

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2000 - 054

APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY
CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION
INCORPORATING A TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD FOR
TRASH FOR THE EAST FORK OF THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (LARWQCB), adopted a revised Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan) on June 13, 1994, which was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on November 17, 1994 and by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on February 23, 1995.
2. On October 28, 1999 the LARWQCB adopted Resolution No. 99-15 (Attachment A) amending the Basin Plan by establishing a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for trash for the East Fork of the San Gabriel River (Trash TMDL). On May 25, 2000, the LARWQCB adopted Resolution No. 00-10 (Attachment B), which revised the TMDL implementation dates contained within Resolution No. 99-15.
3. The SWRCB finds that the Trash TMDL is in conformance with the requirements for TMDL development specified in Section 303(e) of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and SWRCB Resolution No. 68-16 (Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality of Waters in California).
4. The LARWQCB staff prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and other State laws and regulations.
5. The SWRCB will work with the California Department of Fish and Game to ensure that threatened or endangered species are protected, pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2055.
6. A Basin Plan amendment does not become effective until approved by the SWRCB and until the regulatory provisions are approved by OAL and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The SWRCB:

1. Approves LARWQCB Resolution No. 99-15, as amended by LARWQCB Resolution No. 00-10, which amends the Water Quality Plan for the Los Angeles Region with the following understandings:
 - (a) Under existing law, the numeric target of "no trash in the river" is established in order to generate load allocations for the TMDL in order to bring the water body into compliance with water quality standards.
 - (b) Under existing law, the LARWQCB can take enforcement action, consistent with this TMDL, for actual or threatened trash discharges to the East Fork San Gabriel River that violate applicable water quality standards for trash. The applicable standards contain narrative objectives prohibiting floating, solid, suspended or settleable materials in the receiving waters in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses. In addition, the LARWQCB can take enforcement action if the USFS fails to submit the TMDL Implementation Plan or fails to conduct the monitoring required under this TMDL.
2. Authorizes staff to submit the regulatory provisions of LARWQCB Resolution No. 99-15, as amended by LARWQCB Resolution No. 00-10, to OAL for approval.
3. Authorizes staff to submit LARWQCB Resolution No. 99-15, as amended by LARWQCB Resolution No. 00-10, to U.S. EPA for approval, upon approval by OAL.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on June 15, 2000.

/s/

Maureen Marché

Administrative Assistant to the Board