

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-0008**

APPROVING NON-REGULATORY AMENDMENTS TO ADMINISTRATIVELY UPDATE THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION, CHAPTER 4 “STRATEGIC PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION” AND CHAPTER 5 “PLANS AND POLICIES” BY INCORPORATING UPDATED INFORMATION AND TABLES

WHEREAS:

1. On June 13, 2019 the Regional Water Quality Control Board for the Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) adopted [Resolution No. R19-006](#). This non-regulatory amendment administratively updates the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan). Los Angeles Water Board Resolution No. R19-006 administratively updates Chapter 4 “Strategic Planning and Implementation” and Chapter 5 “Plans and Policies” by incorporating updated information and tables.
2. While the Los Angeles Water Board generally prepares “substitute environmental documents” for amendments to its Basin Plan that contain the required environmental documentation under the State’s California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) regulations (23 Cal. Code Regs. § 3777), the Los Angeles Water Board found that this amendment is a non-regulatory administrative update to the Basin Plan. Therefore, the Los Angeles Water Board determined that this non-regulatory amendment is exempt from CEQA as it is purely ministerial, does not constitute a “project”, and will have no impact on the environment. The State Water Board concurs with the Los Angeles Water Board’s findings and determinations that this amendment is exempt from CEQA. Accordingly, the State’s CEQA regulations do not apply to this action. (23 Cal. Code Regs. § 3720.)
3. The Los Angeles Water Board also adopted the Basin Plan amendment pursuant to the “Necessity” standard of the Administrative Procedures Act, Government Code section 11353, subdivision (b).
4. As this amendment is a non-regulatory administrative update to the Basin Plan, the Los Angeles Water Board did not adopt or revise water quality objectives. Therefore, the Los Angeles Water Board determined that sections 13241 and 13242 of the Water Code did not apply to this action. The State Water Board concurs with the Los Angeles Water Board’s findings and determinations. While consideration of the factors in Water Code section 13241 is not required, the State Water Board nevertheless finds that this amendment will have no impact on any of the factors set forth in Water Code section 13241.

5. This Basin Plan amendment does not become effective until approved by the State Water Board and until the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) has concurred on its non-regulatory status.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the Basin Plan amendment adopted under Los Angeles Water Board Resolution No. R19-006.
2. Authorizes and directs the Executive Director or designee to submit the Basin Plan amendment adopted under Los Angeles Water Board Resolution No. R19-006 to OAL for concurrence with its non-regulatory status.

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 April 21, 2020.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board