

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION
RESOLUTION NO. R9-2021-0116
ADOPTING A PRIORITIZED LIST OF SUGGESTED BASIN PLAN REVISIONS
DEVELOPED THROUGH THE
2021 BASIN PLAN REVIEW**

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) adopted a Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Region (Basin Plan) on September 8, 1994. The San Diego Water Board has updated and amended the Basin Plan numerous times since then in response to changes in regulation and other conditions. The Basin Plan was last updated in December 2020.
2. The Basin Plan includes definitions and designations of beneficial uses of waters in the San Diego Region, water quality objectives to protect those beneficial uses, implementation programs and prohibitions to achieve water quality objectives and protect beneficial uses, and reference to statewide plans and policies.
3. State and federal laws require review of the Basin Plan. 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. Water quality standards consist of beneficial use designations, water quality criteria (objectives) necessary to protect those uses, and anti-degradation provisions.
4. The San Diego Water Board has concluded its review of the Basin Plan. As part of its review, the San Diego Water Board:
 - a. Circulated a preliminary list of Basin Planning issues (Preliminary List) dated June 18, 2021, for public review and solicited suggestions from the public for potential revisions to water quality standards or other Basin Plan elements during a 60-day period (June 18, 2021 to August 17, 2021);
 - b. Held a public workshop on July 20, 2021, and a Tribal Summit on August 4, 2021, to provide information regarding the Preliminary List and inform the public and tribal community of the review process and encourage public participation;

- c. Carefully considered and responded to public comments received during the designated comment period and reviewed the “2021 Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin Staff Report and Prioritized List of Basin Planning Projects;”
- d. Held a public hearing on December 8, 2021, to receive oral comments regarding the Preliminary List and other aspects of the Basin Plan.

5. The following is a prioritized list of Basin Planning projects include in the Staff Report:

| Basin Plan Project | Priority Category |
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| Designation of Tribal Tradition and Culture (CUL), Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB), and Subsistence Fishing (SUB) Beneficial Uses to Surface Waters in the San Diego Region | 1 |
| Tijuana River Valley Water Quality Restoration | 1 |
| Biological Objectives for Water Bodies in the San Diego Region | 1 |
| Contact Water Recreation (REC-1) Water Quality Objectives | 2 |
| Evaluation of Water Quality Objectives for Total Dissolved Solids in the Middle San Juan and Middle Trabuco Groundwater Basins | 3 |
| Santa Margarita River Nutrient Total Maximum Daily Loads, Water Quality Restoration Plan | 3 |
| Review of Shelter Island Yacht Basin (SIYB) Copper TMDL and/or Implementation Plan | 4 |
| Impediments to Sustainable Local Water Supplies | 4 |

6. The San Diego Water Board notified all known interested persons of its intent to adopt the prioritized list of Basin Planning projects developed through the 2021 Basin Plan Review process, in fulfillment of state and federal requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The San Diego Water Board hereby adopts the *prioritized list of Basin Planning projects* as set forth in the accompanying Staff Report and certifies completion of the 2021 Basin Plan Review process.
- 2. The current Basin Plan remains in effect until the San Diego Water Board adopts specific revisions and the appropriate authorities review and approve of those changes.
- 3. Adoption of the *prioritized list of Basin Planning projects* does not preclude other Basin Plan revisions that may become necessary before the next review scheduled for 2024 and does not preclude Board consideration of lower priority revisions.

I, David W. Gibson, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, on December 8, 2021.

David W. Gibson
Executive Officer