

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER R5-2015-0021

ADOPTING THE 2014 TRIENNIAL REVIEW AND WORK PLAN
FOR THE
TULARE LAKE BASIN

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (hereafter Central Valley Water Board) finds that:

1. In 1975 the Central Valley Water Board adopted the Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin (Basin Plan), which has been amended occasionally.
2. The Basin Plan contains the Tulare Lake Basin's beneficial uses, water quality objectives and implementation programs.
3. Section 303(c)(1) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) requires that water quality standards be reviewed at least every three years and section 13240 of the Water Code requires periodic review. This review is known as a Triennial Review.
4. In accordance with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) procedures for conducting a Triennial Review, Central Valley Water Board staff circulated a list of water quality issues and held 2 public workshops on 24 October 2012 in Fresno and 6 October 2012 in Rancho Cordova to receive public comment regarding the list and other potential issues.
5. Central Valley Water Board staff responded to all comments and developed a draft list of issues and a work plan to rank and address them.
6. The work plan lists water quality issues, the relative priority for investigating the issues, identifies which issues can be investigated with existing resources, and identifies additional issues along with the additional resources it will take to investigate and complete them.
7. The work plan and the responses to comments have been circulated to interested individuals and public agencies for review and additional comment.
8. Central Valley Water Board staff have responded to all additional written comments and revised the work plan as appropriate.

9. The Central Valley Water Board held a public hearing on 16 April 2015 in Fresno, California to receive public comment on the ranking of the issues and the proposed work plans for addressing them. Notice of the public hearing was sent to all interested persons consistent with state and federal environmental regulation (40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 25, and 40 CFR Part 131).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Central Valley Water Board hereby adopts the Triennial Review work plan in accordance with the requirements of section 303(c)(1) of the Clean Water Act and Water Code section 13240.
2. The Central Valley Water Board reaffirms its intent to address the priority issues identified during the Triennial Review process as described in the work plan, to the extent resources allow.
3. The areas of the Basin Plan not identified as needing investigation and possible revisions are hereby affirmed as adequate; however, this determination does not preclude the consideration of other issues for possible revision or amendment of the Basin Plans.
4. The entire Basin Plan shall remain in effect until such time that appropriate and specific amendments on priority issues are adopted by the Central Valley Water Board and approved by the appropriate review authorities.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, 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, Central Valley Region, on 16 April 2015.

Original Signed By
PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer