

**California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region**

Resolution No. R1-2015-0013

**Amending the *Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region*
to Make Editorial Revisions to Chapters 1 (Introduction), 2 (Beneficial Uses),
4 (Implementation Plans), and 5 (Plans and Policies)**

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

Introduction

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, and 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 sections, which are listed below. The Basin Plan also contains ten appendices.

Section 1	Introduction
Section 2	Beneficial Uses
Section 3	Water Quality Objectives
Section 4	Implementation Plans
Section 5	Plans and Policies
Section 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 in May 2011.
4. The last comprehensive editorial amendment to the Basin Plan was completed in 1994.
5. The Basin Plan should be clear, consistent, and current.

Summary of Editorial Revisions to Chapters 1, 2, 4, and 5 of the Basin Plan

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 The Basin Plan currently contains minor typographical and grammatical errors and various instances where language is outdated due to changes in regulation or conditions.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 changes shown in Attachment 1 (formatted with changes incorporated) and Attachment 2 (in strike-out and underline format) update Sections 1 (Introduction), 2 (Beneficial Uses), 4 (Implementation Plans), and 5 (Plans and Policies) of the Basin Plan from the May 2011 version with editorial amendments that provide clear, consistent, and current language. These changes are the Editorial Amendment for Sections 1 (Introduction), 2 (Beneficial Uses), 4(Implementation Plans), and 5 (Plans and Policies) to the Basin Plan.
8. Editorial revisions to Section 1 (Introduction) were adopted by the Regional Water Board in June 2008. Development of the proposed editorial amendments for the remaining chapters was deferred. The amendment to Section 1 was not sent to the State Water Board at that time. Revisions in addition to those adopted by the Regional Water Board in June 2008 are now proposed to update new information, including: a) the full number of board members appointed to the Regional Water Board and b) correction of various regional statistics.
9. In October 2011, the Regional Water Board held a public hearing to consider adoption of editorial revisions to Section 2 (Beneficial Uses). Procedural issues prevented adoption at that time.
10. Proposed editorial revisions to Section 4 (Implementation Plans) include: a) updating the page layout format to a one-column format in conformance with revisions to Chapters 1 and 2, b) moving language previously included in Chapter 2 regarding the Region's Wetland Implementation Program to Section 4, and c) adding reference to two procedural guidance documents published by the California Coastal Commission in 1994¹ and 1995² and two guidance documents published by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the 2008³ and 2012⁴.
11. Proposed editorial revisions to Chapter 5 (Plans and Policies) include replacement of all references to individually named statewide plans and policies with a reference to the State Water Resources Control Board website.

¹ California Coastal Commission, 1994. *Procedural Guidance for the Review of Wetland Projects in California's Coastal Zone*.

² California Coastal Commission, 1995. *Procedural Guidance for Evaluating Wetland Mitigation Projects in the California Coastal Zone*.

³ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2008. *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual, Arid West Region* (Version 2.0)

⁴ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2012. *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual, Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coastal Region* (Version 2.0)

Summary of Public Review and Comment

12. The Regional Water Board released the *2014 Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region* on November 21, 2014, including draft proposed editorial revisions to Sections 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the Basin Plan.
13. On November 21, 2014, the Regional Water Board published the Public Notice announcing the availability of documents and the hearing date of March 12, 2015.
14. The Regional Water Board conducted a public workshop on November 19, 2014 and received comments from the Board and members of the public.
15. There was one comment received on the draft proposed editorial revisions. The State Water Board's website address has been updated in Section 5, in accordance with the comment.
16. The Regional Water Board conducted a public hearing on March 12, 2015 for the purpose of soliciting final comments on the proposed editorial revisions.

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 Sections 1(Introduction), 2 (Beneficial Uses), 4 (Implementation Plan), and 5 (Plans and Policies) of the Basin Plan as set forth in Attachment 1 (formatted with changes incorporated) and in Attachment 2 (in strike-out and underline format).

CERTIFICATION

I, Matthias St. John, 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 March 12, 2015.

Matthias St. John
Executive Officer