State of California Office of Administrative Law

In re:

State Water Resources Control Board

Regulatory Action:

Title 23, California Code of Regulations

Adopt sections:

Amend sections: 3939.19

Repeal sections:

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY ACTION

Government Code Section 11353

OAL Matter Number: 2016-0526-02

OAL Matter Type: Regular (S)

This action by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) amends the Water Quality Control Plan - Los Angeles (Basin Plan) to adopt site-specific objectives for lead and copper in the Los Angeles River Watershed and to revise the total maximum daily loads for metals in the Los Angeles River and tributaries. These amendments were adopted by the Regional Water Quality Control Board on April 9, 2015 pursuant to Resolution No. R15-004 and approved by the State Board on November 17, 2015 pursuant to Resolution 2015-0069.

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

Date:

July 11, 2016

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23 CCR § 3939.19

§ 3939.19. <u>Site-Specific Objectives for Copper and Lead and Aa</u> Total Maximum Daily Load for Metals in the Los Angeles River and its Tributaries.

On September 6, 2007, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) adopted Resolution No. R2007-014, amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan). This Basin Plan amendment establishes a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) to reduce metals in the Los Angeles River and its Tributaries for dry weather (maximum daily flow in the River less than 500 cubic feet per second) and wet weather (maximum daily flow in the River equal to or greater than 500 cubic feet per second). The TMDL: (1) sets dry- and wet-weather numeric targets to achieve California Toxics Rule (CTR) numeric water quality criteria for metals; (2) establishes a dry-weather loading capacity for a single critical flow to meet the dry-weather numeric target; (3) establishes a wet-weather loading capacity that varies with flow in order to meet wet-weather numeric targets; and (4) allocates the dry- and wet-weather loading capacities among point and nonpoint sources of metals, with the majority of the dry-weather allocation to the three largest publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) and the majority of the wet-weather allocation to storm water sources.

The TMDL identifies the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for three POTWs, the Los Angeles County and Long Beach municipal storm water NPDES permits, the Caltrans storm water NPDES permit, the general industrial and construction storm water NPDES permits, "other NPDES permits" for low-volume, intermittent, non-stormwater discharges, and the authority vested in the Executive Officer by Water Code section 13267 as the principal regulatory mechanisms to implement the TMDL. The TMDL requires the three POTWs to achieve dry- and wet-weather wasteload allocations at the time of permit issuance, renewal, or re-opener, or by January 11, 2016 if advanced treatment is required to reduce metals loads.

The TMDL requires the general industrial and construction storm water permittees to achieve dry-weather wasteload allocations at the time of permit issuance, renewal, or re-opener; it requires the general industrial and construction storm water permittees to achieve wet-weather wasteload allocations by January 11, 2016 and January 11, 2015, respectively. The TMDL requires the municipal and Caltrans storm water permittees to achieve waste load allocations in prescribed percentages of the watershed, achieving dry-weather allocations in the entire watershed by January 11, 2024 and wet-weather allocations in the entire watershed by January 11, 2028.

The TMDL identifies five jurisdictional groups to coordinate implementation of the municipal storm water allocations and provides that by April 11, 2007, each jurisdictional group must submit a coordinated monitoring plan and by July 11, 2010, each jurisdictional group must submit an implementation plan. The TMDL allows for special studies, such as site-specific toxic effects and natural source studies, which are due by January 11, 2010. The TMDL specifies that by January 11, 2011, the Los Angeles Water Board shall reconsider the wasteload allocations and implementation schedule based on the results of special studies.

On May 6th, 2010, the Los Angeles Water Board adopted Resolution No. R10-003, amending the Basin Plan to revise the TMDL for metals in the Los Angeles River and its tributaries. The

revision adjusts the copper numeric targets and loading capacity for Reaches 1-4 of the Los Angeles River and the Burbank Western Channel, as well as the copper waste load allocations for the Donald C. Tillman, Los Angeles-Glendale, and Burbank POTWs.

On April 9, 2015, the Los Angeles Water Board adopted Resolution No. R15-004, amending the Basin Plan to adopt site-specific objectives for lead and copper in the Los Angeles River watershed and to revise the TMDL for metals in the Los Angeles River and tributaries. The revisions update the numeric targets, loading capacity, and load and waste load allocations for Reaches 1-4 of the Los Angeles River and Compton Creek, Rio Hondo, Arroyo Seco, Verdugo Wash, Burbank Western Channel, and Tujunga Wash based on site-specific objectives calculated using water effect ratios for copper and a criteria recalculation for lead.