
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: Karen Larsen, Deputy Director Division of Water Quality
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

FROM: *Original Signed by Pamela C. Creedon*
Executive Officer
CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD

DATE: 26 December 2017

SUBJECT: MINOR, NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO THE BASIN PLAN
AMENDMENTS ADOPTED UNDER CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. R5-2017-0062

The Central Valley Water Board adopted amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River Basin and the San Joaquin River Basin (Basin Plan) on 9 June 2017 under Resolution R5-2017-0062. The amendments are scheduled for consideration at the 9 January 2018 meeting of the State Water Board.

Central Valley Water Board Resolution R5-2017-0062 grants the Executive Officer the authority to make minor, non-substantive changes to the language of the adopted Basin Plan amendment for clarity or consistency. Based on review during the State Water Board approval process, staff determined that a minor, non-substantive change to the language of the amendment is needed to clarify the review process that the Central Valley Water Board might take during evaluation of an NPDES point source discharge permit application. If dilution of the receiving water is considered during a reasonable potential analysis for exceedance of the WQOs, the non-substantive change clarifies how the Central Valley Water Board should establish a mixing zone.

I am hereby making minor, non-substantive changes underlined in the following text, excerpted from page A1-8 of the proposed Basin Plan amendment language attached to Resolution R5-2017-0062:

- a. When evaluating whether an NPDES point source discharge causes, has the reasonable potential to cause, or contributes to an in-stream excursion of the EC WQOs for the Lower San Joaquin River, the Regional Water Board should consider available dilution of the effluent in the receiving water; and may consider dilution as determined down to the first downstream diversion that provides AGR irrigation supply or MUN beneficial use in establishing mixing zones for those beneficial uses.

If you have any questions about this matter please contact me at (916) 464-3291 or James Brownell at (916) 464-4675.

cc: Central Valley Water Board Members
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