

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION

TENTATIVE RESOLUTION NO. R9-2011-0047

**APPROVING THE 2011 REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
(BASIN PLAN) FOR THE SAN DIEGO REGION AND
ADOPTING A SHORT LIST OF SUGGESTED BASIN PLAN REVISIONS
TO WORK ON OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS**

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (hereafter San Diego Water Board) finds:

1. The San Diego Water Board adopted an updated Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Region (Basin Plan) on September 8, 1994.
2. The Basin Plan contains the Region's water quality standards, which consist of designated beneficial uses and water quality objectives necessary to protect those uses.
3. State and federal laws require a review of the Basin Plan. California Water Code section 13170.2(b) requires a periodic review of the Basin Plan. Clean Water Act section 303(c)(1) requires a triennial review of water quality standards.
4. The San Diego Water Board has concluded its review of the Basin Plan in accordance with state and federal law.
5. As part of its review, the San Diego Water Board:
 - a. Solicited suggestions from the public for potential revisions to water quality standards or other Basin Plan elements during a 70 day period (October 31, 2008 to January 9, 2009) and 30 day period (September 7, 2010 to October 7, 2010);
 - b. Held public workshops to inform the public of the review process and encourage public participation (December 8, 2008 and August 5, 2010);
 - c. Formed an advisory committee of stakeholder representatives to assist with the prioritization of suggested Basin Plan revisions;
 - d. Considered the advisory committee's recommendation when preparing a "short list" of suggested Basin Plan revisions on which to focus staff resources over the next three years;
 - e. Circulated a proposed short list and staff report dated April 22, 2011 for public review during a 47-day period (April 22, 2011 through June 8, 2011);
 - f. Held another public workshop to describe the review process and proposed short list (May 6, 2011);
 - g. Held a public hearing on June 8, 2011, to receive oral comments on the proposed short list, staff report, and tentative resolution;

- h. Carefully considered and responded to public comments received during the designated comment period.
6. The San Diego Water Board prioritized suggested Basin Plan revisions with the aim of achieving the greatest possible outcome for water resource improvement and reasonable regulation of water quality in the San Diego Region.
7. As a result of its review, the San Diego Water Board identified as priorities the suggested Basin Plan revisions on the *2011 Short List of Suggested Basin Plan Revisions to Work on Over the Next Three Years* (Attachment 1 to this Resolution).
8. The San Diego Water Board notified all known interested persons of its intent to adopt the *2011 Short List of Suggested Basin Plan Revisions to Work on Over the Next Three Years* in fulfillment of the 2011 Basin Plan Review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The San Diego Water Board hereby certifies completion of the 2011 Basin Plan Review and adopts the *2011 Short List of Suggested Basin Plan Revisions to Work on Over the Next Three Years* as set forth in Attachment 1 to this Resolution.
2. Adoption of the *2011 Short List of Suggested Basin Plan Revisions to Work on Over the Next Three Years* does not preclude other Basin Plan revisions that may become necessary before the next review scheduled for 2014, and does not preclude Board consideration of lower priority revisions in the event they are completed.
3. The entire Basin Plan shall remain in effect until such time that appropriate and specific amendments are adopted by the San Diego Water Board and approved by the appropriate review authorities.

I, David W. Gibson, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, on June 8, 2011.

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David W. Gibson
Executive Officer

Attachment 1

2011 Short List of Suggested Basin Plan Revisions to Work on Over the Next Three Years¹

<u>Tier 1²</u>		~PY
Category P		
	Comprehensive Policy for Streams, Wetlands & Riparian Areas	2.3
	Water Quality Objective for Trash	0.1
	Seawater Desalination Policy	0.1
Category R		
	Refinements to the Contact Water Recreation Beneficial Use	2.4
	Nutrient Water Quality Objectives in Surface Waters	0.1
Category H		
	Housekeeping (edits and mandated work)	1.0
	Total	6.0
<u>Tier 2³</u>		
Category P		
	Municipal and Domestic Supply Beneficial Use for Specific Groundwaters	
Category R		
	Seasonal Variation Water Quality Objectives	
	Indirect Potable Reuse in Municipal Reservoirs	
	Site Specific Objectives for Metals	

Category P – Suggestions intended to make the Basin Plan more “protective”
 Category R – Suggestions intended to make the Basin Plan more “reasonable”
 Category H – “Housekeeping” suggestions intended to make the Basin Plan more clear/correct and some mandated work items.

¹ A summary of each item is provided in the Staff Report.

² Tier 1 items will be worked on using existing staff resources.

³ Tier 2 items may be worked on if existing staff resources allow or more resources become available.