

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-0004**

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE  
SANTA ANA REGION TO REVISE THE WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVE FOR NITRATE AS  
NITROGEN IN THE CHINO-SOUTH GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ZONE

WHEREAS:

1. On August 4, 2017, the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) adopted [Resolution No. R8-2017-0036](#), amending the Santa Ana River Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) to revise the water quality objective for nitrate as nitrogen in the Chino-South Groundwater Management Zone.
2. The Santa Ana Water Board found that the revised water quality objective is consistent with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) [Resolution No. 68-16](#) because present and anticipated beneficial uses will continue to be protected, best practicable treatment or control of waste discharges will continue to be in place, and the highest water quality consistent with maximum benefit to the people of the State will be maintained.
3. The Santa Ana 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 entitled "Staff Report: Revised Nitrate-Nitrogen Objective for Chino-South Groundwater Management Zone", and responses to comments, complies with the State Water Board's regulations for the implementation of CEQA, as set forth in California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3775 through 3781. The State Water Board has reviewed the Substitute Environmental Documentation for the proposed Basin Plan Amendment and concurs with the Santa Ana Water Board's findings and determinations.
4. The State Water Board finds that, in amending the Basin Plan, the Santa Ana Water Board complied with the requirements set forth in sections 13141 and 13240, of the Water Code. The State Water Board also finds that the regulatory action meets the "necessity" standard of the Administrative Procedures Act, Government Code section 11353, Subdivision (b).
5. The 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).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the amendment to the Basin Plan adopted under Santa Ana Water Board Resolution No. R8-2017-0036.

2. Authorizes and directs the Executive Director or designee to submit the amendment adopted by Santa Ana Water Board Resolution No. R8-2017-0036 and the administrative record for this action to the California Office of Administrative Law to approve the regulatory provisions.

### 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 February 6, 2018.

AYE:           Chair Felicia Marcus  
                  Vice Chair Steven Moore  
                  Board Member Dorene D'Adamo  
                  Board Member Tam M. Doduc  
                  Board Member E. Joaquin Esquivel

NAY:           None

ABSENT:       None

ABSTAIN:      None



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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board