STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2003 - 0034

ADOPTING A REVISED WORKPLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SEDIMENT QUALITY OBJECTIVES (SQOs) FOR ENCLOSED BAYS AND ESTUARIES OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS:

- 1. California Water Code Section 13393 requires the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to develop SQOs for California's enclosed bays and estuaries.
- 2. In 1991, SWRCB adopted a workplan for the development of sediment quality objectives for California's enclosed bays and estuaries (1991 Workplan) as required under Section 13392.6 of the California Water Code.
- 3. Due to funding constraints, SWRCB did not implement the 1991 Workplan; consequently, environmental interests filed a lawsuit against SWRCB for failing to develop SQOs in accordance with the 1991 Workplan and the California Water Code.
- 4. In August 2001, the Court agreed with the petitioners and ordered SWRCB to prepare a schedule for revising the 1991 Workplan, developing draft objectives, and adopting the final objectives into a water quality control plan or policy.
- 5. The compliance schedule requires that SWRCB revise and adopt a revised workplan by June 30, 2003.
- 6. On May 6, 2003, SWRCB conducted a public hearing and workshop to consider the <u>attached</u> revised workplan.
- 7. This revised workplan replaces the 1991 Workplan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SWRCB:

- 1. Adopts the attached revised workplan for the development of SQOs for California's enclosed bays and estuaries.
- 2. Directs the Executive Director or designee to submit the revised workplan to the Legislature.

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 May 21, 2003.

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Debbie Irvin Clerk to the Board