

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2006 - 0068**

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN  
FOR THE CENTRAL COAST REGION (BASIN PLAN) TO ESTABLISH  
TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDLs)  
AND A LAND DISTURBANCE PROHIBITION FOR SEDIMENT IN PAJARO RIVER  
(INCLUDING LLAGAS CREEK, RIDER CREEK, AND SAN BENITO RIVER)

**WHEREAS:**

1. The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) adopted a revised Basin Plan on February 11, 1994, which was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on May 18, 1994 and by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on September 7, 1994.
2. On December 2, 2005, the Central Coast Water Board adopted Resolution No. R3-2005-0132 ([Attachment](#)) amending the Basin Plan to establish TMDLs and a land disturbance prohibition for sediment in the Pajaro River.
3. Central Coast Water Board staff prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
4. Central Coast Water Board staff found that the adoption of this amendment would result in no adverse effect on wildlife, and the amendment would be consistent with the State Antidegradation Policy (State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16) and federal antidegradation requirements.
5. The State Water Board finds that the Basin Plan amendment is in conformance with Water Code section 13240, which specifies that Regional Water Quality Control Boards may revise Basin Plans, and section 13242, which requires a program of implementation of water quality objectives. The State Water Board also finds that the TMDLs and land disturbance prohibition as reflected in the Basin Plan amendment are consistent with the requirements of federal Clean Water Act section 303(d).
6. The State Water Board finds, for purposes of clarifying the Central Coast Water Board's TMDL language, that, for the purposes of assessing success of the TMDL, the "Numeric Targets for Suspended Sediment Conditions" must be met within 15 years of development of the monitoring program. The Central Coast Water Board will use compliance with these targets, among other factors, in evaluating the need to revise any of the assumptions in the TMDL.
7. A Basin Plan amendment does not become effective until approved by the State Water Board and until the regulatory provisions are approved by OAL. The TMDLs must also be approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the amendment to the Basin Plan adopted under Central Coast Water Board Resolution No. R3-2005-0132, subject to the Central Coast Water Board Executive Officer making non-substantive amendments to Footnote 'c' of Table 1 to ensure consistency with Finding 6. In the amendment to Table I, Footnote c, the first sentence should read: Numeric targets are comprised of two components: a maximum number of exceedance events that may occur in any consecutive 15 years after development of the monitoring program and the maximum duration (consecutive days) in which the maximum SSC value for each range can be exceeded in 15 years."
2. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to submit the amendment adopted pursuant to Central Coast Water Board Resolution No. R3-2005-0132, as approved, and the administrative record for this action to OAL and the TMDLs 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 21, 2006.

AYE: Tam M. Doduc  
Gerald D. Secundy  
Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.  
Charles R. Hoppin  
Gary Wolff, P.E., Ph.D.

NO: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



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Clerk to the Board