STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2014-0012

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION (BASIN PLAN) TO INCORPORATE IMPLEMENTATION PLANS AND SCHEDULES FOR THE LOS CERRITOS CHANNEL METALS TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL), AND THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER AND IMPAIRED TRIBUTARIES METALS AND SELENIUM TMDL

WHEREAS:

- On June 6, 2013, the Regional Water Quality Control Board for the Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) adopted <u>Resolution No. R13-004</u>, an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan amendment), to incorporate implementation plans and schedules for the Los Cerritos Channel Metals TMDL and the San Gabriel River and Impaired Tributaries Metals and Selenium TMDL.
- 2. The Los Angeles Water Board found that the analysis contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) "Substitute Environmental Documents" for the proposed Basin Plan amendment, including the CEQA Checklist, the final staff report entitled "Final Staff Report for the Implementation Plans and Schedules for the Los Cerritos Channel and San Gabriel River Metals TMDLs", and the responses to comments complies with the State Water Board's 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, including the Statement of Overriding Considerations.
- 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 (State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16) and the federal Antidegradation Policy (40 CFR section 131.12), in that it does not allow degradation of water quality, but requires restoration of water quality and attainment of water quality standards.
- 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.
- 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).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

- 1. Approves the Basin Plan amendment adopted under Los Angeles Water Board Resolution No. R13-004.
- 2. Authorizes and directs the Executive Director or designee to submit the Basin Plan amendment adopted under Los Angeles Water Board Resolution No. R13-004 to OAL for approval of the regulatory provisions.

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 March 4, 2014.

AYE: Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber

Board Member Tam M. Doduc Board Member Steven Moore Board Member Dorene D'Adamo

NAY: None

ABSENT: Chair Felicia Marcus

ABSTAIN: None

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board