

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Resolution No. R1-2007-0076

Adoption of a Priority List and Workplan Outlining Potential Basin Planning Issues in
Fulfillment of the 2007 Triennial Review of the
Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board), adopted the Water Quality Control Plans (Basin Plans) for the Klamath River Basin (1A) and the North Coastal Basin (1B) and their abstracts on March 20, 1975. The abstracts of the Klamath River Basin Plan (1A) and the North Coastal Basin Plan (1B) were combined to form *the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region* (Basin Plan) on April 28, 1988. The Regional Water Board has updated and amended the Basin Plan numerous times since then in response to changes in regulation and other conditions.

WHEREAS, the Basin Plan includes definitions and designations of beneficial uses of water, water quality objectives necessary to protect those beneficial uses, implementation plans to control point and nonpoint sources of discharges, acknowledgement of and coordination with statewide plans and policies and a surveillance and monitoring component; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Board is responsible for adopting water quality standards (beneficial uses and objectives) and implementation plans and for modifying such standards and plans, as appropriate, under the provisions of Sections 303(c), (d), and (e) of the Federal Clean Water Act and Section 13240, Division 7 of the California Code of Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Board conducted a public workshop on July 25, 2007 and a public hearing on October 25, 2007, for the purpose of soliciting comments regarding needed revisions to the Basin Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Board staff has reviewed and carefully considered all comments and testimony received; and has prepared a Priority List of Basin Planning Issues that will be acted upon during the 2007 to 2010 planning cycle; and

WHEREAS, the issues on this list were prioritized, by fiscal year, to reflect both water quality concerns and the availability of resources; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Board has reviewed its water quality standards and implementation plans and finds them appropriate with the exception of those issues identified on the 2007 Triennial Review Priority List and Workplan (Attachment 1).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional Water Board, in fulfillment of the requirements described in Sections 303(c), (d), and (e), of the Clean Water Act, and in Section 13240, Division 7 of the California Code of Regulations, hereby approves the Priority List of Basin Planning Issues which is incorporated herein and described in Attachment 1 of this Resolution.

ALSO, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Basin Plan as it currently exists remains effective until such time as it is changed by formal Regional Water Board action.

Certification

I, Robert R. Klamt, Interim 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, North Coast Region, on October 25, 2007.

Original signed by

Robert R. Klamt
Interim Executive Officer

2007 Triennial Review Priority List and Workplan

Rank	Issue Description	Estimated Basin Planning Staff Resources			
		FY 07-08	FY 08-09	FY 09-10	Total PYs
		[Bracketed resources are provided by programs other than Basin Planning]			
1	Adopt TMDL Implementation Strategies (add TMDL Action Plans for the Klamath, Elk, & Freshwater)	[3.0]	[3.0]	[3.0]	[9.0]
2	Complete Regionwide Excess Sediment Amendment	0.5	-	-	0.5
3	Complete Stream and Wetland System Policy	0.2 [1.0]	0.1 [0.8]	-	2.1
4	Complete Low Threat Discharge Amendment	0.4 [0.35]	0.05	-	0.8
5	Complete Editorial Amendment	0.3	0.1	-	0.4
6	Adopt Narrative Objective for Groundwater - Surface Water Policy (including update of groundwater objectives and implementation language)	-	0.3	0.3	0.6
7	Revise DO Objectives	[0.2]	[0.4]	-	0.6
8	Adopt Freshwater Bacteria Objectives		0.2	0.45	0.65
9	Update Policy on the Regulation of Fish Hatcheries, Fish Rearing Facilities, and Aquaculture Operations	[0.5]	[1.0]	[0.5]	2.45
10	Adopt Instream Flow Objective	[0.2]	[0.1]		0.3
11	Adopt Exemption Criteria for Restoration Projects	-	0.25	0.1	0.35
12	Adopt Policy for Mixing Zones	-	0.4	0.1	0.5
13	Reevaluate Temperature Objectives to Ensure Protection of Aquatic Life*	-	0.1	0.1	0.2
14	Update Beneficial Uses Chapter (Table 2.1)*	-	-	0.25	0.25
15	Consider Ammonia Objectives*	-	-	0.1	0.1

Rank	Issue Description	FY 07-08	FY 08-09	FY 09-10	Total PYs
16	Consider Update of Nutrient Objectives*				
17	Adopt Road Management Policy				
18	Designate Wild and Scenic River Segments as Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRWs)				
19	Adopt Chlorine Objectives				
20	Adopt Biocriteria Objectives				
21	Evaluate Objective for Turbidity*				
22	Revise Onsite Wastewater Policy				
23	Revise Fluoride Water Quality Objectives				
24	Adopt Mercury Implementation Policy				
25	Consider Endocrine Disruptors and Objectives				
26	Revision to Herbicide Application Policy				
27	Address Composting Operations				
28	Consider Seasonal Beneficial Uses and Objectives				
29	Update Garcia River TMDL Action Plan				
	SUBTOTAL: Resources needed to address Triennial Review issues	6.65	7.0	5.15	18.8
	Resources used for conducting Triennial Review *	0.3	-	0.05	0.35
	Funding supported by TMDL Resources	3.4	3.5	3.0	9.9
	Funding supported by Core-Regulatory Resources	0.35	-	-	0.35
	Funding supported by External Resources	1.5	1.8	0.5	3.8
	<u>Total Triennial Review Resources Needed (1.7 available)</u> (Subtotal resources for Triennial Review, less resources provided by other funding).	1.7	1.7	1.7	5.1

Issues 1 – 15 = High Priority
Issues 16 – 22 = Medium Priority
Issues 23 – 29 = Low Priority

* research & investigation phase only
+ funds for conducting Triennial Review added to Subtotal
gray shading indicates available PY funding over 3 fiscal years

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