STATE OF CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

In re:

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

REGULATORY ACTION:

Title 23, California Code of Regulations

Adopt sections 3939

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY ACTION

Government Code Section 11349.3

OAL File No.

03-0519-02 SR

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) Resolution No. 02-017, adopted on October 24, 2002 by the Regional Board, modified the regulatory provisions of the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region by establishing a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for nitrogen compounds in Calleguas Creek, its tributaries, and Mugu Lagoon. The TMDL specifies concentration-based targets for ammonia, nitrate, nitrite, and combined nitrate and nitrite, which must be fully attained seven years after the effective date of the TMDL. The TMDL includes a margin of safety with both implicit and explicit components. The TMDL establishes a four-year plan for reducing nitrogen loading from five wastewater treatment plans in the watershed. To allow time to meet the targets, interim limits will be allowed. The final wasteload allocations for ammonia assigned to the wastewater treatment plants must be met no later than October 24, 2004, and the final wasteload allocations for nitrate and nitrite must be met four years after the effective date of the TMDL. Load allocations for agriculture and other nonpoint source discharges are implemented through various management practices. One year after the effective date of the TMDL, monitoring plans to evaluate the effectiveness of the TMDL must be submitted to the Regional Board by Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan Water Resources/Water Quality Subcommittee (CCWMP). CCWMP is responsible for the watershed monitoring and special studies required by this TMDL. The special studies must be completed five years after the effective date of the TMDL.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11349.1 of the Government Code.

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