On August 7, 2018, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Resolution No. 2018-0038, adopting bacteria provisions and a water quality standards variance policy as (1) Part 3 of the Water Quality Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California (ISWBE); and (2) an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for Ocean Waters of California. The overarching goals of the bacteria provisions are to (1) establish a beneficial use definition for limited water contact recreation (LREC-1); (2) establish new statewide numeric water quality objectives for bacteria to protect primary contact recreation (REC-1) beneficial use; (3) include implementation elements; and (4) create a water quality standards variance framework under provisions established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11353 of the Government Code.

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