

State of California
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego Region

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT
April 12, 2006

ITEM: 9

SUBJECT: Public Hearing: Amendment to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (9)* to edit and reformat text, and update graphics (Basin Plan Issue No. 1); and a revision to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (9)* to reinstate text on “controllable water quality factors.” (Tentative Resolution No. R9-2006-0029). (*Linda Parady*).

PURPOSE: The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Water Board) will hear public testimony and receive comments on the Tentative Resolution. After the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will close the public comment period, deliberate and consider adoption of the Tentative Resolution.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Notice of the public hearing (Supporting Document 1) was provided by e-mail and regular mail distribution to interested persons on February 21, 2006, and by newspaper publication in the Orange County Register, the Riverside Press-Enterprise, and the San Diego Union Tribune on February 24, 2006, and by agenda notice for the Wednesday, April 12, 2006 meeting of the Regional Water Board.

The technical report (Supporting Document 2) and appendices (Supporting Document 3) have been available in draft form for public review at the Regional Water Board office, and on the Regional Water Board website since February 27, 2006, 45-days in advance of the public hearing.

Federal Clean Water Act regulations [40 CFR 25.5] require the Regional Water Board to provide notice of a proposed basin plan amendment to all interested parties at least 45-days in advance of the public hearing.

DISCUSSION: The proposed amendment makes three types of changes: (1) editorial text changes; (2) graphic updates; and (3) corrections of identified errors. The amendment includes no regulatory changes. The editorial text changes include updates of indices, tables of contents, and page footers. This was done to improve consistency of

the text language, and improve information accessibility to the reader. In addition, acronyms have been updated to reflect terms now in use.

Many of the graphics in the 1994 Basin Plan did not translate well to electronic format. Therefore, the graphics in the 1994 version of the Basin Plan have been deleted, and new graphics, including photographs have been added. A number of errors needing correction were found in Basin Plan text. This amendment deletes identified errors and out-of-date text, and adds new text to correct and clarify the Basin Plan.

In a separate action, Chapter 3 is revised to reinstate text on “controllable water quality factors.” This proposed revision is non-regulatory, and is authorized under Title 1 of the California Code of Regulations, section 100 of the Office of Administrative Law regulations governing administrative rulemaking and is not part of the Basin Plan amendment.

This amendment does not require scientific peer review or a CEQA analysis because the amendment consists of non-substantive editorial changes only. The editorial changes are intended solely to improve the readability of the Basin Plan and to revise out-of-date information. There are no changes to beneficial uses, water quality objectives, or implementation plans.

The public workshop was conducted on March 27, 2006. No public comments have been received.

KEY ISSUES:

1. This Basin Plan amendment is not controversial. The revisions to the Basin Plan are merely editorial text changes, graphic updates, or corrections of identified errors.
2. Publication of the Basin Plan will be exclusively in portable document format (pdf) on our website. Paper copies of the Basin Plan will no longer be published following approval of this amendment and revision. We will continue to sell paper copies of the Basin Plan map.

LEGAL CONCERNS:

None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Notice of Public Workshop and Notice of Public Hearing.
2. Technical Report.
3. Appendix 1 to the Technical Report. Tentative Resolution No. R9-2006-0029 and attachments.

Attachment A - Amendment to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (9)* to edit and reformat

text, and update graphics.

Attachment B - Revision to reinstate text on “controllable water quality factors.”

Attachment C - Basin Plan amendment showing “clean copy.”

Attachment D - Basin Plan amendment showing changes in underline and strikeout.

RECOMMENDATION: Close the public comment period and adopt Tentative Resolution No. R9-2006-0029.