

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2004 - 0007

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO  
THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION TO  
REVISE THE WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVE FOR  
CHLORIDE IN THE LOWER SANTA CLARA RIVER

WHEREAS:

1. The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) adopted an updated Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles region (Basin Plan) on June 13, 1994 which was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on November 17, 1994 and by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on February 23, 1995.
2. On November 6, 2003, the Regional Board adopted Resolution No. 03-015 (Attachment) to update the water quality objective for chloride in the lower Santa Clara River.
3. Regional Board staff prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and other State laws and regulations.
4. The Regional Board found that the additions of this amendment would result in no adverse effect on wildlife, and the amendment would be consistent with the State Antidegradation Policy (SWRCB Resolution No. 68-16) and federal antidegradation requirements.
5. The Regional Board staff is currently completing a technical study in support of a Basin Plan amendment to specify averaging periods to implement mineral water quality objectives, including chloride objectives. It is anticipated that the Regional Board will consider the proposed amendment this summer. Once effective, the averaging provision would apply to the objective described in Regional Board Resolution No. 03-015.
6. In the coming years, the Regional Board will be receiving technical studies concerning chloride objective changes in nearby watersheds. If, as a result of the studies in the Upper Santa Clara River or in the Calleguas Watershed, the Regional Board identifies higher objectives that are protective of salt-sensitive agricultural uses or determines that these uses are unattainable, then the Regional Board would consider those studies for the Lower Santa Clara River, to the extent applicable, during the triennial review process.

7. A Basin Plan amendment does not become effective until approved by SWRCB and until the regulatory provisions are approved by OAL and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SWRCB:

1. Approves the amendment to the Regional Board Basin Plan to revise the water quality objective for chloride in the lower Santa Clara River as approved in Regional Board Resolution No. 03-15.
2. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to transmit the amendment and administrative record for this action to OAL and to USEPA for approval.

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 19, 2004.



Debbie Irvin  
Clerk to the Board