

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2008-0033**

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR  
THE LOS ANGELES REGION (BASIN PLAN) TO INCORPORATE A  
TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD FOR BORON, CHLORIDE, SULFATE, AND  
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS (SALTS) IN THE CALLEGUAS CREEK WATERSHED

WHEREAS:

1. On October 4, 2007, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) adopted Resolution No. R4-2007-016 ([Attachment](#)) amending the Basin Plan to incorporate a total maximum daily load (TMDL) for boron, chloride, sulfate, and Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) (these constituents are commonly referred to as salts) in the Calleguas Creek Watershed.
2. The Los Angeles Water Board's goal in establishing the TMDL for salts in Calleguas Creek Watershed is to protect the agricultural irrigation and groundwater recharge beneficial uses of the Calleguas Creek Watershed and to achieve the numeric and narrative water quality objectives set to protect those uses.
3. The Los Angeles Water Board found that the analysis contained in the Final Project Report, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) "Substitute Documents" for the Basin Plan amendment, including the CEQA Checklist, the staff report, and the responses to comments prepared by Los Angeles Water Board staff complies with the requirements of the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board's) certified regulatory CEQA process, as set forth in the California Code of Regulations, Title 23, section 3775 et seq.
4. The State Water Board finds that in amending the Basin Plan to establish this TMDL, the Los Angeles Water Board complied with the requirements set forth in sections 13240, 13242, and 13269 of the California Water Code. The State Water Board also finds that the TMDL is consistent with the requirements of federal Clean Water Act section 303(d).
5. The Los Angeles Water Board found that adoption of this amendment is consistent with the State Antidegradation Policy ([State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16](#)), in that the changes to water quality objectives (i) consider maximum benefits to the people of the state, (ii) will not unreasonably affect present and anticipated beneficial use of waters, and (iii) will not result in water quality less than that prescribed in policies.
6. Numeric targets expressed as loading capacities for the TMDL are based on the specific numeric water quality objectives provided in the Basin Plan. Surface water quality objectives for the Calleguas Creek Watershed are applicable upstream of Potrero Road. Site-specific objectives have not been determined for Calleguas Creek below Potrero Road. However, the Basin Plan provides beneficial use guidelines to determine criteria for selection of effluent limits to protect sensitive beneficial uses including agricultural supply. The Basin Plan also includes objectives for groundwater basins. Compliance with the targets will be based on a 15-year implementation schedule.

7. A Basin Plan amendment does not become effective until approved by the State Water Board and until the regulatory provisions are approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). The TMDL must also be approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).
8. Los Angeles Water Board staff determined that minor, non-substantive changes to the language of the Basin Plan amendment was necessary to correct minor, non-substantive errors, to improve clarity and consistency. The Los Angeles Water Board's Executive Officer made these minor changes in memoranda dated [February 22, 2008](#) and [March 19, 2008](#).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the amendment to the Basin Plan as adopted under Los Angeles Water Board Resolution No. R4-2007-016.
2. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to submit the amendment adopted under Los Angeles Water Board Resolution No. R4-2007-016 to OAL for approval of the regulatory provisions and to U.S. EPA for approval of the TMDL.

#### 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 State Water Resources Control Board held on May 20, 2008.

AYE: Chair Tam M. Doduc  
Vice Chair Gary Wolff, P.E., Ph.D  
Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.  
Charles R. Hoppin  
Frances Spivy-Weber

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board