June 8, 2011

# CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD SAN DIEGO REGION

#### TENTATIVE RESOLUTION NO. R9-2011-0047

## ADOPTING A SHORT LIST OF SUGGESTED BASIN PLAN REVISIONS DEVELOPED THROUGH THE 2011 BASIN PLAN REVIEW

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (hereinafter San Diego Water Board) finds:

- 1. The San Diego Water Board adopted an updated Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Region (Basin Plan) on September 8, 1994.
- 2. The Basin Plan includes definitions and designations of beneficial uses of waters in the San Diego Region, water quality objectives to protect those beneficial uses, implementation programs and prohibitions to achieve water quality objectives and protect beneficial uses, and reference to statewide plans and policies.
- 3. State and federal laws require review of the Basin Plan. California Water Code section 13240 requires a periodic review of the Basin Plan. The federal Clean Water Act section 303(c)(1) requires a triennial review of water quality standards.
- 4. The San Diego Water Board has concluded its review of the Basin Plan. As part of its review, the San Diego Water Board:
  - a. Solicited suggestions from the public for potential revisions to water quality standards or other Basin Plan elements during a 70 day period (October 31, 2008 to January 9, 2009) and 30 day period (September 7, 2010 to October 7, 2010):
  - Held public workshops to inform the public of the review process and encourage public participation (December 8, 2008 and August 5, 2010);
  - c. Formed an advisory committee of stakeholder representatives to assist with the prioritization of suggested Basin Plan revisions;
  - d. Considered the advisory committee's recommendation when preparing a "short list" of suggested Basin Plan revisions on which to focus staff resources over the next three years;
  - e. Circulated a proposed short list and staff report dated April 22, 2011 for public review during a 47-day period (April 22, 2011 through June 8, 2011);
  - f. Held another public workshop to describe the review process and proposed short list (May 6, 2011);
  - g. Held a public hearing on June 8, 2011, to receive oral comments on the proposed short list, staff report, and tentative resolution;
  - h. Carefully considered and responded to public comments received during the designated comment period.

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- 5. As a result of its review, the San Diego Water Board identified as priorities the suggested Basin Plan revisions on the *Short List of Suggested Basin Plan Revisions Developed through the 2011 Basin Plan Review* (Attachment 1 to this Resolution).
- 6. The San Diego Water Board notified all known interested persons of its intent to adopt the *Short List of Suggested Basin Plan Revisions Developed through the 2011 Basin Plan Review* in fulfillment of the 2011 Basin Plan Review.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The San Diego Water Board hereby adopts the *Short List of Suggested Basin Plan Revisions Developed through the 2011 Basin Plan Review* as set forth in Attachment 1 to this Resolution, and certifies completion of the 2011 Basin Plan Review.
- 2. Adoption of the Short List of Suggested Basin Plan Revisions Developed through the 2011 Basin Plan Review does not preclude other Basin Plan revisions that may become necessary before the next review scheduled for 2014, and does not preclude Board consideration of lower priority revisions.

I, David W. Gibson, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, on June 8, 2011.

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David W. Gibson	
Executive Officer	

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#### Attachment 1

### **Short List of Suggested Basin Plan Revisions** Developed through the 2011 Basin Plan Review <sup>1</sup>

	<u>Tier 1<sup>2</sup></u>	~PY
Category P		
	Comprehensive Policy for Streams, Wetlands & Riparian Areas	2.3
	Water Quality Objective for Trash	0.1
	Seawater Desalination Policy	0.1
Category R		
	Refinements to the Contact Water Recreation Beneficial Use	2.4
	Nutrient Water Quality Objectives in Surface Waters	0.1
Category H		
	Housekeeping (mandated work, corrections/clarifications)	1.0
	Total	6.0
	<u>Tier 2<sup>3</sup></u>	
Category P		
	Municipal and Domestic Supply Beneficial Use for Specific Groundw	aters/
Category R		
	Seasonal Variation Water Quality Objectives	
	Indirect Potable Reuse in Municipal Reservoirs	
	Site Specific Objectives for Metals	

Category P – Suggestions intended to make the Basin Plan more "protective"

Category R – Suggestions intended to make the Basin Plan more "reasonable"

Category H – "Housekeeping" suggestions intended to make the Basin Plan more clear/correct and some mandated work items.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A summary of each item is provided in the Staff Report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Tier 1 items will be worked on using existing staff resources.
<sup>3</sup> Tier 2 items may be worked on if existing staff resources allow or more resources become available.