

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 97 - 094

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER
QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION REVISING
SURFACE WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES FOR CHLORIDES AND
INCORPORATING A REVISED POLICY FOR ADDRESSING LEVELS OF
CHLORIDE IN DISCHARGES OF WASTEWATER

WHEREAS:

1. The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB) adopted a revised Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Basin (Basin Plan) on September 8, 1994.
2. On January 27, 1997, following a public hearing, the LARWQCB adopted Resolution No. 97-02 (Attachment 1) which amended the Basin Plan by: (1) revising chloride objectives for certain water body segments in the Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, (2) establishing a variance procedure and interim chloride limits for specified existing dischargers in the Santa Clara River and Calleguas Creek watersheds, and (3) establishing a procedure to assess chloride loading and effect protection of the agricultural beneficial use in the Santa Clara River and Calleguas Creek watersheds.
3. Attachment A to LARWQCB Resolution 97-02 lists nine publicly-owned treatment works (POTW) granted a variance under this resolution, and includes on this list the Santa Paula Wastewater Reclamation Facility, which discharges to the Santa Clara River.
4. Retention of the Santa Paula Wastewater Reclamation Facility on the list of POTWs subject to the interim chloride limits (Attachment A to Resolution No. 97-02) is not appropriate because the facility does not discharge into those water body segments of the Santa Clara River subject to the interim chloride limits.
5. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) finds that the proposed Basin Plan amendment complies with requirements of SWRCB Resolution No. 68-16 (Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality of Waters in California).

6. The LARWQCB staff prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and other State laws and regulations.
7. Basin Plan revisions and amendments do not become effective until approved by the SWRCB and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and until regulatory provisions are approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL).

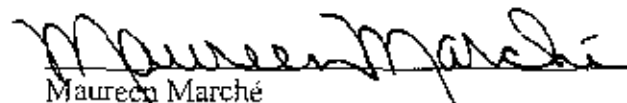
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The SWRCB:

1. Approves, subject to the modification in paragraph 2, below. LARWQCB Resolution No. 97-02 amending the Basin Plan by: (1) revising chloride objectives for certain water body segments in the Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, (2) establishing a variance procedure and interim chloride limits for specified POTWs discharging into the Santa Clara River and Calleguas Creek, and (3) establishing a procedure to assess chloride loading and effect protection of the agricultural beneficial use in the Santa Clara River and Calleguas Creek watersheds.
2. Removes the Santa Paula Wastewater Facility from the list of POTWs subject to the proposed variance on chloride limits (Attachment A to LARWQCB Resolution No. 97-02) and any reference thereto in the proposed text of the Basin Plan.
3. Authorizes SWRCB staff to submit the approved Basin Plan amendment to the U.S. EPA and regulatory provisions to OAL for 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 October 23, 1997.


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Administrative Assistant to the Board