

**California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Santa Ana Region**

RESOLUTION NO. R8-2015-0085

Adoption of FY2015-2018 Triennial Review Priority List and Work Plan

WHEREAS:

1. Section 303(c) of the Clean Water Act requires that states hold public hearings for review of water quality standards (beneficial uses, water quality objectives and antidegradation policy) at least once every three years.
2. California Water Code Section 13240 requires that water quality control plans be periodically reviewed. Water quality control plans specify the state's water quality standards.
3. An updated Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan) was adopted by the Regional Board on March 11, 1994, and approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on July 21, 1994. The updated Basin Plan was approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) and became effective on January 24, 1995. The United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (USEPA) has approved most of the 1994 Basin Plan but has reserved action on certain water quality standards. The Basin Plan has been amended subsequently to incorporate Total Maximum Daily Loads, revised Nitrogen and TDS management strategies, language authorizing the inclusion of compliance schedules in NPDES permits, revised recreation standards for inland surface waters, and other changes.
4. To comply with the federal and state requirements for review of water quality standards/basin plans, Regional Board staff prepared a preliminary proposed list and work plan of issues to be addressed in the following three years (FY 2015-2018). The issues on this list were prioritized, by fiscal year, to reflect water quality concerns, ongoing work and commitments, and the availability of needed resources.
5. Copies of the proposed list and work plan were distributed to all interested parties for their review and comment.
6. Regional Board staff conducted a public meeting with interested stakeholders on June 18, 2015 to consider the preliminary proposed prioritized list and work plan of Basin Planning Issues to be addressed in FY 2015-2018. Notice of this meeting was given to all interested parties. Board staff revised the preliminary list and work plan based on the comments received. Written responses to the comments received were prepared.
7. The Regional Board conducted a public hearing on July 24, 2015 to consider the adoption of staff's revised prioritized list and work plan (dated July 24, 2015). Notice of the public hearing was given to all interested parties and published in accordance with Water Code Section 13244.
8. The Regional Board considered all testimony at the public hearing regarding the proposed FY2015-2018 Triennial Review Priority List and Work Plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, approves the 2015 Triennial Review and adopts the FY2015-2018 Triennial Review Priority List and Work Plan, shown in Attachment 1 to this Resolution.
2. Areas of the Basin Plan not identified as needing investigation and possible revision are reaffirmed as adequate at the present time. The Basin Plan remains in effect until subsequent amendments are adopted and approved.
3. The Executive Officer is directed to forward copies of this resolution to the State Water Resources Control Board in fulfillment of the requirement of Section 13245 of the Water Code.

I, Kurt V. Berchtold, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, on July 24, 2015.

Kurt V. Berchtold
Executive Officer