



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region

Winston H. Hickox
Secretary for
Environmental
Protection

Over 50 Years Serving Coastal Los Angeles and Ventura Counties
Recipient of the 2001 *Environmental Leadership Award* from Keep California Beautiful

320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, California 90013
Phone (213) 576-6600 FAX (213) 576-6640 - Internet Address: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4>



Gray Davis
Governor

TO: Mary D. Nichols
Secretary of Resources
Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, California 95814

FROM: DENNIS A. DICKERSON 
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DATE: July 16, 2003

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF CEQA NOTICE OF DECISION AND CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION FOR BASIN PLAN AMENDMENTS INCORPORATING TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS FOR NITROGEN COMPOUNDS AND RELATED EFFECTS IN CALLEGUAS CREEK, ITS TRIBUTARIES AND MUGU LAGOON

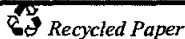
Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan) have recently received final approval from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX. The amendments incorporate total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for nitrogen compounds and related effects in Calleguas Creek, its tributaries and Mugu Lagoon.

The Regional Board's planning process has been certified as "functionally equivalent" to preparation of an Environmental Impact Report under section 21080.5 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Completion of the CEQA review process for the environmental documents prepared for Basin Plan amendments involves filing of a "Notice of Decision" rather than a "Notice of Determination" and a final Certificate of Fee Exemption.

Enclosed are the Notices of Decision and the final Certificate of Fee Exemption with attachments for the Basin Plan amendments adopted by the Los Angeles Regional Board on October 24, 2002 under Resolution 02-017.

California Environmental Protection Agency

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption
For a list of simple ways to reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see the tips at: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/news/echallenge.html>



Our mission is to preserve and enhance the quality of California's water resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

Ms. Mary Nichols
Secretary of Resources

- 2 -

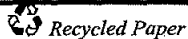
07/16/03

cc: Terry Roberts
State Clearinghouse Director
Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 222
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

Ling Tseng, Basin Planning Unit
Division of Water Quality
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 "T" Street, 15th Floor
Sacramento, CA

California Environmental Protection Agency

******The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption***
For a list of simple ways to reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see the tips at: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/news/echallenge.html>***



Recycled Paper

Our mission is to preserve and enhance the quality of California's water resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

NOTICE OF DECISION

TO: Mary D. Nichols
Secretary of Resources
c/o Department of Fish and Game/AB 3158
1416 9th Street, 12th Floor.
Sacramento, California

FROM: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

DATE: July 16, 2003

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Decision in Compliance with Section 2180.5 of the
Public Resources Code

PROJECT TITLE: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region

LOCATION: Los Angeles Region (coastal watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura
Counties)

DESCRIPTION: Basin Plan amendments to incorporate Total Maximum Daily Loads for
Nitrogen Compounds and Related Effects in Calleguas Creek, its
Tributaries, and Mugu Lagoon

CONTACT PERSON: Sam Unger Telephone: (213) 576-6784

This Notice of Decision is to advise you that the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) has determined that the above-referenced project has been approved. On October 24, 2002, the Regional Board adopted an amendment to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan)*; namely Resolution No. 02-017 (Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region to incorporate a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Nitrogen Compounds and Related Effects in the Calleguas Creek, Its Tributaries, and Mugu Lagoon). This *Basin Plan* amendment was subsequently approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (Resolution No. 2003-0023) on March 19, 2003; by the Office of Administrative Law on June 5, 2003; and by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IX on June 20, 2003.

The Regional Board has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment (see attached CEQA Checklist).
2. A functional equivalent document was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (see attached Staff Report)
3. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

NOTICE OF DECISION

This is to certify that the final environmental document, with comments and responses and record of project approval, is available to the general public at the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region's office, 320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, California 90013.

Sam A. Dede Executive Officer July 16, 2003
(Signature) (Title) CRWQCB, Los Angeles Region (Date)

Date received for filing: _____