## State of California Office of Administrative Law

In re:

**State Water Resources Control Board** 

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY **ACTION** 

**Regulatory Action:** 

**Government Code Section 11353** 

Title 23, California Code of Regulations

OAL File No. 2011-0505-01 S

Adopt section: 3929.6

This action approves the Central Coast Regional Board's plan to remove the shellfish harvesting beneficial use designation from the San Lorenzo River Estuary, prohibit the discharge of human and animal fecal waste on lands in the watershed, and establish the Total Maximum Daily Load for pathogens in the San Lorenzo River Estuary, San Lorenzo River, Branciforte Creek, Camp Evers Creek, Carbonera Creek and Lompico Creek.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11353 of the Government Code.

6/8/2011 Date:

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## **Concise Summary of Regulatory Provisions**

TITLE 23. Waters
Division 4. Regional Water Quality Control Boards
Chapter 1. Water Quality Control Plans, Policies, and Guidelines
Article 3. Central Coast Region

The following section 3929.6 is to be added to Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations:

Section 3929.6 – "San Lorenzo River Watershed Total Maximum Daily Loads and Implementation Plan for Fecal Coliform, Domestic Animal Waste Discharge Prohibition, Human Fecal Material Discharge Prohibition, and Shellfish Harvesting beneficial use removal from San Lorenzo River Estuary"

On May 8, 2009, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) adopted Resolution No. R3-2009-0023, amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coast Region. The State Water Resources Control Board approved the amendment under Resolution No. 2011-0010, on March 1, 2011.

Regional Board Resolution No. R3-2009-0023, establishes Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for fecal coliform in the San Lorenzo River Estuary, San Lorenzo River, Branciforte Creek, Camp Evers Creek, Carbonera Creek and Lompico Creek, adds the San Lorenzo River Watershed to the human fecal material discharge prohibition and the domestic animal waste discharge prohibition, and removes the shellfish beneficial use from the San Lorenzo River Estuary.

The Central Coast Water Board set wasteload and load allocations for subwatersheds, and numeric targets for receiving waters based on the Basin Plan water quality objectives for fecal coliform in waters supporting body contact recreation. Implementation of the TMDLs relies on compliance by non-point source dischargers with prohibitions against the discharge of domestic animal waste and human fecal material. Responsible parties will need to demonstrate compliance with the prohibitions through reporting to the Central Coast Water Board or its Executive Officer. Additionally, the Central Coast Water Board will rely upon existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits and Waste Discharge Requirements to ensure that implementing parties carry out implementation actions.

The Basin Plan amendment removes Shellfish Harvesting as a beneficial use in the San Lorenzo River Estuary. The Central Coast Water Board determined that this beneficial use designation was unsupportable based on background water quality, habitat conditions and the absence of any shellfish harvesting currently or historically in the Estuary.

Central Coast Water Board staff plan to conduct triennial reviews of implementation actions, monitoring results, and evaluations submitted by responsible parties of their progress towards achieving their allocations. The compliance schedule for achieving the TMDLs and the numeric target for fecal coliform concentration is 13 years after the TMDLs are approved by the Office of Administrative Law.