

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-0001

**APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES REGION WATER QUALITY
CONTROL PLAN TO ESTABLISH A SITE-SPECIFIC WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVE
FOR CHLORIDE IN REACH 6 OF THE LOS ANGELES RIVER**

WHEREAS:

1. On November 16, 2023, the Regional Water Quality Control Board for the Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) adopted [Resolution No. R23-006](#), an Amendment to the Los Angeles Region Water Quality Control Plan to Incorporate [Site-Specific Objectives for Chloride in Reach 6 of the Los Angeles River](#) (Basin Plan Amendment).
2. The Los Angeles Water Board found that the analysis contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) "[Substitute Environmental Documents](#)" ("SED") for the proposed Basin Plan Amendment, including the CEQA Checklist and the final staff report entitled "[Proposed Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan to Incorporate a Site-Specific Chloride Objective for Reach 6 of the Los Angeles River](#)" complies with the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) regulations for the implementation of CEQA, as set forth in the California Code of Regulations, Title 23, sections 3775 through 3781. The State Water Board has reviewed the Substitute Environmental Documents for the Basin Plan Amendment and concurs with the Los Angeles Water Board's findings and determinations
3. The Los Angeles Water Board also adopted the Basin Plan Amendment pursuant to the "Necessity" standard of the Administrative Procedures Act, Government Code section 11353, subdivision (b).
4. The Los Angeles Water Board found the Basin Plan amendment is consistent with the Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality of Waters in California ([Resolution No. 68-16](#)) and the federal Antidegradation Policy (40 C.F.R. § 131.12), in that it will not unreasonably affect present and anticipated beneficial uses of Los Angeles River Reach 6 or the San Fernando Valley Groundwater Basin nor result in water quality less than prescribed in the Boards' policies.
5. The State Water Board finds 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 for achieving water quality

objectives. The State Water Board also finds that the site-specific objective as reflected in the Basin Plan Amendment is consistent with the requirements of section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act. The State Water Board also finds that the (beneficial use/water quality objective) is consistent with the requirements of section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act.

6. 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). A basin plan amendment must also receive approval from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).
7. Water Code section 189.7 sets forth requirements for the State Water Board and regional water boards (collectively, Water Boards) to conduct equitable, culturally relevant outreach when considering proposed discharges of waste that may have disproportionate impacts on water quality in disadvantaged communities or tribal communities. The Los Angeles Water Board conducted outreach to potentially affected disadvantaged and tribal communities concerning the Los Angeles Water Board's proposed Basin Plan Amendment. The Los Angeles Water Board provided electronic notice of the proposed action to interested persons and affected communities, solicited written comments, and held a public hearing and adoption meeting to consider any additional oral comments. The Los Angeles Water Board received one written comment in support of its proposed Basin Plan Amendment. The State Water Board finds that the outreach conducted for the Basin Plan Amendment is consistent with Water Code section 189.7.
8. On July 15, 2025, the State Water Board issued a notice of opportunity to comment on its consideration to approve the Basin Plan Amendment the Los Angeles Water Board adopted by Resolution No. R23-006. The State Water Board received timely written comment letters from one entity and individuals and provided written responses to comments prior to considering the Basin Plan Amendment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the Basin Plan Amendment adopted under Los Angeles Water Board Resolution No. R23-006.

2. Authorizes and directs the Executive Director or designee to submit the Basin Plan Amendment adopted under Los Angeles Water Board Resolution No. R23-006 to OAL for approval of the regulatory provisions and to U.S. EPA for approval of the site-specific objective for chloride in Reach 6 of the Los Angeles River.
3. If, during the approval process, State Water Board staff, the Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Water Board, or the Office of Administrative Law determines that minor, non-substantive modifications to the Basin Plan Amendment are needed for clarity or consistency, the State Water Board Executive Director or designee may make such changes and shall 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 6, 2026.

AYE: Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel
Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo
Board Member Sean Maguire
Board Member Laurel Firestone
Board Member Nichole Morgan

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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Clerk to the Board