Change Sheet #3 for Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed and Resolution Adopting the Final Staff Report and Amendments to the Bay-Delta Plan

This change sheet contains revisions made to the final draft Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed (Bay-Delta Plan) that was released for public review and comment on August 19, 2026, as revised by Change Sheets #1 and #2. The changes include revisions made in response to comments received during the October 28-29, 2026, Board meeting.

In addition, this change sheet includes revisions made to the Resolution adopting the final Staff Report and Plan amendments, after the draft Resolution was released with the October 28-29, 2026 Board meeting agenda on October 16, 2026.

Change Sheet #3 only reflects changes made since Change Sheet #2. Changes previously made by Change Sheets #1 and #2 are shown in plain text below. Changes made by this Change Sheet #3 are shown in ~~strikeout~~ and underline. Within each section, the revisions are generally organized according to their order of appearance in the August 2026 final draft Bay-Delta Plan or Resolution. The revisions are generally identified by section number, as well as table or figure number, as applicable.

Changes to August 2026 Final Draft Bay-Delta Plan, as revised by Change Sheets #1 and #2

Location	Change
Section 4.4.9, Implementation of Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Commitments Under the Voluntary Agreement (VA) Pathway	By ~~June~~ July 1, 2027, HRL participants must submit a final confirmation of water rights identified in Appendix B.1 that will be participating in the VA pathway.

Changes to Resolution Adopting the Final Staff Report and Amendments to the Bay-Delta Plan

Location	Change
New Whereas Paragraph 8	Insert new Whereas Paragraph 8 and renumber following accordingly: 8. The Plan establishes water quality objectives and a program of implementation for achieving those water quality objectives. For the reasons identified in the Plan and Staff Report, the Plan's implementation may condition or limit the exercise of certain water rights in the Delta watershed, just as prior versions of the Plan and implementation actions did. The intent of the State Water Board is not to intrude on day-to-day operations of water projects that are otherwise compliant with the Plan's requirements.
Modify Renumbered Whereas Paragraph 10(j)	Revise renumbered Whereas Paragraph 10(j) as follows: j. At a public meeting on October 28–29, 2026~~, and continuing on October 30, 2026, if necessary~~, the State Water Board heard oral comments and considered adoption of the final Staff Report and Plan amendments, including Change Sheets #1, #2, and #3~~[and any additional Change Sheets]~~.

Location	**Change**
Modify Resolved Paragraph 1	Revise Resolved Paragraph 1 as follows: 1. The State Water Board hereby approves and adopts the final Staff Report, and the CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations (Attachment 1), the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment 2) and the mitigation measures set forth therein, and directs staff to incorporate all final changes approved by the Board.
Modify Resolved Paragraph 8	Revise Resolved Paragraph 8 as follows: 8. The State Water Board directs staff to engage interested parties in developing a hypothesis-based Science Plan, and to work with tribes and other agencies with the goal of unifying science endeavors to the extent practicable, to inform annual and periodic reviews and assess narrative and numeric objectives and requirements in the Bay-Delta Plan in achieving reasonable protection of fish and wildlife beneficial uses. The Bay-Delta Tribal Advisory Group will be asked to review and provide input on this effort. Staff will report to the Board on progress and receive direction on prioritization and timeline in each annual review.
New Resolved Paragraph 9	Insert new Resolved Paragraph 9 and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly: 9. The State Water Board directs staff to engage with the HRL participants to support adaptive management of HRL actions and to participate in HRL Governance.

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Modify Renumbered Resolved Paragraph 10	Revise renumbered Resolved Paragraph 10 as follows: ~~9~~10. The State Water Board will undertake several further actions to improve its engagement with California Native American Tribes. a. The State Water Board will develop and regularly update a tribal engagement plan in coordination with California Native American Tribes for consultation, outreach, and engagement to incorporate traditional ecological knowledge and perspectives into Bay-Delta Plan update and implementation efforts. b. The State Water Board will also form, in conjunction with California Native American Tribes, a Bay-Delta Tribal Advisory Group to provide input to the State Water Board on Bay-Delta Plan update and implementation issues and related matters. c. If a California Native American Tribe has concerns regarding VA pathway implementation that remain unresolved after a meeting and presents those concerns through consultation or a formal written communication to the State Water Board, the Executive Director or designee will respond to the Tribe in writing, as appropriate. Staff will also present those concerns and the response to the State Water Board as part of the annual review process. d. The State Water Board directs staff to consult with California Native American Tribes to establish a process for identifying and reporting water quality conditions contributing to adverse public health impacts that impede the CUL beneficial use so the applicable Water Board can promptly investigate the incident and pursue government-to-government engagement to identify and to develop potential solutions. e. The State Water Board will continue working to improve its tribal engagement processes using existing resources and will devote additional resources toward this process as they become available.

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New Resolved Paragraph 12	Insert new Resolved Paragraph 12: 12. The State Water Board directs staff to work with interested water right holders on the development of local cooperative solutions. The State Water Board intends that a local cooperative solution will reflect the unique hydrology of the stream to which a solution would apply; the stream's level of connection with the Delta; the interests of any California Native American Tribe that relies on the stream; the habitat and temperature needs of the stream's fish; the capacity of diverters on the stream to manage water temperatures; and the extent to which the affected groundwater basin's sustainability depends on supplies from that stream, including the level of reliance of domestic, agricultural and disadvantaged water users on that basin.
New Resolved Paragraph 13	Insert new Resolved Paragraph 13: 13. The State Water Board directs staff to conduct a public Board scoping workshop to consider minimum instream flow, temperature, and other requirements for the Trinity River to provide for the reasonable protection of fish and wildlife beneficial uses within one year of the completion of the ongoing Trinity River Endangered Species Act reconsultation process, but no later than two years following adoption of the updates to the Bay-Delta Plan. The scoping workshop should be conducted in coordination with the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, Trinity River tribal interests, Trinity and Humboldt Counties, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, state and federal fisheries agencies, and other appropriate entities to the extent possible.
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 October 28–29, 2026~~, and continuing on October 30, 2026, if necessary~~.