STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2019-0066

ADOPTING THE STAFF REPORT AND WORK PLAN FOR THE 2019 REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR OCEAN WATERS OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS:

- 1. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted the Water Quality Control Plan for Ocean Waters of California (Ocean Plan) in 1972 and revised it in 1978, 1983, 1988, 1990, 1997, 2001, 2005, 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2019.
- The State Water Board is responsible for reviewing Ocean Plan water quality standards and for modifying and adopting standards in accordance with Section 303(c)(1) of the Federal Clean Water Act and Section 13170.2(b) of the California Water Code.
- 3. The State Water Board held three public scoping meetings and a tribal focused scoping meeting in January and February 2019. The State Water Board held a written comment period from June 24, 2019, through August 8, 2019. During the written comment period the State Water Board held a staff public workshop and a tribal focused staff public workshop on July 12, 2019.
- 4. The State Water Board received 20 written comment letters. The State Water Board carefully considered those comments received and <u>responded to comments</u>. Based on the comments, the State Water Board revised the draft 2019 Ocean Plan Review Staff Report and Work Plan.
- 5. The State Water Board conducted a public hearing in Sacramento on December 3, 2019, to solicit comments regarding the review and revision of water quality standards contained in the Ocean Plan and has reviewed and considered carefully all comments and testimony received.
- 6. State Water Board staff proposed a prioritized list of issues for evaluation within the next three years, contingent on the availability of resources.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board

 Adopts the attached Staff Report and Work Plan for the 2019 Review of the Ocean Plan and authorizes the Executive Director to transmit the Staff Report and Work Plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, in compliance with Section 303(c)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

- 2. Directs staff to evaluate one or more of the higher priority issues and make recommendations to the State Water Board for any necessary changes to the Ocean Plan.
- 3. Affirms that the 2019 Ocean Plan, as it currently exists, remains effective until such time as it is changed by formal action of the State Water Board.
- 4. Affirms that issues associated with previous Ocean Plan reviews are either resolved, no longer relevant, or incorporated into this 2019 Ocean Plan 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 Board on December 3, 2019.

AYE: Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo **Board Member Tam Doduc Board Member Sean Maguire**

None NAY:

ABSENT: **Board Member Laurel Firestone**

ABSTAIN: None

Jeanine Townsend

Clerk to the Board