

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION
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DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. R3-2017-0119

**APPROVING THE 2017 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
FOR THE CENTRAL COASTAL BASIN**

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (hereafter Central Coast Water Board), finds:

1. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin (Basin Plan) was adopted on March 14, 1975 and has been amended since that date.
2. The Basin Plan establishes beneficial uses to be protected, water quality objectives, and a program of implementation needed for achieving water quality objectives for the waters within the Central Coast Region.
3. Section 303(c) of the federal Clean Water Act requires that water quality standards be reviewed and revised, if appropriate, on a triennial basis, and Section 13240 of the California Water Code requires basin plans to be periodically reviewed and allows for their revision.
4. The Central Coast Water Board and its staff implemented the 2017 Triennial Review of the Basin Plan by performing the following:
 - a. Reviewing the Basin Plan, the past (2014) Triennial Review priority list, and soliciting issues from Central Coast Water Board staff to develop a preliminary list of Basin Planning issues;
 - b. Sending email letters to the Region's electronic mailing list for Basin Planning/Triennial Review, with a list of preliminary Basin Planning issues for public comment;
 - c. Posting the preliminary list of Basin Planning issues, and a staff report explaining the issues, on the Central Coast Water Board's internet web page on August 28, 2017;
 - d. Noticing and conducting a public workshop meeting on September 19, 2017 in San Luis Obispo;
 - e. Responding to public comments that were received; and
 - f. Revising and prioritizing the list of Basin Planning issues based on public comment by assigning a numeric score based on the following ranking criteria: vision alignment, water quality standards improvement, effectiveness, and public interest.

5. As a result of the triennial review process, Central Coast Water Board staff identified the priority issues list shown in Attachment 1a.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Central Coast Water Board, in fulfillment of the requirements of Section 303(c) of the federal Clean Water Act and Section 13240 of the California Water Code, has done the following:

1. Concluded the 2017 triennial review of the Basin Plan;
2. Approved the 2017 Priority List of Issues to be Pursued as Basin Plan Amendments (Attachment 1a) with acknowledgement that this list does not preclude other Basin Plan revisions which may become necessary before the next scheduled triennial review; and
3. Affirmed that those portions of the Basin Plan which were not revised as a part of this update process are adequate at this time.

I, John Robertson, Executive Officer of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, on December 7, 2017.

Executive Officer

Attachment 1a: 2017 Priority List of Issues to be Pursued as Basin Plan Amendments

ATTACHMENT 1a

2017 Priority List of Issues to be Pursued as Basin Plan Amendments

Priority	Score	Chapter	Issue	Issue Description	Est. Resource Needs (PY)
1	18	all	Issue 46: Watershed and Integrated Water Resource Protection	Amend the Basin Plan to develop authority to address the highest priority activities and factors that affect waters. Amendments will focus on achieving preservation and restoration of watershed processes through implementation of integrated water resource management planning. These amendments and follow-up actions may include prohibitions, beneficial use definitions, water quality objectives, implementation, policies, permit terms, guidelines, and incentives.	3.0
2	17	3	Issue 14: Establish Turbidity WQOs for Aquatic Life Protection	Adopt numeric water quality objectives for turbidity for the protection of aquatic life beneficial uses. This will include objectives necessary for Salmonid spawning and passage requirements.	0.5
3	16	4	Issue 28: Establish Prohibitions on Unpermitted Discharges	Add prohibitions on the discharge of wastes without a permit to land or waters of the state.	0.5
4	16	2	Issue 11: Add Aquatic Life Uses for Steelhead	Review all waterbodies in the region and add COLD, MIGR, or SPWN beneficial use designations for those waterbodies that are documented critical habitat for Steelhead trout.	0.5
5	16	2	Issue 9: Add RARE Uses for Selected Waterbodies	Review all waterbodies in the region and add RARE beneficial use designations for those waterbodies that are documented critical habitat for threatened, rare, or endangered species.	0.5
6	16	3	Issue 18: Establish Additive Toxicity WQOs for Aquatic Life Protection	Adopt a narrative water quality objective for additive toxicity for the protection of aquatic life beneficial uses.	0.5
7	16	3	Issue 22: Develop Water Flow Objectives	Adopt narrative water quality objectives to address critical water flows necessary for the protection of beneficial uses and water quality. This project will include coordination with the Division of Water Rights to ensure that narrative flow objectives are consistent with water rights.	2.5
8	16	3	Issue 23: Revise Pesticides Objective	Revise the existing narrative water quality objective for pesticides to include all pesticide concentrations (i.e., not limited to chlorinated hydrocarbon pesticides) that may impair beneficial uses.	0.2
9	16	3	Issue 16: Establish Temperature WQOs for Aquatic Life Protection	Adopt a narrative water quality objective for temperature for the protection of aquatic life.	1.0
10	15	2	Issue 6: Designate Surface Waters that Recharge Groundwater	Review all waterbodies in the region and add GWR beneficial use designations for those permeable surface waterbodies that percolate to groundwater basins. Develop groundwater recharge area maps.	1.0

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11	15	2	Issue 7: Designate Aquatic Life Uses For Groundwater	Review all groundwater basins in the region and add aquatic life use beneficial designations for those groundwater basins that are sustaining surface aquatic or terrestrial ecosystems.	1.0
12	15	3	Issue 19: Revise WQOs for Site-specific Surface Waters in Table 3-5	Revise and expand existing numeric water quality objectives for site-specific surface waterbodies in Table 3-5.	0.8
13	15	3	Issue 20: Revise WQOs for Site-specific Groundwaters in Table 3-6	Revise and expand existing numeric water quality objectives for groundwater basins in Table 3-6.	0.8
14	15	all	Issue 47: Ocean Protection	Amend the Basin Plan to develop the authority to adequately address all relevant factors and activities that contribute to ocean water quality. Strengthen existing water quality standards in the Basin Plan for marine and estuarine waters by developing water quality objectives (for pH, nutrients, carbonate chemistry parameters, total alkalinity, or dissolved inorganic carbon) and by designating additional beneficial uses for sensitive coastal waters.	2.0
15	14	2	Issue 12: Define and Designate Tribal Uses	Add beneficial use designations for tribal traditional and cultural fishing, tribal subsistence fishing, and subsistence fishing. Review and designate all waterbodies in the region with these use designations as warranted.	1.0
16	14	3	Issue 24: Update Agricultural Supply WQOs in Table 3-1	Revise and expand existing numeric water quality objectives in Table 3-6 for the protection of the agricultural supply waters (AGR) beneficial use.	0.5
17	14	4	Issue 29: Edit the Land Disturbance Prohibition	Add enforceable language to the Basin Plan to prohibit the discharge of wastes to land and the discharge of pollutants or dredged or fill materials to state waters.	0.5
18	14	5	Issue 36: Address Discharge Prohibitions for Inland Waters	Revise Chapter 5 discharge prohibitions to inland waters to allow a short-term discharge of supply well test water.	0.3
19	12	2	Issue 5: Modify Groundwater Recharge Use Definition	Modify the existing groundwater recharge beneficial use (GWR) definition to include maintenance of instream flows, riparian habitat, and wetland habitat.	0.3
20	11	2	Issue 8: Remove Beneficial Uses For Selected Waterbodies	Evaluate adequacy of existing beneficial use designations for specific surface waterbodies. Determine if uses are existing, if not prepare a Use Attainability Analysis (or equivalent) to remove the designated use. Replace removed use with the highest attainable use.	1.5
21	10	2	Issue 3: Clarify Uses for Flood Control Conveyances	Evaluate adequacy of existing beneficial use designations for flood control channels and man-made drainage systems.	1.5