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**State Water Resources Control Board**

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**Notice of Decision**

**TO:** John Laird  
Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency of California  
Agency 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311  
Sacramento, CA 5814

**FROM:** State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

**SUBJECT:** Filing and Notice of Decision in compliance with section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code

**PROJECT TITLE:** AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR ENCLOSED BAYS AND ESTUARIES OF CALIFORNIA – SEDIMENT QUALITY PROVISIONS

**LOCATION:** Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of the State

**DESCRIPTION:** On June 5, 2018, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Resolution 2018-0028, which approved Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California – Sediment Quality Provisions.

- (1) The amendments to the Sediment Quality Provisions provide a revised approach implementing the aquatic life – benthic community protection sediment quality objective to assess multiple stations that encompass a site, based upon magnitude of response and percent of area of impact, to evaluate the need to list waterbodies as impaired and evaluate compliance with receiving water limits.
- (2) A revised approach implementing the sediment quality objective protecting human consumers from contaminants that bioaccumulate from sediment into fish tissue, applicable to organochlorine pesticides and polychlorinated biphenyls from sediment into sportfish.
- (3) Additions to the glossary and supersession language to provide additional clarity.

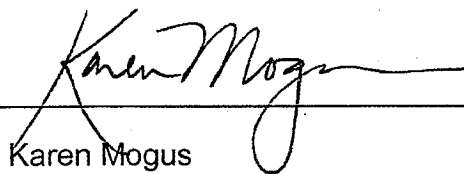
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- (4) The State Water Board approved and adopted Substitute Environmental Documentation pursuant to its certified exempt regulatory program, analyzing reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts related to methods of compliance with the proposed amendments and concluding that mitigation measures are available to reduce any such effects to less than significant levels and should be incorporated into any subsequent projects or project approvals.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Chris Beegan at (916) 341-5912

This is to advise that the State Water Board has made the following determination regarding the project described above:

The project has been:  Approved  
 Disapproved

  
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Karen Mogus  
Deputy Director  
Division of Water Quality  
State Water Resources Control Board

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