

ITEM: 11

SUBJECT: Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plans for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins and the Tulare Lake Basin Regarding Onsite Wastewater System Implementation Program

BOARD ACTION: Consideration of Resolution Adopting Proposed Amendments

BACKGROUND: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), on 19 June 2012, adopted the Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS Policy). The OWTS Policy includes a conditional waiver of the requirements to submit a report of waste discharge, obtain waste discharge requirements, and pay fees for discharges from onsite wastewater systems covered by the OWTS Policy. The OWTS Policy requires all regional water boards to incorporate the policy into their respective basin plans within one year of the effective date of the policy. In addition, Water Code section 13291(e) imposes the same incorporation requirement, and Water Code section 13240 requires regional water board's water quality control plans to conform to any state policy for water quality control.

The proposed amendments will revise the Implementation Program of each Basin Plan to replace references to the current septic tank guidelines with a reference to the OWTS Policy. The proposed amendments will also delete the current septic tank guidelines from each Basin Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed basin plan amendments.

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