

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2003 - 0059

APPROVING TWO AMENDMENTS TO CLARIFY AND UPDATE
LANGUAGE TO THE SACRAMENTO RIVER AND SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASINS AND TO
THE TULARE LAKE BASIN WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLANS
FOR THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

WHEREAS:

1. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) revised its Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins (S-SJ Basin Plan) on December 9 1994, which was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on February 16, 1995, by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on May 9, 1995, and by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on May 29, 2000.
2. The Regional Board adopted a revised Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin (TL Basin Plan) on August 17, 1995, which was approved by SWRCB on November 16, 1995, by OAL on February 27, 1996, and by USEPA on May 29, 2000.
3. The Regional Board adopted Resolution Nos. R5-2002-0151 ([Attachment 1](#)), and R5-2002-0177 ([Attachment 2](#)) on September 6, 2002 and October 17, 2002, respectively amending both Basin Plans to address designating beneficial uses for unnamed water bodies, update references to other regulations and new State policies, modify the language addressing SWRCB Resolution No. 68-16, "Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality Waters in California" and the Federal Antidegradation Policy (40 CFR 131.12), and make minor edits to improve clarity, assure consistency with terminology used in Division 7 of the California Water Code, and remove out-dated information.
4. SWRCB finds that provisions of the amendments as adopted warrant minor non-substantive clarification of the language.
5. Regional Board Resolution Nos. R5-2002-0177 and R5-2002-0177 delegated to the Regional Board Executive Officer authority to make minor, non-substantive clarifications to the adopted amendments, if needed, for clarity or consistency. By memorandum dated July 23, 2003, the Regional Board Executive Officer has made the necessary clarifications to both amendments ([Attachment 3](#)) and ([Attachment 4](#)).
6. The Regional Board Executive Officer also requested to withdraw from SWRCB's consideration of approval the first paragraph on page one of both amendments addressing designation of beneficial uses for waters which have not yet been designated in the Basin Plans, and the third paragraph on page one of the amendment to the TL Basin Plan (Attachment 4) addressing bacteria objectives in ground water. The language subject to the withdrawal is shown in double strikeout in Attachments 3 and 4.

7. Regional Board staff prepared documents and followed appropriate procedures to satisfy the environmental documentation requirement of the California Environmental Quality Act. The Regional Board finds adoption of these amendments will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.
8. SWRCB finds that these Basin Plan amendments are in conformance with Water Code section 13240 which specifies that Regional Water Quality Control Boards shall periodically review and may revise Basin Plans.
9. Basin Plan amendments do not become effective until approved by SWRCB and until the regulatory provisions are approved by OAL and provisions related to surface water standards are approved by USEPA.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SWRCB:

1. Approves the two amendments to the Basin Plans adopted under Regional Board Resolution Nos. R5-2002-0151 (Attachment 1) and R5-2002-0177 (Attachment 2) as submitted and clarified by the Regional Board Executive Officer (Attachments 3 and 4).
2. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to submit the amendments adopted under Regional Board Resolution Nos. R5-2002-0151 and R5-2002-0177, as they are submitted and clarified by the Regional Board Executive Officer, and as approved by SWRCB, to OAL and to USEPA for approval.

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 September 16, 2003.


Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board