

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

Proposed Resolution R3-2024-0061

**APPROVING THE 2024 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY
CONTROL PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL COASTAL BASIN**

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board), finds:

1. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin (Basin Plan) was adopted on March 14, 1975, and has been amended multiple times since that date.
2. Among other things, the Basin Plan establishes beneficial uses to be protected, water quality objectives, and programs of implementation needed for achieving water quality objectives for the waters within the Central Coast region.
3. Section 303(c) of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) requires that water quality standards be reviewed and revised, if appropriate, on a triennial basis. Section 13240 of the California Water Code (CWC) requires basin plans to be periodically reviewed and allows for their revision.
4. The Central Coast Water Board and its staff implemented the 2024 Triennial Review of the Basin Plan by performing the following:
 - a. Reviewing the Basin Plan, the previous (2021) Triennial Review priority and secondary lists, and soliciting proposals from Central Coast Water Board staff to develop a preliminary list of proposed Basin Plan amendments;
 - b. Finalizing and posting the preliminary list of proposed Basin Plan amendments with descriptions of each proposal on the Central Coast Water Board's Triennial Review webpage on June 24, 2024;
 - c. Sending email letters to the Central Coast Water Board's electronic mailing lists for Basin Planning/Triennial Review, and Racial Equity and Environmental Justice, and sending a letter via email and postal mail to all Tribal contacts in the Central Coast region, with a notice of opportunity to comment on the preliminary list during a 45-day public comment period from June 24, 2024, to August 9, 2024, and attend a public workshop on July 31, 2024;
 - d. Noticing and conducting an in-person public outreach meeting and workshop on July 31, 2024;
 - e. Providing additional opportunities for public participation by conducting virtual office-hours on July 22, 2024, and August 5, 2024, and informing

interested persons via the Basin Planning/Triennial Review electronic mailing list

- f. Responding to public comments that were received;
 - g. Considering program input and public comments received and evaluating the preliminary list of proposed Basin Plan amendments using the six guidelines detailed in the staff report and 2024 Triennial Review Report to develop a secondary list;
 - h. Evaluating the secondary list of proposed Basin Plan amendments to develop a list of priority proposed Basin Plan amendments, using three criteria and carefully considering the Basin Planning program staff resources and technical experts available to develop Basin Plan amendments.
5. As a result of the 2024 Triennial Review process, Central Coast Water Board staff identified the priority list of proposals shown in Attachment A.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Pursuant to CWC section 13240 and in fulfillment of the requirements of the federal CWA section 303(c), the Central Coast Water Board, after considering the record, including oral testimony at the hearing, has done the following:
 - a. Concluded the 2024 Triennial Review of the Basin Plan;
 - b. Approved *The 2024 Triennial Review Priority List of Proposals* (Attachment A) to be pursued as Basin Plan amendments with acknowledgement that this list does not preclude other Basin Plan revisions, which may become necessary before the next scheduled Triennial Review; and
 - c. Affirmed that those portions of the Basin Plan which were not proposed for revision as part of this update process are generally adequate at this time.

I, Ryan E. Lodge, 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, Central Coast Region, on October 17-18, 2024.

Ryan E. Lodge
Executive Officer

Attachment A – The 2024 Triennial Review Priority List of Proposals

ATTACHMENT A**The 2024 Triennial Review Priority List of Proposals**

Proposal Number	Proposal Name	Technical Expert¹
3	Designate Tribal and Subsistence Fishing Beneficial Uses	State Water Board staff
10, 24	Update Groundwater Basin Boundary Map and Table, Revisions for Table 3-6 Site-specific Groundwaters	Groundwater Cleanup staff
28	Update Reference to Maximum Contaminant Levels	Groundwater Cleanup staff
45	Establish State Water Quality Protection Areas	California Coastkeeper Alliance

¹ Technical expert can mean Central Coast Water Board staff, State Water Board staff, other agency staff, and external partners.