

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION
TENTATIVE RESOLUTION NO. R9-2025-0086
ADOPTING THE FINAL REVIEW OF POTENTIAL BASIN PLANNING PROJECTS
FOR THE 2024/2025 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL
PLAN FOR THE SAN DIEGO BASIN

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (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. Water quality standards consist of beneficial use designations, water quality criteria (objectives) necessary to protect those uses, and anti-degradation provisions.
4. The San Diego Water Board has concluded its review of the Basin Plan. As part of its review, the Board:
 - a. Circulated a preliminary list of Basin Planning issues (Preliminary List) dated December 2, 2024, and revised list on December 9, 2024, for public review.
 - b. Solicited suggestions from the public for potential revisions to water quality standards or other Basin Plan elements during a 74-day period (December 2, 2024 to February 14, 2025).
 - c. Presented the Preliminary List at a meeting of tribal representatives on January 17, 2024, and during a public workshop on January 29, 2025.
 - d. Carefully considered and responded to public comments received during the designated comment period and drafted a Final Review of Potential Basin Planning Projects.
 - e. Held a public hearing on August 13, 2025, to receive oral comments on the Final Review of Potential Basin Planning Projects and other aspects of the Basin Plan.

5. The following list of potential Basin Planning projects are described further in the *Final Review of Potential Basin Planning Projects for the 2024/2025 Basin Plan*:

Basin Plan Project	Priority
Biological Objectives for Water Bodies in the San Diego Region	High
Designation of Tribal Tradition and Culture (CUL), Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB), and Subsistence Fishing (SUB) Beneficial Uses to Surface Waters in the San Diego Region	High
Contact Water Recreation (REC-1) Water Quality Objectives	High
Consider an Implementation Program to Protect Coastal Wetlands and Ensure their Resiliency to Climate Change	High
Santa Margarita River Advance Restoration Plan	Medium
Update Implementation Chapter of the Basin Plan (Chapter 4)	Medium
Designation of Commercial and Sports Fishing (COMM) Beneficial Use	Medium
Update Shelter Island Yacht Basin (SIYB) Copper TMDL	Medium
Review of 304(a) Criteria	Medium

6. The San Diego Water Board notified all known interested persons of its intent to adopt the *Final Review of Potential Basin Planning Projects for the 2024/2025 Basin Plan Review* in fulfillment of state and federal requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The San Diego Water Board hereby adopts the *Final Review of Potential Basin Planning Projects for the 2024/2025 Basin Plan Review* as set forth in Finding 5 to this Resolution and certifies completion of the 2024/2025 Basin Plan Review.
2. The current Basin Plan remains in effect until the San Diego Water Board adopts specific revisions through a Basin Plan amendment, and the appropriate authorities review and approve those changes.
3. Adoption of the *Final Review of Potential Basin Planning Projects Developed through the 2024/2025 Basin Plan Review* does not preclude initiating other Basin Planning projects that may become necessary before the next review scheduled for 2027/2028 and does not preclude Board consideration of lower priority Basin Planning projects.

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 August 13, 2025.

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David W. Gibson
Executive Officer