

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2004 - 0014

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION REVISING INTERIM AMMONIA EFFLUENT LIMITS
CONTAINED WITHIN A TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) FOR
NITROGEN COMPOUNDS AND RELATED EFFECTS IN
THE LOS ANGELES RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES

WHEREAS

1. The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) adopted the revised Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan) under Resolution No. 94-07 on June 13, 1994. The revised Basin Plan was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on November 17, 1994 and by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on February 23, 1995.
2. On July 10, 2003, the Regional Board adopted Resolution No. 03-009 amending Chapters 5 and 7 of the Basin Plan by establishing a TMDL for nitrogen compounds and related effects in the Los Angeles River and its tributaries (Nitrogen TMDL). The Nitrogen TMDL was approved by SWRCB on November 19, 2003 under SWRCB Resolution No. 2003-0074.
3. On December 4, 2003, the Regional Board adopted Resolution No. 03-016 (Attachment) amending Chapter 7 of the Basin Plan by revising the interim effluent limits for ammonia for the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant and the Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant that were contained within the Nitrogen TMDL.
4. SWRCB finds that the amendment is in conformance with the requirements for TMDL development specified in section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act and SWRCB Resolution No. 68-16, and is consistent with the requirements of Water Code section 13242.
5. The Regional Board staff prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and other State laws and regulations.
6. SWRCB finds that the Basin Plan amendment is in conformance with Water Code section 13240 which specifies that Regional Water Quality Control Boards may revise Basin Plans.
7. Basin Plan amendments do not become effective until approved by SWRCB and until the regulatory provisions are approved by OAL. In addition, TMDLs must be approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and a Notice of Decision must be filed with the Secretary of the California Resources Agency.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT
SWRCB:

1. Approves the amendment to the Basin Plan adopted under Regional Board Resolution No. 03-016.
2. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to submit the amendment and the administrative record for this action to OAL and the TMDL to USEPA for approval.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the SWRCB held on March 18, 2004.


Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board