

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-0055**

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR  
THE SACRAMENTO RIVER AND SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASINS TO REMOVE THE  
MUNICIPAL AND DOMESTIC SUPPLY (MUN) BENEFICIAL USE IN TWELVE  
CONSTRUCTED AND/OR MODIFIED WATER BODIES IN THE  
SACRAMENTO RIVER BASIN

WHEREAS:

1. On April 15, 2015, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) adopted [Resolution No. R5-2015-0022](#), an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins (Basin Plan amendment) to remove the Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN) beneficial use in twelve constructed and/or modified water bodies in the Sacramento River Basin that receive treated municipal wastewater from the cities of Biggs, Colusa, Live Oak or Willows.
2. The Central Valley Water Board found that the analysis contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) "Substitute Environmental Documentation" for the proposed Basin Plan amendment, including the CEQA Checklist, the final staff report entitled "*Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins to Remove the Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN) Beneficial Use in Twelve Constructed and/or Modified Water bodies in the Sacramento River Basin That Receive Treated Municipal Wastewater from the Cities of Biggs, Colusa, Live Oak or Willows Final Staff Report, April 2015*" and the responses to comments complies with the State Water Board's regulations for the implementation of CEQA, as set forth in the California Code of Regulations, Title 23, sections 3775 through 3781. The State Water Board has reviewed the Substitute Environmental Documentation for the Basin Plan amendment and concurs with the Central Valley Water Board's findings and determinations.
3. The Central Valley Water Board also adopted the Basin Plan amendment pursuant to the "Necessity" standard of the Administrative Procedures Act, Government Code section 11353, subdivision (b).
4. The Central Valley Water Board found the Basin Plan amendment is consistent with the Sources of Drinking Water Policy ([State Water Board Resolution No. 88-63](#)) and exceptions contained therein.
5. The Central Valley Water Board found the Basin Plan amendment is consistent with the Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality of Waters in California ([State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16](#)) and the federal Antidegradation Policy (40C.F.R. § 131.12).

6. 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 for achieving water quality objectives, and section 13141, which requires an estimate of the total cost of the implementation of an agricultural water quality control program, along with an identification of potential sources of financing, and section 13241, which requires consideration of specific factors in adopting new water quality objectives.
7. A Basin Plan amendment does not become effective until approved by the State Water Board and until the regulatory provisions are approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). The water quality standards applicable to waters of the United States must also receive approval from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the Basin Plan amendment adopted under Central Valley Water Board Resolution No. R5-2015-0022.
2. Authorizes and directs the Executive Director or designee to submit the Basin Plan amendment adopted under Central Valley Water Board Resolution No. R5-2015-0022 to OAL for approval of the regulatory provisions and to U.S. EPA for approval of the amendment.

**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 August 18, 2015.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Chair Felicia Marcus

ABSTAIN: None

  
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 Jeanine Townsend  
 Clerk to the Board