State of California Office of Administrative Law

In re:

State Water Resources Control Board

Regulatory Action:

Title 23, California Code of Regulations

Adopt sections: 3909.4 Amend sections: Repeal sections: NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY ACTION

Government Code Section 11353

OAL Matter Number: 2016-0603-06

OAL Matter Type: Regular (S)

State Water Resources Control Board Resolution 2016-0009, adopted February 16, 2016, amended the North Coast Basin Plan. The amendments (1) update water quality objectives for chemical constituents and dissolved oxygen; (2) adopt a water quality objective for groundwater toxicity; (3) revise numeric and narrative objectives; and (4) make changes without regulatory effect.

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

Date: July 18, 2016

Mark Storm Senior Attorney

For: Debra M. Cornez Director

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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 1. North Coast Region §3900. Water Quality Control Plan

The following §3909.4 is to be added to Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations:

§3909.4 "Water Quality Objective Update Amendment and Non-Regulatory Revisions"

- (a) On June 18, 2015, the North Coast Water Board adopted Resolution No. R1-2015-0013 to make nonsubstantive revisions to Section 1 (Introduction) and 5 (Plans and Policies) amending the Basin Plan. The purpose of the editorial amendments is to make the Basin Plan more user-friendly through nonregulatory language changes such as grammatical corrections, section reordering corrections, and updated language. On February 16, 2016, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) approved the amendment under Resolution No. 2016-0009.
- (b) On June 18, 2015, the North Coast Water Board adopted Resolution No. R1-2015-0018 to update Section 3 (Water Quality Objectives) of the Basin Plan. The amendment includes updates to the existing water quality objectives for chemical constituents and dissolved oxygen. Additionally, a new water quality objective for groundwater toxicity was adopted. The amendment revises outdated numeric values, revises narrative objectives for consistency, and clarifies the application of narrative water quality objectives. On February 16, 2016, the State Water Board approved the amendment under Resolution No. 2016-0009.