

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2007 – 0027**

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION (BASIN PLAN) TO ALLOW THE
LOS ANGELES REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD TO APPROVE
SITE-SPECIFIC VARIANCES FROM GROUNDWATER MINERAL QUALITY OBJECTIVES
DUE TO NATURAL SOURCES

WHEREAS:

1. The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) adopted a revised Basin Plan on June 13, 1994, which was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on November 17, 1994 and by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on February 23, 1995.
2. On March 9, 2006, the Los Angeles Water Board adopted Resolution No. 2006-003 ([Attachment 1](#)) amending the Basin Plan to allow the Los Angeles Water Board to approve site-specific variances from groundwater mineral quality objectives due to natural sources.
3. The Los Angeles Water Board found that the additions of this amendment would result in no adverse effect on wildlife and the amendment would be consistent with the Sources of Drinking Water Policy (State Water Board Resolution No. 88-63), State Antidegradation Policy (State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16), and federal antidegradation requirements.
4. Due to a clerical error, Los Angeles Water Board staff inadvertently failed to include specific language in Resolution No. 2006-003 certifying the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) substitute environmental documentation. Further, the CEQA Environmental Checklist was not signed by the Los Angeles Water Board Executive Officer. At the hearing, the Los Angeles Water Board intended to approve, and actually thought it had approved, the CEQA substitute environmental documentation along with the Basin Plan amendment, which is the Los Angeles Water Board's customary practice. The substitute environmental documentation was included in the agenda packet for the Basin Plan amendment, and the Los Angeles Water Board carefully considered the substitute environmental documentation as it did with the other materials in the agenda packet. The public had a reasonable opportunity to participate in review of the amendment to the Basin Plan. Los Angeles Water Board staff responded to written comments received from the public concerning the proposed Basin Plan amendment. No public comments concerning CEQA or the substitute environmental documentation were received.
5. This clerical error was rectified on November 9, 2006, when the Los Angeles Water Board adopted Resolution No. R4-2006-021 ([Attachment 2](#)), which certified that the Los Angeles Water Board complied with the State Water Board's certification regulatory program for CEQA as set forth in California Code of Regulation Title 23, 3775 et seq.
6. The State Water Board finds that the Basin Plan amendment is in conformance with Water Code section 13240, which specifies that the Los Angeles Water Board may revise its Basin Plan, and section 13242, which requires a program of implementation of water quality objectives.

7. A Basin Plan amendment does not become effective until approved by the State Water Board and until the regulatory provisions are approved by OAL.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the amendment to the Los Angeles Water Board Basin Plan to allow the Los Angeles Water Board to approve site-specific variances from groundwater mineral quality objectives due to natural sources, as adopted in Los Angeles Water Board Resolution No. 2006-003.
2. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to transmit the amendment and administrative record for this action to OAL for approval.

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 Board held on May 22, 2007.

AYE: Tam M. Doduc
Gary Wolff, P.E., Ph.D.
Charles R. Hoppin
Frances Spivy-Weber

NO: None

ABSENT: Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.

ABSTAIN: None



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Clerk to the Board