

**NORTH COAST REGIONAL WATER
QUALITY CONTROL BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO. R1-2024-0027

Approving the 2023 Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control
Plan for the North Coast Region and Planning Program Workplan for
Fiscal Years 2024 through 2027

WHEREAS:

1. The *Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region* (Basin Plan) was first established in 1974 and has been amended numerous times since then, in response to changes in regulation and other conditions. The Basin Plan has been duly adopted by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) and approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), the Office of Administrative Law, and U.S. EPA, where required. The Basin Plan was last updated in June 2018.
2. The Basin Plan is the Regional Water Board's primary water quality control planning document and regulatory tool. It contains the regulations adopted by the Regional Water Board to control the discharge of waste and implement other controllable factors affecting the quality of waters of the state within the boundaries of the North Coast Region.
3. The Basin Plan includes definitions and designations of beneficial uses of waters in the North Coast Region, water quality objectives to protect those beneficial uses, implementation programs and prohibitions to achieve water quality objectives, and incorporates by reference statewide plans and policies, including antidegradation.
4. California Water Code section 13240 requires a periodic review of the Basin Plan. The federal Clean Water Act section 303 (c)(1) requires a triennial review of water quality standards and, as appropriate, modifying and adopting standards. Water quality standards consist of beneficial use designations, water quality objectives necessary to protect those uses, and antidegradation provisions.
5. The Regional Water Board has concluded its 2023 Triennial Review of the Basin Plan. As part of its review, the Regional Water Board:
 - a. Solicited project proposals from the public and other stakeholders for potential revisions to water quality standards or other Basin Plan elements during a 59-day period between March 7 to May 5, 2023. In total, 53

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submittals identifying project proposals were received from tribes; local, state, and federal entities; Regional Water Board staff; non-profit organizations; and members of the public;

- b. Developed the draft Staff Report 2023 Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (draft Staff Report) and Planning Program Workplan for fiscal years 2024 through 2027 (FY 2024-2027 Workplan), taking into account the proposals and input received. The draft Staff Report described the 2023 Triennial Review process, water quality issues, ongoing and proposed projects, and identified projects recommended for staffing with existing resources;
 - c. Published a public notice on September 15, 2023, announcing the availability of the draft Staff Report and FY 2024-2027 Workplan for public review and comment. The public comment period closed after 45 days on October 30, 2023;
 - d. Carefully considered and responded to public comments received during the designated comment period and revised the Staff Report and FY 2024-2027 Workplan in response to these comments;
 - e. Held a public hearing on June 14, 2024, to receive oral comments on the proposed FY 2024-2027 Planning Program Workplan and Final Staff Report 2023 Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (Final Staff Report). Notice of the public hearing was sent to all known interested persons.
6. The North Coast Water Board has reviewed its water quality standards, implementation plans and policies and finds them appropriate, except as described in the Final Staff Report.
 7. As a result of its review, the North Coast Water Board has finalized its staffing priorities for proposed Basin Plan revisions in the proposed FY 2024-2027 Planning Program Workplan and as described in the Final Staff Report.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Regional Water Board, in fulfillment of the requirements described in Clean Water Act sections 303(c), (d), and (e) and in section 13240, Division 7 of the California Water Code, hereby approves the 2023 Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region, including the Final Staff Report and FY 2024-2027 Planning Program Workplan, which are incorporated herein and described in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2 of this Resolution.
2. The Basin Plan as it currently exists remains effective until such time as it is changed by formal North Coast Water Board action.

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Certification:

I, Valerie Quinto, Executive Officer do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, on June 14, 2024.

Valerie Quinto
Executive Officer