

**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 Nonsubstantive Revisions to Sections 1 (Introduction)  
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 Nonsubstantive Revisions to Sections 1 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 The Basin Plan currently contains minor typographical and grammatical errors and various instances where language is outdated due to changes in regulation or conditions.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. Nonsubstantive revisions to Section 1 (Introduction) were adopted by the Regional Water Board in June 2008. Development of proposed nonsubstantive 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.
8. Proposed nonsubstantive revisions to Section 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.
9. The changes shown in Attachment 1 (clean copy version formatted with changes incorporated) are the full new text as proposed for Sections 1 and 5. Attachment 2 shows all of the changes (as adopted by the Regional Water Board in 2008 and those updates now proposed) to Section 1 in strikeout/underline, as well as the changes to Section 5 in strikeout/underline. These changes are the Nonsubstantive Revisions for Sections 1 (Introduction) and 5 (Plans and Policies) to the Basin Plan and do not require environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act.

### **Summary of Public Review and Comment**

10. 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. Regional Water Board staff will make additional edits to Sections 2 and 4 of the Basin Plan before finalizing these sections for Board consideration at a later date.
11. On November 21, 2014, the Regional Water Board published the Public Notice announcing the availability of documents and the tentative Hearing date of March 12, 2015, which was rescheduled for June 18, 2015.
12. The Regional Water Board conducted a public workshop on November 19, 2014 and received comments from the Board and members of the public.
13. There were two comments received on the draft proposed editorial revisions. Only one pertained to revisions of Sections 1 and 5. The State Water Board's website address has been updated in Section 5, in response to the comment.

14. The Regional Water Board conducted a public hearing on June 18, 2015 for the purpose of soliciting final comments on the proposed nonsubstantive revisions to Basin Plan Sections 1 and 5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

The Regional Water Board, after considering the record, including oral testimony at the Hearing, hereby adopts the Nonsubstantive Amendment for Sections 1 (Introduction) and 5 (Plans and Policies) of the Basin Plan as set forth in Attachment 1 (clean copy version 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 June 18, 2015.

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Matthias St. John  
Executive Officer