

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY
SUPPORTING A PROPOSED BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT RELATED
TO RECREATIONAL USES**

WHEREAS, the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (hereinafter "SAWPA") entered into a task force agreement with key stakeholders in the watershed in 2003, including the three county flood control agencies in the region, cities, wastewater agencies, public interest groups, and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) staff;

WHEREAS, the Stormwater Quality Standards Study Task Force ("Task Force") has contributed many hundreds of hours of work to assist Regional Board staff in reviewing the appropriateness of body contact and non-contact recreation pathogen standards in the watershed, developing appropriate amendments thereto, and achieving consensus on those proposed amendments;

WHEREAS, the Task Force recommendations are embodied in a Basin Plan Amendment that Regional Board staff has proposed to the Regional Board for consideration of approval;

WHEREAS, the proposed Basin Plan Amendment would make numerous changes to the regulation of pathogen indicator bacteria to better focus public agency efforts on protecting swimming and other water recreation where and when it actually occurs, thus improving government efficiency and reducing public health risk;

WHEREAS, the proposed Basin Plan Amendment complies with all statutory and regulatory requirements of federal and California water quality law; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the entire Santa Ana River Watershed that the proposed Basin Plan Amendment be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority hereby expresses support for the adoption of the proposed Basin Plan Amendment related to recreational beneficial uses and their protection.

ADOPTED THIS 21st day of February, 2012.

SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY

BY: _____



Terry Catlin, Chair