

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2000 - 070

APPROVING WITH CLARIFICATIONS AN AMENDMENT TO THE
WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE NORTH COAST REGION
ESTABLISHING A TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD
FOR SEDIMENT IN THE GARCIA RIVER WATERSHED

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (North Coast Regional Board), adopted a revised Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (Basin Plan) on December 9, 1993, which was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on March 21, 1994 and by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on August 18, 1994.
2. On May 28, 1998, the North Coast Regional Board adopted Resolution No. 98-66 ([Attachment A](#)) amending the Basin Plan by incorporating a total maximum daily load (TMDL) for sediment in the Garcia River watershed.
3. On December 10, 1998, the North Coast Regional Board revised Resolution No. 98-66 to correct minor errors and inconsistencies.
4. The SWRCB finds that the Basin Plan amendment titled "Summary of the Garcia River Watershed Water Quality Attainment Strategy for Sediment" is in conformance with the requirements for TMDL development specified in Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA).
5. The SWRCB finds that the title and various provisions of the amendment warrant clarification. The North Coast Regional Board has expressed its support for the clarifications for the amendment and recommends approval of the amendment.
6. This amendment as written permits groups of dischargers with similar land management activities to develop and submit group Erosion Control Plans and group Management Plans, and in such plans, it does not require showing individual, interior property lines within the area covered by the group plans. The North Coast Regional Board held a meeting on May 25, 2000 where it reiterated to landowners, as detailed in the Executive Officer's Summary Report for that meeting, that showing individual property lines is not a requirement of the amendment.
7. The North Coast Regional Board staff prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and other State laws and regulations.

8. A Basin Plan amendment addressing surface water does not become effective until approved by the SWRCB and the regulatory provisions are approved by the OAL.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The SWRCB:

1. Approves the amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan adopted under North Coast Regional Board Resolution No. 98-66 with the clarifications shown in “strike out” and “underline” format in [Attachment B](#) and listed in [Attachment C](#). One of the clarifications is modifying the title of the amendment to: “Garcia River Watershed Water Quality Attainment Action Plan for Sediment”.
2. Authorizes the Executive Director to submit the regulatory provisions of the amendment adopted under the North Coast Regional Board Resolution No. 98-66 as clarified to the OAL for approval.
3. Authorizes the Executive Director to submit the amendment adopted under North Coast Regional Board Resolution No. 98-66 as clarified to USEPA for approval, subsequent to OAL approval.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant 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 September 21, 2000.

/s/

Maureen Marché

Administrative Assistant to the Board