

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SUMMARY REPORT  
9:00 a.m., March 6, 2008  
Fortuna River Lodge, Coho Room  
1800 Riverwalk Drive  
Fortuna, California

ITEM: 7

SUBJECT: Public Hearing on Resolution No. R1-2008-0014 to consider adoption of the Editorial Amendment for Chapter 1-Introduction of the *Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region*.

### DISCUSSION

Staff from the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will present an overview of, and the Regional Water Board will consider adoption of the proposed Editorial Amendment for Chapter 1 - Introduction to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region* (Basin Plan) through Resolution No. R1-2008-0014.

The purpose of the Editorial Amendment is to update the Basin Plan and to make it more user-friendly through grammatical corrections and section reordering corrections, and will provide updated language on changes in regulation and statewide policies and plans. Planning efforts relative to the Editorial Amendment were identified as a high priority (#5) on the 2007 to 2010 Triennial Review Priority List.

Revisions to the Basin Plan proposed as part of the Editorial Amendment will not cause any change to any regulatory provision of the Basin Plan, and therefore will be proposed as a "Change Without Regulatory Effect" (1 CCR §100). Because the edits will not result in any physical change to the environment, the Editorial Amendment is not defined as a project for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Suggested changes to the Basin Plan that arise as part of the Editorial Amendment process which could have a regulatory effect will be summarized and addressed in the future as part of the Triennial Review process.

Regional Water Board staff are developing the Editorial Amendment chapter by chapter, and will bring each chapter to the Regional Water Board for individual consideration. This public hearing is specific to Chapter 1, the Introduction.

## PROPOSED CHANGES TO CHAPTER 1 - INTRODUCTION

Chapter 1 is the Introduction of the Basin Plan. It is a statement of fact and includes no regulatory provisions. The Introduction Chapter describes basin planning, the legal context of the Basin Plan, and an overview of the North Coast Region.

Proposed editorial changes can be found as Attachments 1 and 2 to Resolution No. R1-2008-0014. Attachment 1 shows proposed changes in strike-out and underline formatting. Attachment 2 shows the changes fully incorporated as proposed. The proposed changes 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.
- Section and paragraph reordering and numbering.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

The written public comment period closed on February 4, 2008. All written comments received by this date have been compiled and responded to by Regional Water Board staff in a separate document dated February 5, 2008.

## TIMELINE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE EDITORIAL AMENDMENT

As mentioned above, Regional Water Board staff intend to develop proposed editorial revisions to the Basin Plan by individual chapters (1 through 6 and the appendices). The proposed schedule for Regional Water Board consideration of each of the remaining sections is:

June 2008 .....	Workshop on Chapter 2–Beneficial Uses
July 2008.....	Hearing on Chapter 2-Beneficial Uses
October 2008 .....	Workshop on Chapter 3-Water Quality Objectives
Winter 2009.....	Hearing on Chapter 3-Water Quality Objectives
Spring 2009.....	Section 4–Implementation Plans
Summer 2009.....	Section 5–Plans and Policies and Appendices
Fall/Winter 2009 .....	Section 6–Surveillance and Monitoring

## **PRELIMINARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt Resolution No. R1-2008-0014 as proposed.