

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

**RESOLUTION NO. R 99-15**

**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**

**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. As part of an agreement between the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Regional Board regarding Waste Discharge Requirements for the San Gabriel Canyon Sediment Management Plan, DPW agreed to initiate development of a TMDL. A draft TMDL was completed in August 1998. The Regional Board held a public workshop on April 13, 1999 to solicit public comments on the TMDL.
5. In response to comments, Regional Board staff prepared a revised draft TMDL. This revised draft was mailed out for public comments on August 2, 1999.
6. After receiving comments on the August 2, 1999 draft, Regional Board staff revised the TMDL. This TMDL incorporates elements that address the statutory and regulatory requirements for a TMDL along with needed documentation of the basis for the TMDL. These elements include: an assessment of the pollutant problems and

impacts on the beneficial uses, development of instream numeric targets that interpret and apply the applicable water quality standards, an assessment of the sources of the pollutant, and estimation of loading capacity and associated load allocations to meet water quality standards.

7. 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).
8. 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 adopts the attached East Fork San Gabriel River TMDL dated October 28, 1999 (Attachment 1).
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) A modification of the Table of Contents (Attachment 2)
  - b) Introductory text for Chapter 7 (Attachment 3)
  - c) A TMDL Summary Table for Chapter 7 (Attachment 4)

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 October 28, 1999.



Dennis A. Dickerson  
Executive Officer