

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2011-0012**

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE NORTH COAST REGION (BASIN PLAN) TO ESTABLISH EXEMPTION CRITERIA TO THE POINT SOURCE WASTE DISCHARGE PROHIBITIONS BY REVISING THE ACTION PLAN FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES AND ADDING A NEW ACTION PLAN FOR LOW THREAT DISCHARGES (LOW THREAT DISCHARGE AMENDMENT)

WHEREAS:

1. On July 23, 2009, the North Coast Regional Water Board (North Coast Water Board) adopted Resolution No. R1-2009-0004 ([Attachment 1](#)) amending the Basin Plan to establish exemption criteria to the Point Source Waste Discharge Prohibitions by revising the action plan for Storm Water Discharges and adding a new action plan for Low Threat Discharges.
2. The North Coast Water Board found that the analysis contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) substitute documentation for the proposed Basin Plan amendment, including the CEQA Checklist, the staff report, the responses to comments and the Resolution complies with the requirements of the State Water Board's certified regulatory CEQA process, as set forth in the California Code of Regulations, Title 23, section 3775 et seq.
3. The North Coast 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 No. 68-16](#)) and the Federal Antidegradation Policy (40 CFR section 131.12).
4. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) finds that, in amending the Basin Plan, the North Coast Water Board complied with the requirements set forth in sections 13140 et seq of the Water Code. The State Water Board also finds that the regulatory action meets the "necessity" standard of the Administrative Procedures Act, Government Code section 11353, Subdivision (b).
5. A Basin Plan amendment does not become effective until approved by the State Water Board and until the regulatory provisions are approved by the Office of Administrative Law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the amendment to the Basin Plan as adopted under North Coast Board Resolution No. R1-2009-0004.

2. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to submit the amendment adopted under North Coast Water Board Resolution No. R1-2009-0004, as approved by the State Water Board, and the administrative record for this action to the Office of Administrative Law for approval, and to U.S. EPA for review.

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 March 15, 2011.

AYE: Chairman Charles R. Hoppin
 Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber
 Board Member Tam M. Doduc

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board