

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-0066**

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN DIEGO BASIN (9) TO CHANGE THE NITRATE WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVE FOR GROUNDWATERS, INCORPORATE THE ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS POLICY AND INCORPORATE MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES.

WHEREAS:

1. On April 15, 2015, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) adopted [Resolution No. R9-2015-0008](#), an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Region (Basin Plan amendment), to change the nitrate water quality objective for groundwaters, incorporate the Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Policy, and incorporate miscellaneous updates.
2. The San Diego 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, and the responses to comments, comply 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 San Diego Water Board's findings and determinations that the Basin Plan amendment would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.
3. The San Diego 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 San Diego 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 68-16](#)) because such changes are consistent with the maximum benefit to the public, will not unreasonably affect present and anticipated beneficial use of waters, and will comply with the requirements of the Basin Plan.
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. In addition, the State Water Board finds that the Basin Plan amendment is in conformance with Water Code section 13241, which requires the establishment of water quality objectives in water quality control plans as in its judgment will ensure the reasonable protection of beneficial uses and the prevention of nuisance, in consideration of various factors including past, present, and probable future beneficial uses of water.

6. A Basin Plan amendment becomes effective after the State Water Board approves it, the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) approves the regulatory provisions, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife collects the CEQA filing fee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the Basin Plan amendment adopted under San Diego Water Board Resolution No. R9-2015-0008.
2. Authorizes and directs the Executive Director or designee to submit the Basin Plan amendment adopted under San Diego Water Board Resolution No. R9-2015-0008 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 November 17, 2015.

AYE: Chair Felicia Marcus
Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber
Board Member Tam M. Doduc
Board Member Steven Moore
Board Member Dorene D'Adamo

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board