STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2011-0056

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION (BASIN PLAN) TO INCORPORATE A TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) FOR INDICATOR BACTERIA IN THE LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED

WHEREAS:

- 1. On July 09, 2010, the Los Angeles Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) adopted Resolution No. R10-007 (<u>Attachment</u>) amending the Basin Plan to incorporate a Total Maximum Daily Load for Indicator Bacteria in the Los Angeles River Watershed.
- 2. The Los Angeles Water Board found that the analysis contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) "Substitute Environmental Documentation" for the proposed Basin Plan amendment, including the CEQA Checklist, the staff report, and the response to comments complies with the requirements of the State Water Board's certified regulatory CEQA process, as set forth in the California Code of Regulations, Title 23, section 3775 et seq. The State Water Board has reviewed the Substitute Environmental Documentation and concurs with the Los Angeles Water Board's findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations.
- The Los Angeles Water Board fond the Basin Plan amendment is consistent with the Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality of Waters in California (<u>State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16</u>) and the federal Antidegradation Policy (40 CFR section 131.12).
- 4. The State Water Board found that the Basin Plan amendment is in conformance with Water Code section 13240, which specifies that Regional Water Quality Control Boards may revise Basin Plans, and section 13242, which requires a program of implementation of water quality objectives. The State Water Board also finds that the TMDL as reflected in the Basin Plan amendment is consistent with the requirements of federal Clean Water Act section 303(d).
- 5. A Basin Plan amendment does 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 TMDL must also receive approval from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).
- Los Angeles Water Board staff determined that minor, nonsubstantive changes to the language of the Basin Plan amendment were necessary corrections or improve consistency. The Los Angeles Water Board's Executive Officer made these minor corrections in a memorandum dated October 19, 2011.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

- 1. Approves the amendment to the Basin Plan adopted under Los Angeles Water Board Resolution No. R10-007.
- 2. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to submit the amendment adopted under Los Angeles Water Board Resolution No. R10-007 to OAL for approval of the regulatory provisions and to U.S. EPA for approval of the TMDL.
- 3. Upon completion of the recreational use evaluation referenced in the TMDL implementation plan, the Executive Director will report back to the State Water Board with the results of the evaluation and its potential impact on TMDL implementation.

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 November 1, 2011.

AYE: Chairman Charles R. Hoppin

Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber Board Member Tam M. Doduc

NAY: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

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