STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2013-0003

ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE POLICY FOR WATER QUALITY CONTROL FOR RECYCLED WATER CONCERNING MONITORING REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTITUTENTS OF EMERGING CONCERN

WHEREAS:

- Provisions of the Policy for Water Quality Control for Recycled Water (Recycled Water Policy), adopted under <u>Resolution No. 2009-0011</u>, directed the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to convene a "blue-ribbon" advisory panel (Panel) to provide guidance on future actions related to monitoring constituents of emerging concern (CECs) in recycled water.
- In June 2010, the Panel submitted a report titled "Monitoring Strategies for Chemicals of <u>Emerging Concern (CECs) in Recycled Water – Recommendations of a Science</u> <u>Advisory Panel</u>" (Report), which presented recommendations for monitoring CECs in municipal recycled water used for groundwater recharge.
- 3. In December 2010, the State Water Board held a public hearing regarding the Panel's Report and received public comments.
- 4. In May 2012, staff circulated a draft amendment to the Recycled Water Policy that: (1) proposed, in accordance with the Panel's recommendations, monitoring requirements for CECs and surrogates in recycled water used for groundwater recharge; and (2) proposed a reduction of priority pollutant monitoring of recycled water used for landscape irrigation.
- 5. In July 2012, a scientific peer review of the draft amendment and the Panel's Report was conducted.
- 6. Staff reviewed comments received on the draft amendment from the public and peer reviewers and issued a revised draft amendment on September 14, 2012. Written comments were received on this draft prior to an October 9, 2012, due date.
- 7. The State Water Board held a public hearing on October 16, 2012, to consider adoption of the draft amendment. At the hearing, the adoption was postponed to refine the responses to comments and allow additional time for public review.
- 8. The Natural Resources Agency has approved the State Water Board's and the Regional Water Quality Control Boards' water quality control planning process as a "certified regulatory program" that adequately satisfies the California Environmental Quality Act requirements for preparing environmental documents. The amendment concerns monitoring requirements for priority pollutants and constituents of emerging concern. It is not a "project" as defined by title 14, California Code of Regulations chapter 3, Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act. Hence, approval of an environmental document is not required to adopt the amendment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board

- 1. Adopts the amendment to the Recycled Water Policy.
- 2. Directs State Water Board Staff to submit the amended Recycled Water Policy to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for final approval.
- 3. Directs the Executive Director or designee to make minor, non-substantive modifications to the language of the amendment, if OAL determines during its approval process that such changes are needed; and directs the Executive Director to inform the State Water Board of any such changes.

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 22, 2013.

AYE: Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber

Board Member Tam M. Doduc Board Member Steven Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Chairman Charles R. Hoppin

Board Member Felicia Marcus

ABSTAIN: None

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board