

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
NORTH COAST REGION**

RESOLUTION NO. R1-2008-0014

**Amending the *Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region*
to Make Editorial Changes to Chapter 1 - Introduction**

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

1. The *Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region* (Basin Plan) contains (1) a description of beneficial uses to be protected, (2) water quality objectives for the protection of those uses, (3) implementation plans that include specific prohibitions, action plans, policies to achieve the water quality objectives, (4) a description of the region's surveillance and monitoring activities, and (5) descriptions of statewide plans and policies that apply to water quality.
2. The Basin Plan contains six chapters, which are listed below. The Basin Plan also contains ten appendices.

Chapter 1	Introduction
Chapter 2	Beneficial Uses
Chapter 3	Water Quality Objectives
Chapter 4	Implementation Plans
Chapter 5	Plans and Policies
Chapter 6	Surveillance and Monitoring
3. Basin plans may be revised in accordance with Section 13240 of the California Water Code. The Basin Plan was last amended on January 26, 2007.
4. The last comprehensive editorial amendment to the Basin Plan was completed in 1994.
5. The 2007 to 2010 Triennial Review Priority List identifies the task of making editorial corrections to the current Basin Plan as a high priority with a rank of five out of twenty-nine.
6. The Basin Plan currently contains minor typographical and grammatical errors and various instances where language is outdated due to changes in regulation or conditions.
7. The Basin Plan should be clear, consistent, and current.
8. The changes shown in Attachment 1 (in strike-out and underline format) and Attachment 2 (formatted with changes incorporated) update Chapter 1- Introduction of the Basin Plan from the January 2007 version with editorial

amendments that provide clear, consistent, and current language. These changes are the Editorial Amendment for Chapter 1-Introduction to the Basin Plan.

9. The changes to Chapter 1 include, but are not limited to, additional text on geographic and watershed information, additional text on fishery resources, additional text on tribal trust rights, additional text on the structure and activities of the Regional Water Board, removal of out-dated text on surface water use and water supply, typographical and grammatical corrections, and section and paragraph reordering and numbering.
10. In order to review and consider editorial changes to each chapter of the Basin Plan individually, the Regional Water Board will consider future editorial amendments to the Basin Plan on a chapter-by-chapter basis.
11. Regional Water Board staff intend to consider further editorial amendments to Chapter 1 following the completion of editorial changes to the remaining chapters of the Basin Plan. This will ensure Chapter 1 accurately and comprehensively introduces the content of the full Basin Plan.
12. A public notice of the availability of the Public Review Draft of the Editorial Amendment for Chapter 1, the written comment period, and the Regional Water Board Hearing was distributed to interested parties on January 7, 2008, and published in *The Press Democrat* on January 5, 2008.
13. The written comment period on the Public Review Draft of the Editorial Amendment for Chapter 1 began on January 7, 2008, and closed on February 4, 2008. On February 5, 2008, Regional Water Board staff responded in writing to comments received by February 4, 2008.
14. On January 17, 2008, the Regional Water Board presided over a public workshop on the Editorial Amendment for Chapter 1, during which the public had the opportunity to comment.
15. On March 6, 2008, the Regional Water Board presided over a public meeting on the Editorial Amendment for Chapter 1, during which the public had the opportunity to comment. At the meeting, the Regional Water Board voted to postpone consideration of the Editorial Amendment for Chapter 1.
16. The Regional Water Board reviewed and carefully considered all comments and testimony received on the proposed Basin Plan Amendment.
17. The Editorial Amendment for Chapter 1 of the Basin Plan is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it has no potential for any direct or indirect change to the environment. Accordingly, the Editorial Amendment is not subject to CEQA and no filing fees need to be paid to the California Department of Fish and Game.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

1. The Regional Water Board, after considering the record, including oral testimony at the hearing, hereby adopts the Editorial Amendment for Chapter 1-Introduction of the Basin Plan as set forth in Attachment 1 (in strike-out and underline format) and in Attachment 2 (formatted with changes incorporated).
2. The Regional Water Board directs the Executive Officer to forward copies of the Editorial Amendment for Chapter 1 Introduction and the administrative record to the State Water Resources Control Board in accordance with the requirements of California Water Code Section 13245.
3. The Regional Water Board requests the State Water Resources Control Board approve the Editorial Amendment in accordance California Water Code Sections 13245 and 13246, and forward the Amendment to the Office of Administrative Law.
4. If, during the approval process, the State Water Resources Control Board or Office of Administrative Law determines that minor, non-substantive corrections to the language of the amendment are needed for clarity or consistency, the Executive Officer may make such changes, and shall inform the Regional Water Board of any such changes.

CERTIFICATION

I, Catherine Kuhlman, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, on June 12, 2008.

Catherine Kuhlman
Executive Officer