

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2014-0005**

**AMEND THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SANTA ANA RIVER BASIN  
TO REVISE RECREATIONAL STANDARDS FOR INLAND FRESH SURFACE WATERS  
IN THE SANTA ANA REGION**

**WHEREAS:**

1. On June 15, 2012, the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) adopted [Resolution No. R8-2012-0001](#), approving amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan) that revise recreational standards for inland fresh surface waters in the Region. The Santa Ana Water Board's Executive Officer made non-substantive corrections to the amendments on February 12, 2013 and November 15, 2013. The amendments include an implementation plan for the revised recreational standards. The amendments also include the addition of surface waters to the Basin Plan and designation of beneficial uses for those waters. The amendments delete the established total coliform objective for MUN-designated waters and include other, editorial changes.
2. The State Water Board finds that, in amending the Basin Plan, the Santa Ana Water Board complied with the requirements set forth in sections 13240, 13241, 13242 and 13244 of the Water Code.
3. The Santa Ana Water Board found that the amendments would not result in a lowering of water quality and were thus consistent with state and federal antidegradation policies ([State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16](#); 40 CFR 131.12). The State Water Board agrees with these determinations.
4. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 57004, the amendments were submitted for scientific peer review. The review was conducted in accordance with California Environmental Protection Agency guidelines. Peer reviewer comments were considered in recommendations regarding the amendments.
5. The Santa Ana Water Board conducted requisite analyses of the amendments pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and implementing regulations, including those regulations established by the State Water Board (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 27, commencing with section 3720). In adopting the amendments, the Santa Ana Water Board confirmed Santa Ana Water Board staff's preliminary determination that the amendments could not have a significant effect on the environment and certified the environmental checklist and analysis included as part of the Substitute Environmental Document prepared for the amendments. The State Water Board agrees with the determination that the amendments could not have a significant effect on the environment.
6. The Santa Ana Water Board found that the amendments meet the necessity standard of the Administrative Procedures Act, Government Code Section 11353, subdivision (b). The State Water Board agrees with this determination.

7. The Basin Plan amendments do 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 revisions to water quality standards specified in the amendments must also be approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the amendments to the Basin Plan adopted under Santa Ana Water Board Resolution No. R8-2012-0001, with the corrections made by the Santa Ana Water Board's Executive Officer on February 12, 2013 and November 15, 2013.
2. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to submit the amendments adopted under Santa Ana Water Board Resolution No. R8-2012-0001, as corrected by the Santa Ana Water Board's Executive Officer, to the OAL for approval of the regulatory provisions and to
3. U.S. EPA for approval of the water quality standards amendments.

#### 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 January 21, 2014.

AYE: Chair Felicia Marcus  
Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber  
Board Member Tam M. Doduc  
Board Member Steven Moore  
Board Member Dorene D'Adamo

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

  
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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board