STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2014-0003

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL COASTAL BASIN TO REVISE THE ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS:

- On June 19, 2012, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS Policy). The OWTS Policy was approved by the California Office of Administrative Law on November 13, 2012, and became effective on May 13, 2013.
- 2. On May 30, 2013, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region adopted Resolution R3-2013-0005, an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin to revise the onsite wastewater implementation sections of the Basin Plan and to incorporate by reference the OWTS Policy into the Basin Plan. Resolution R3-2013-0005 also rescinds three resolutions related to onsite systems that were not approved by the State Water Board (Resolution No. R3-2008-0005, Resolution No. R3-2009-0012, and Resolution No. R3-2011-0004).
- 3. A Substitute Environmental Document (SED) was prepared by the State Water Board for the OWTS Policy in accordance with the Water Board's certified regulatory program (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23 §§3777-3781). The State Water Board approved the OWTS Policy and the SED on June 19, 2012. The Basin Plan amendment removes existing Basin Plan provisions regulating onsite systems and incorporates the OWTS Policy. No substantive changes or modifications to the previously approved OWTS Policy are proposed, no substantial changes with respect to circumstances under which the project will be undertaken have occurred, and no new information triggers the need for supplemental or subsequent CEQA analysis.
- 4. Central Coast Water Board found the Basin Plan amendment to be completely within the scope of the OWTS Policy as analyzed by the State Water Board in the SED. As such, the recommended actions do not require further environmental review pursuant to the certified regulatory program or CEQA (Pub. Res. Code §21166; Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14, §§15161, 15163).
- 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; section 13242, which requires a program of implementation to achieve water quality objectives; and section 13243 which authorizes regional water quality control boards to specify certain conditions or areas where the discharges of certain types of waste will not be permitted.
- 6. A Basin Plan amendment does not become effective until approved by the State Water Board and until the regulatory provisions are approved by the California Office of Administrative Law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board:

- 1. Approves the amendment to the Basin Plan adopted under Central Coast Water Board Resolution No. R3-2013-0005.
- 2. Authorizes and directs the Executive Director or designee to submit the amendment adopted under Central Coast Water Board Resolution No. R3-2013-0005 and the administrative record for this action to the California Office of Administrative Law.

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 January 21, 2014.

AYE: Chair Felicia Marcus

Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber Board Member Tam M. Doduc Board Member Steven Moore Board Member Dorene D'Adamo

NAY: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

> Jeanine Townsend Clerk to the Board