

**State of California
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region**

RESOLUTION NO. 00-010

**Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region
to Incorporate the Trash Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the East Fork of
the San Gabriel River**

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (hereinafter Regional Board), finds that:

1. The Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) requires the Regional Board to develop Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for each impaired water body found within its region. Specifically, Section 303(d)(1)(A) of the Clean Water Act requires that: "Each state shall identify those waters within its boundaries for which the effluent limitations . . . that are not stringent enough to implement any water quality standard applicable to such waters."
2. The East Fork of the San Gabriel River (East Fork) is located in the Angeles National Forest, Los Angeles County, California. It is located about three miles north of the City of Azusa and is one of the few pristine forests with such close proximity to a highly urbanized area. This has resulted in very heavy recreational use of this area.
3. The Regional Board determined that the level of trash in the East Fork exceeded the existing Water Quality Standards (WQS) necessary to protect the beneficial uses of the river. This determination was made after periodic field surveys conducted by Regional Board staff. Based upon Regional Board staff findings, the East Fork was listed on California's Draft 1996 Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d) list as water quality impaired due to trash.
4. Upon establishment of the TMDL, the Regional Board is required to incorporate the regulatory elements of the TMDL, along with the appropriate implementation measures, into the Regional Board's Water Quality Control Plan, often referred to as "Basin Plan" (40 CFR 130.6(c)(1), 130.7).
5. On October 28, 1999, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted Resolution No. R99-15, "Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region to Incorporate a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the East Fork San Gabriel River."
6. Resolution No. R99-15 was submitted to the State Board on February 9, 2000 for approval. Extensive review by staff for technical, policy, and legal consistency considerations followed. Based on the State Board review and comments, revisions were made in regards to TMDL implementation dates.

7. The basin planning process has been certified as functionally equivalent to the California Environmental Quality Act requirements for preparing environmental documents and is, therefore, exempt from those requirements (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.)

THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

1. The Regional Board hereby amends the East Fork San Gabriel River TMDL dated October 28, 1999 to change the dates by which the United States Forest Service (USFS) must submit an implementation plan to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (see Attachment 1). As amended, the subject TMDL specifies that the USFS shall submit the Implementation Plan within 60 days of the effective date of the amendment, and shall commence implementation and monitoring within 90 days of the effective date of the amendment.
2. Pursuant to Section 13240 of the California Water Code, the Regional Board hereby amends the Los Angeles Region's Water Quality Control Plan to include a modification of the TMDL Summary Table for Chapter 7 (Attachment 2).

I, Dennis A. Dickerson, 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, Los Angeles Region, on May 25, 2000.



Dennis A. Dickerson
Executive Officer