

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2008-0004**

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION (BASIN PLAN) TO INCORPORATE
SITE-SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES FOR AMMONIA IN SELECT WATERBODIES OF THE
SANTA CLARA RIVER, LOS ANGELES RIVER, AND SAN GABRIEL RIVER
WATERSHEDS

WHEREAS:

1. On June 7, 2007, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) adopted Resolution No. 2007-005 ([Attachment](#)) amending the Basin Plan to adopt site-specific objectives (SSOs) for ammonia.
2. The Los Angeles Water Board found that the environmental documents of the draft amendment language, staff report, and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) checklist prepared by Los Angeles Water Board staff complies with the requirements of the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board's) certified regulatory CEQA process, as set forth in the California Water Code of Regulations, Title 23, section 3775 et seq.
3. The Los Angeles Water Board found that adoption of this amendment would result in no adverse effect on wildlife, and the amendment would be consistent with the State Antidegradation Policy ([State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16](#)) and federal antidegradation requirements.
4. The State Water Board finds that the Basin Plan amendment is in conformance with the Water Code section 13240, which specifies that Regional Water Quality Control Boards may revise Basin Plans, section 13241, which specifies what needs to be considered when establishing water quality objectives, and section 13242, which requires a program of implementation of water quality objectives. The State Water Board also finds that the amendment is consistent with the requirements of the federal Clean Water Act section 303(c).
5. This amendment to the Basin Plan incorporates site-specific 30-day average objectives for ammonia along with corresponding site-specific early life stage implementation provisions for select water body reaches and tributaries in the Santa Clara, Los Angeles, and San Gabriel River watersheds. These site-specific 30-day average objectives and corresponding site-specific early life stage implementation provisions shall replace the previously applicable regional 30-day average objective for the affected water body reaches. This amendment will not change the regional one-hour average objective for these water bodies.

6. The adoption of SSOs for ammonia is part of a comprehensive strategy for addressing nitrogen impairments in the Santa Clara and Los Angeles River watersheds, which includes development and implementation of a Total Maximum Daily Load and corresponding effluent and receiving water limitations in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits.
7. This amendment must be submitted for review and approval by the State Water Board, the State Office of Administrative Law (OAL), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The Basin Plan amendment will become effective upon approval by OAL and USEPA.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approve the amendment to the Basin Plan as adopted under Los Angeles Water Board [Resolution No. 2007-005](#).
2. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to submit the amendment adopted under Los Angeles Water Board [Resolution No. 2007-005](#) to OAL for approval of the regulatory provisions and to USEPA for approval of the Basin Plan amendment.

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 January 15, 2008.

AYE: Tam M. Doduc
Gary Wolff, P.E., Ph.D.
Frances Spivy-Weber
Charles R. Hoppin

NO: None

ABSENT: Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board