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SUBJECT: Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin to Edit and Update Language

BOARD ACTION: Consideration of Resolution Adopting Proposed Amendments

BACKGROUND: Basin Plans form the basis for regulatory actions by Regional Water Boards taken to protect waters of the state and to assure compliance with the California Water Code (CWC). The preparation and adoption of a Basin Plan is required by CWC section 13240, which implements provisions of the federal Clean Water Act. Errors in the text should be corrected and the language should be updated to assure that all stakeholders are aware of the applicable regulations.

The proposed amendments correct the description of the boundary between the Tulare Lake Basin and the San Joaquin River Basin; correct footnotes in Tables II-2 and III-2; correct typographical errors; and update references to the California Department of Public Health, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and CalRecycle. In addition the amendments incorporate the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) policies for enforcement and supplemental environmental projects, 303(d) listing, impaired waters, compliance schedules, and recycled water as well as updates to several other policies.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed basin plan amendments.

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