



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

Resolution No R1-2011-0091

Adoption of the 2011 Triennial List of Potential Basin Plan Amendments

For the

Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region

WHEREAS, The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board), adopted the Water Quality Control Plans (Basin Plans) for the Klamath River Basin (1A) and the North Coastal Basin (1B) and their abstracts on March 20, 1975. The abstracts of the Klamath River Basin Plan (1A) and the North Coastal Basin Plan (1B) were combined to form *the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region* (Basin Plan) on April 28, 1988. The Regional Water Board has updated and amended the Basin Plan numerous times since then in response to changes in regulation and other conditions. The Basin Plan was last updated in May 2011.

WHEREAS, The Basin Plan includes definitions of beneficial uses of water, water quality objectives necessary to protect those beneficial uses, implementation plans to control point and nonpoint sources of waste discharges, acknowledgement of and coordination with statewide plans and policies and a surveillance and monitoring component; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Water Board is responsible for adopting water quality standards (beneficial uses and objectives) and implementation plans and for modifying such standards and plans, as appropriate, under the provisions of Clean Water Act sections 303(c), (d), and (e) and CCR section 13240; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Water Board released the *Initial Staff Report for the 2011 Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region* on June 14, 2011. A revised version dated September 2, 2011, including an errata sheet describing the revisions was released on September 15, 2011; and

WHEREAS, On June 14, 2011, the Regional Water Board, published the Public Notice announcing the availability of documents, the public comment period and the date of the June Board workshop; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Water Board conducted a public workshop on June 22, 2011 and received comments from the Board and members of the public on the proposed 2011 Triennial Review process; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Water Board staff has reviewed and carefully considered all comments and testimony received; and has prepared a *2011 Triennial List of Potential Basin Plan Amendments* (Attachment 1) that will be acted upon during the 2011 to 2014 planning cycle; and

WHEREAS, The issues on this list were ranked to reflect both water quality concerns, and the availability of resources; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Water Board conducted a public hearing on September 29, 2011, for the purpose of soliciting comments regarding needed revisions to the Basin Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Water Board has reviewed its water quality standards, implementation plans and policies and finds them appropriate with the exception of those issues identified on the *2011 Triennial List of Potential Basin Plan Amendments*.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional Water Board, in fulfillment of the requirements described in Clean Water Act sections 303(c), (d), and (e) and in section 13240, Division 7 of the California Code of Regulations, hereby approves the *2011 Triennial List of Potential Basin Plan Amendments* which is incorporated herein and described in Attachment 1 of this Resolution.

ALSO, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Basin Plan as it currently exists remains effective until such time as it is changed by formal Regional Water Board action.

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 September 29, 2011.

Catherine Kuhlman
Executive Officer

Proposed 2011 Triennial Review List of Potential Basin Plan Amendments

Task	2011 Issue	2011 Short List	Comments
1	TMDL – Related Actions for: a) Elk River Sediment: Beneficial use identification and Action Plan b) Freshwater Creek Sediment: Beneficial use identification and Action Plan c) Eel River Temperature: Action Plan d) Mattole River Temperature: Action Plan e) Navarro River Temperature: Action Plan f) Russian River Pathogen: Beneficial use identification, objective revisions and an Action Plan g) Laguna de Santa Rosa Nutrient, Dissolved Oxygen, Temperature and Sediment: Beneficial use identification, objective revisions and an Action Plan	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes	Underway since 2002 Underway since 2002 Stipulated Agreement Stipulated Agreement Stipulated Agreement Human-health concerns with pathogens and recreational use Underway since 2008 [Pathogen TMDL will be included as part of Russian River pathogen TMDL] [Mercury TMDL – not yet scheduled]
2	Temperature Implementation Policy	Yes	Stipulated Agreement
3	Ground/Surface Water Objectives – Implementation Plan, includes editorial amendments to Chapter 3 , 4 and 6	Yes	Underway since 2009
4	Dissolved Oxygen Objectives for Wetlands, Free Flowing Streams (except Klamath mainstem) and Lakes	Yes	Underway since 2008
5	Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Policy	Yes	Underway since 2010

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6	Stream & Wetlands Policy	No	Region 2 lead on Task 6, State Water Board team developing wetlands definition, etc
7	Instream Flow (Watershed Hydrology) Objective	No	Currently included in Task 6, but could be included as part of other Tasks
8	Mixing Zone for Human Health Constituents	No	Background report available on Regional Water Board's website
9	Hatcheries Policy	No	
10	Table 2-1 - Beneficial Uses	No	
11	Outstanding Natural Resource Waters	No	
12	Ammonia Objective	No	
13	Fluoride Objective	No	
14	Low Flows in Lower Russian River and other impaired waterbodies	No	New issue since 2007, can be addressed as part of other Tasks
15	Dissolved Oxygen Objectives for Estuaries	No	New issue since 2007
16	Surface Water Toxicity Objective	No	New issue since 2007
17	Table 3-1 for Upper Russian River	No	New issue since 2007
18	Recycled Water Reservoirs – 25 year return frequency	No	New issue since 2007
19	pH Objective	No	New issue since 2007
20	TMDL Action Plans for Impaired Waters, not included in Task 1	No	Ongoing issue
21	Freshwater Bacteria Objectives	No	State lead
22	Nutrients Objectives	No	State lead
23	Chlorine Objectives	No	State lead
24	Biological Objectives	No	State lead
25	Onsite Waste Treatment Policy	No	State lead
26	Mercury Objectives and Implementation Program	No	State lead
27	Endocrine Disruptor Objectives	No	State Water Board lead on monitoring under Recycled Water Policy; include as part of Task 3, as appropriate
28	Salt and Nutrient Management Plans	No	New issue since 2007, stakeholder lead
29	Copper Objective	No	New issue since 2007
30	Location of Estuary, Harbors, Enclosed Bay Boundaries	No	New issue since 2007, include in editorial revisions to Chapter 2 an/or 3
31	Editorial Revisions to Chapter 3, 4, and 6	No	Will be included in Task 3