

Notice of Decision

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FROM: California Regional Water Quality Control Board,
Los Angeles Region
320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Decision in compliance with section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code

PROJECT TITLE: Dry-Weather Total Maximum Daily Load, Santa Monica Bay Beaches

LOCATION: Los Angeles Region (coastal watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties)

DESCRIPTION: Basin Plan amendments to incorporate a Dry-Weather Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load for Santa Monica Bay Beaches (see attached Resolution No. 2002-004 and Staff Report)

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This Notice of Decision is to advise that the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) has determined that the above-referenced project has been fully approved. On January 24, 2002, the Regional Board adopted amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan) (Resolution No. 2002-004, Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region to Incorporate a Dry-Weather Total Maximum Daily Load for Bacteria at Santa Monica Bay Beaches). This Basin Plan amendment was subsequently approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (Resolution No. 2003-004) on September 19, 2002 and by the Office of Administrative Law on December 9, 2002. The USEPA Region IX approved the TMDL on June 19, 2003.

The Regional Board has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment (see attached CEQA Checklist).
2. A functional equivalent document was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (see attached Staff Report)
3. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

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This is to certify that the final environmental document, with comments and responses and record of project approval, is available to the general public at the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region's office, 320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, California 90013.

Louis A. D. L... *Executive Officer* *July 15, 2003*
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