



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Valley Region

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### TRANSMITTAL OF NOTICE OF DECISION AND CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION FOR BASIN PLAN AMENDMENTS FOR THE CONTROL PROGRAM FOR FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DISSOLVED OXYGEN IMPAIRMENT IN THE STOCKTON DEEP WATER SHIP CHANNEL

The Office of Administrative Law has recently approved the above-referenced amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins (Basin Plan). The purpose of these amendments is to establish a control program for factors contributing to the dissolved oxygen impairment in the Stockton Deep Water Ship Channel (map attached). These amendments are based on information contained in a Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) report.

The Water Quality Control Planning Program of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and the Regional Water Quality Control Boards has been certified as meeting the requirements under section 21080.5 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Completion of the CEQA review process for the environmental documents prepared for Basin Plan amendments requires filing of a "Notice of Decision" and a Certificate of Fee Exemption with the Secretary for Resources. Enclosed are (1) a map of the Stockton Deep Water Ship Channel, (2) the Notice of Decision, (3) the Certificate of Fee Exemption/De Minimis Impact Finding, (4) Central Valley Water Board Resolution No. R5-2005-0005, and (5) the CEQA environmental checklist from the Basin Plan amendment staff report.

The Basin Plan amendments were adopted by the Central Valley Water Board on 27 January 2005 in Resolution No. R5-2005-0005. The State Water Board approved the amendments on 16 November 2005 in Resolution No. 2005-0086. The California Office of Administrative Law approved the amendments on 4 August 2006.

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Should you have any questions regarding these amendments, please contact Jennifer Heyd at (916) 464-4735 or [jheyd@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jheyd@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Enclosures: DWSC Map  
Notice of Decision  
Certificate of Fee Exemption/De Minimis Impact Finding  
Central Valley Water Board Resolution No. R5-2005-0005  
CEQA Environmental Checklist

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