

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER R5-2018-0079

ADOPTING THE 2018 TRIENNIAL REVIEW AND WORK PLAN
FOR THE SACRAMENTO AND SAN JOAQUIN RIVERS BASINS AND 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 Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers Basins and the Tulare Lake Basin (Basin Plans), which has been amended occasionally.
2. The Basin Plans contain the beneficial uses, water quality objectives and implementation programs for the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers Basins and the Tulare Lake Basin.
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 16 August 2017 in Fresno and 23 August 2017 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 projects, along with a proposed prioritization process.
6. The Central Valley Water Board held a public workshop on 4 October 2018 to present criteria staff would use to help the Board prioritize basin planning projects associated with the 2018 Triennial Review. Oral and written public comments on the prioritization criteria were received leading up to and during the workshop.
7. Central Valley Water Board staff developed a work plan using the approved prioritization criteria and considering comments by the public and the Board to rank and address the proposed projects.

8. The work plan includes a review of Basin Plan Amendments since the 2014 Triennial Review, an overview of the proposed projects, available resources, and project prioritization and ranking.
9. The work plan and the responses to comments have been circulated to interested individuals and public agencies for review and additional comment.
10. Central Valley Water Board staff have responded to all additional written comments and revised the work plan as appropriate.
11. The Central Valley Water Board held a public hearing on 6 December 2018 in Rancho Cordova, California to receive public comment on the ranking of the projects and the proposed work plan. 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 projects 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, PATRICK PULUPA, 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 6 December 2018.

Original signed by Patrick Pulupa
PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer