## State of California Office of Administrative Law

In re:

State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY ACTION

Regulatory Action:

**Government Code Section 11353** 

Title 23, California Code of Regulations

Adopt sections:

3929.7

Amend sections: Repeal sections:

OAL File No. 2011-0728-02 S

This filing is a Basin Plan Amendment submitted to OAL by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and subject to OAL review under Government Code section 11353.

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board), adopted a Basin Plan Amendment for the Central Coast Region Water Quality Control Plan intended to reduce fecal coliform concentration levels in the Corralitos and Salsipuedes Creek Watershed. After adoption, the Central Coast Water Board submitted the Basin Plan Amendment to the SWRCB which then approved the amendment and submitted it to OAL.

This Basin Plan Amendment includes three components. First, the amendment includes a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for fecal coliform concentration applicable to the impaired waters of the Corralitos and Salsipuedes Creek Watershed, including an implementation program for the responsible parties and a tracking and evaluation schedule for the TMDL. Second, the amendment includes a general prohibition on discharges containing fecal material from domestic animals (including horses, cattle, goats, sheep, dogs, cats and any other animals in the care of persons) into the waters of the Corralitos and Salsipuedes Creek Watershed. Third, the amendment includes a general prohibition on human fecal material discharges into waters of the Corralitos and Salsipuedes Creek Watershed.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11353 of the Government Code.

Date: 9/8/2011

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## **Concise Summary of Regulatory Provisions**

TITLE 23. Waters

Division 4. Regional Water Quality Control Boards

Chapter 1. Water Quality Control Plans, Policies, and Guidelines

Article 3. Central Coast Region

The following section 3929.7 is to be added to Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations:

Section 3929.7 – "Corralitos and Salsipuedes Creek Watershed Total Maximum Daily Loads and Implementation Plan for Fecal Coliform, Domestic Animal Waste Discharge Prohibition, and Human Fecal Material Discharge Prohibition"

On March 20, 2009, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) adopted Resolution No. R3-2009-0009, amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coast Region. The State Water Resources Control Board approved the amendment under Resolution No. 2011-0019, on April 19, 2011.

Regional Board Resolution No. R3-2009-0009, establishes Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for fecal coliform in the Corralitos and Salsipuedes Creeks and adds the Corralitos and Salsipuedes Creek Watershed to the human fecal material discharge prohibition and the domestic animal waste discharge prohibition.

The Central Coast Water Board set wasteload and load allocations for the watershed, and numeric targets for receiving waters based on the Basin Plan water quality objectives for fecal coliform in waters supporting body contact recreation. Implementation of the TMDLs relies on compliance by non-point source dischargers with prohibitions against the discharge of domestic animal waste and human fecal material. Responsible parties will need to demonstrate compliance with the prohibitions through reporting to the Central Coast Water Board or its Executive Officer. Additionally, the Central Coast Water Board will rely upon existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits and Waste Discharge Requirements to ensure that implementing parties carry out implementation actions.

Central Coast Water Board staff plan to conduct triennial reviews of implementation actions, monitoring results, and evaluations submitted by responsible parties of their progress towards achieving their allocations. The compliance schedule for achieving the TMDLs and the numeric target for fecal coliform concentration is 13 years after the TMDLs are approved by the Office of Administrative Law.