

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

RESOLUTION NO. R9-2024-0131

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY
SALT AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE
SAN JUAN CREEK GROUNDWATER BASIN**

WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board adopted the *Water Quality Control Policy for Recycled Water* (Recycled Water Policy) on February 3, 2009; and amended the policy on January 22, 2013, and December 11, 2018. The Recycled Water Policy provides requirements for the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards), proponents of recycled water projects, and the public regarding the methodology and appropriate criteria for the State Water Board and the Regional Water Boards to use when issuing permits for recycled water projects.
2. Section 6 of the Recycled Water Policy requires the development of salt and nutrient management plans (SNMPs) that manage salts and nutrients from all sources on a basin-wide or watershed-wide basis in a manner that ensures attainment of water quality objectives and protection of beneficial uses. Provision 6.2.1 of the Recycled Water Policy encourages SNMPs be prepared through locally driven and controlled collaborative processes open to all stakeholders and the Regional Water Board.
3. The San Diego Water Board adopted Resolution No. R9-2010-0125, on November 10, 2010, which endorsed the *Guidelines for Salinity and Nutrient Management Planning in the San Diego Region* (SNMP Guidelines), developed by the Southern California Salinity Coalition and the San Diego County Water Authority. The SNMP Guidelines identified priority basins by establishing a tier system for ranking all the basins within the San Diego Region. The Guidelines also provided an expected level of detail for the SNMPs based on tier designation of the basin. The SNMP Guidelines designate the San Juan Creek Groundwater Basin as a tier A basin. The tier A basins are large groundwater basins with significant existing or proposed municipal groundwater, and are the highest priority in terms of SNMP development.
4. The South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) developed the *2024 Salt and Nutrient Management Plan South Orange County Wastewater Authority, San Juan Creek Basin* (San Juan Creek SNMP) in accordance with Recycled Water Policy, to serve as a technical document to support future California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) decisions.

SOCWA released a draft version of the San Juan Creek SNMP to the public for review and comments on April 5, 2024.

5. SOCWA's Project Committee 12 unanimously adopted Resolution 2024-07: *A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority to Submit the Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP) to the San Diego Regional Water Control Board (SDRWQCB) and post the SNMP to the SOCWA Website*, on August 8, 2024.
6. SOCWA submitted the San Juan Creek SNMP to the San Diego Water Board on August 13, 2024, in accordance with the Recycled Water Policy.
7. San Diego Water Board staff evaluated the San Juan Creek SNMP for compliance with the Recycled Water Policy and determined the San Juan Creek SNMP meets the requirements of provision 6.2.4 of the Recycled Water Policy and does not require a require an amendment to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin*.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the San Diego Water Board accepts the San Juan Creek Basin SNMP prepared and submitted by SOCWA on August 13, 2024.

I, David W. Gibson, 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, San Diego Region, on November 13, 2024.

David W. Gibson, Executive Officer