In particular, the RWQCB shall issue National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits in compliance with the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and applicable State and federal regulations, including, but not limited to, 40 CFR, Section 122.44(d).
 - b. Within three years after Department of Fish and Game (DFG) notifies the RWQCB that specific water bodies support threatened or endangered species and that scientific evidence indicate that certain existing water quality objectives for these water bodies do not adequately protect such species, the RWQCB shall determine, in consultation with DFG, whether these objectives are adequately protective. In cases where such existing objectives do not provide adequate protection for threatened and endangered species, the RWQCB shall develop and adopt adequately protective site-specific objectives for these constituents.
 - c. The portions of the proposed "Cleanup and Abatement Policy--Contaminated Soil and Ground Water" presented in Section II Purpose of Policy, Part D on Page 4-86 and Section IX Ground Water Quality Limited Zones Pages 4-90 and 4-91 of the adopted Basin Plan be removed and held in abeyance pending SWRCB consideration of a statewide ground water cleanup policy.
2. Directs the SWRCB Executive Director to work with the RWQCB Executive Officers to develop a statewide policy on ground water and soil cleanup, taking into consideration SWRCB Resolution No. 92-49, for SWRCB review. It is the SWRCB's desire to have the matter brought forward for review and consideration within 120 days. The SWRCB requests the Executive Director to report at each SWRCB workshop in the interim on the progress toward development of the policy.

3. Authorizes staff to forward the approved amendments to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the regulatory provisions to OAL for approval.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant 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 December 13, 1994.

Maureen Marché

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Administrative Assistant to the Board

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 94-10

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN UPDATE TO THE
WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
FOR THE SAN DIEGO BASIN

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 13240 et seq. of the CALIFORNIA WATER CODE, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, (Regional Board) caused to be developed the Comprehensive Water Quality Control Plan, San Diego Basin (9) (Basin Plan); and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board, in accord with Section 13244 of the CALIFORNIA WATER CODE, on March 17, 1975, adopted the Comprehensive Water Quality Control Plan, San Diego Basin (9); and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board has adopted amendments to the Basin Plan from time to time since March 17, 1975, all of which modified beneficial uses protected and/or water quality objectives and/or policies of the Regional Board; and

WHEREAS, Regional Board staff released drafts of the Basin Plan on January 11, 1994, June 1994, and August 1994 for public review; and

WHEREAS, a summary report dated January 1994 describing the proposed amendments and containing environmental documentation functionally equivalent to the California Environmental Quality Act requirements and a supplemental summary report dated June 1994 was transmitted to interested individuals and public agencies for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board held public hearings on February 10, 1994, April 14, 1994, and July 28, 1994 for the purpose of receiving testimony on proposed amendments that update the Basin Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board has reviewed and carefully considered all comments and testimony received relative to the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board revised and updated the Basin Plan. The update of the Basin Plan incorporates adopted amendments to the Plan into the main text, and includes relevant laws, regulations and policies adopted or revised since 1975. In addition to substantial editorial changes, the updated Basin Plan includes updated beneficial use definitions, as well as

clarification of policies regarding the regulation of many waste discharge activities in the San Diego Region. The updated Basin Plan has a new format designed for statewide consistency among regional basin plans. The following major changes are proposed in this Basin Plan update:

- a. Revise the format for statewide consistency;
- b. Incorporate adopted amendments into main text;
- c. Revise and update the Introduction Chapter, the Implementation Chapter, the Plans and Policies Chapter, and the Surveillance, Monitoring, and Assessment Chapter to reflect the current situation;
- d. Revise beneficial use definitions for statewide consistency;
- e. Add a new beneficial use for Estuarine Habitat and designate for some coastal waters;
- f. Designate beneficial uses for surface waters by water body instead of by hydrologic units;
- g. Revise beneficial use designations for Preservation of Biological Habitats of Special Significance (BIOL), Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species (RARE), and Migration of Aquatic Organisms (MIGR);
- h. Add a water quality objective for toluene for waters designated Municipal and Domestic Supply Water (MUN);
- i. Establish a minimum boron water quality objective of 0.75 mg/l;
- j. Modify the water quality objective for bays and estuaries such that pH shall not be depressed below 7.0 nor raised above 9.0;
- k. Amend the water quality objectives for pesticides; and
- l. Make editorial changes and error corrections throughout Basin Plan.

WHEREAS, the Regional Board has determined that the proposed amendments will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment; and

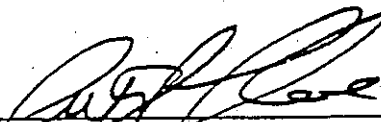
WHEREAS, the Regional Board has determined that the proposed amendments would not add pollutants to either ground or surface waters of the San Diego Region; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board has determined that the proposed amendments would be consistent with State Board Resolution No. 68-16 and the Federal Antidegradation Policy.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Water Quality Control Plan, San Diego Basin (9) be revised as shown in Attachment 1 to this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Regional Board Executive Officer is authorized to sign the "California Department of Fish and Game, Certificate of Fee Exemption De Minimus Impact Finding" as shown in Attachment 2 to this Resolution.

I, Arthur L. Coe, 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 September 8, 1994.



ARTHUR L. COE
Executive Officer

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 94-11

A RESOLUTION CONCLUDING
THE 1993-94 TRIENNIAL REVIEW
AND ADOPTING
A PRIORITY LIST OF WATER QUALITY ISSUES

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 13240 et seq. of the CALIFORNIA WATER CODE, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, (Regional Board) caused to be developed the Comprehensive Water Quality Control Plan, San Diego Basin (9) (Basin Plan); and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board, acting in accord with Section 13244 of the CALIFORNIA WATER CODE, on March 17, 1975, adopted the Comprehensive Water Quality Control Plan, San Diego Basin (9); and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board has adopted amendments to the Basin Plan for the San Diego Region from time to time since March 17, 1975, all of which modified beneficial uses protected and/or water quality objectives and/or policies of the Regional Board; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 303(c)(1) of the Federal Clean Water Act and Section 13170.2(b) of the CALIFORNIA WATER CODE, this Regional Board has concluded its Triennial Water Quality Standards Review.

WHEREAS, as a part of this review, this Regional Board held public workshops on October 18, 1993, and March 24, 1994, for the purpose of receiving public testimony concerning the need for revisions to the water quality standards (i.e. beneficial use designations and water quality objectives) established in the Basin Plan, as amended.

WHEREAS, Regional Board staff has prepared a staff report dated January 1994 and a revised staff report dated June 1994 and a final staff report dated September 8, 1994, describing the proposed priority list of water quality issues for the modification of water quality standards in the Basin Plan; and

WHEREAS, the final staff report dated September 8, 1994 identifies issues which could be completed in the next three years before the next Triennial Review; and

WHEREAS, this priority list of water quality issues for the next three years is contained in the Triennial Review Workplan in Attachment 1 to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, revisions to the Basin Plan were made as part of the Basin Plan update process and were adopted in Resolution 94-10, "A Resolution Adopting and Update to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin;" and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board held public hearings on February 10, 1994, April 14, 1994, and July 28, 1994, for the purpose of receiving testimony on the proposed Priority List of Water Quality Issues; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board has reviewed and carefully considered all comments and testimony received relative to the proposed Priority List; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board has notified all known interested parties of its intent to adopt the Priority List of Water Quality Issues in fulfillment of the Triennial Review.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Basin Plan as updated in Resolution No. 94-10 shall remain in effect until such time as it is revised by this Regional Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Regional Board hereby approves the priority list of water quality issues contained in the Triennial Review Workplan in Attachment 1 to this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Regional Board has completed its 1993-94 Triennial Water Quality Standards Review.

I, Arthur L. Coe, 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 September 8, 1994.



ARTHUR L. COE
Executive Officer

93-94 TRIENNIAL REVIEW WORKPLAN

The following priority list was developed for the 93-94 Triennial Review. The list contains four different categories. The highest priority category is REQUIRED which contains all issues mandated by EPA pursuant to statutory requirements of the Clean Water Act or issues mandated by the State Board. The rankings continue down in priority with HIGH, MEDIUM, and LOW. This list includes only the items which could be begun or completed in the next three fiscal years (FY 1994/95, FY 1995/96, FY 1996/97).

REQUIRED ITEMS

1. Evaluate the beneficial use designations for Spawning, Reproduction and Early Development (SPWN), Cold Freshwater Habitat (COLD), and Migration of Aquatic Organisms (MIGR) .
2. Evaluate the ground water quality objectives in Mission San Diego Hydrologic subareas for iron and manganese.

HIGH PRIORITY

3. Update the Water Quality Assessment.
4. Evaluate the Basin Plan Amendment submitted by the City of Poway to change water quality objectives in the Miramar Reservoir (6.10) and Poway (6.20) Hydrologic Areas.
5. Evaluate the Basin Plan Amendment submitted by the Valley Center Municipal Water District to change the ground water quality objective in the Valley Center Hydrologic Subarea (3.14).
6. Pollution Prevention Policy.
7. Subsurface disposal policy.
8. Sewage Spill Policy.
9. Evaluate the ground and surface water beneficial uses.
10. Evaluate the proposed effluent-dependant beneficial use.
11. Evaluate and implement a wetlands beneficial use or water body category.