
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Regional Water Quality Control Board North Coast Region Staff Summary Report August 6, 2026

ITEM: 1

SUBJECT: Delegation of Powers and Duties to the Executive Officer

BOARD ACTION: The Board will consider adoption of Resolution No. R1-2026-0040 to replace Resolution R1-2023-0027

BACKGROUND: The Regional Water Board has the authority to delegate many of its powers and duties to its Executive Officer. This Resolution updates [Resolution No. 2023-0027](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/04_2023/pdf/2/res-2023-0027.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/04_2023/pdf/2/res-2023-0027.pdf) where the Board delegated functions to its Executive Officer Valerie Quinto. This Resolution carries forward the delegations approved by the Board in Resolution 2023-0027. Additionally, the Resolution expressly delegates the authority to hold evidentiary hearings for administrative civil liability complaints brought under mandatory minimum penalty provisions under Water Code section 13385, subdivisions (h) and (i) and those penalties sought under Water Code section 13399.33 and to issue administrative civil liability orders for these complaints under Water Code section 13323. These cases typically generate minimal public interest and have a standard rather than complex penalty assessment, and the Board has limited discretion to reject mandatory minimum penalties in cases where the Water Code requires them.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. R1-2026-0040.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Proposed Resolution No. R1-2026-0040
2. Resolution No. R1-2023-0027