

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Santa Ana Region

RESOLUTION NO. R8-2012-0052

Resolution Approving Revised Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake Nutrient Total Maximum
Daily Loads Monitoring Program

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (hereinafter Regional Board), finds that:

1. An updated Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan) was adopted by the Regional Board on March 11, 1994, approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on July 21, 1994, and approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on January 24, 1995.
2. Amendments to the Basin Plan to incorporate Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake Nutrient Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) were approved by the Regional Board on December 20, 2004, by the State Water Resources Control Board on May 19, 2005, by the Office of Administrative Law on July 26, 2005 and by the US Environmental Protection Agency on September 30, 2005.
3. The Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake Nutrient TMDLs were developed in accordance with Clean Water Act Section 303(d) and Water Code Section 13240 *et seq.* The TMDLs are incorporated in Chapter 5 "Implementation", of the Basin Plan.
4. Responsible agencies and dischargers in the Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake watershed have formed a Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force (TMDL Task Force). The TMDL Task Force members are working jointly to implement requirements of the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake Nutrient TMDLs. TMDL Task Force members include the following agencies/parties: the US Air Force (March Air Reserve Base), March Joint Powers Authority, California Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans), California Dept. of Fish and Game, the County of Riverside, the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Eastern Municipal Water District, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, Western Riverside County Agricultural Coalition, and the cities of Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, Menifee, Wildomar, Hemet, San Jacinto, Perris, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Riverside and Beaumont. The TMDL Task Force is administered by the Lake Elsinore and San Jacinto Watershed Authority (LESJWA).
5. The US Forest Service, also named as a responsible agency in the TMDL, is not a TMDL Task Force member.
6. The Regional Board is a signatory to the Task Force Agreement and serves as an advisory member to the TMDL Task Force.
7. In compliance with the Monitoring Requirements of the TMDL of the TMDLs (Task 4), the TMDL Task Force submitted by December 31, 2005, proposed water quality monitoring plans for conducting watershed-wide nutrient monitoring and Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake in-lake nutrient monitoring. The plans also specified an annual reporting date of August 15 of each year for reporting the results of the monitoring

programs. These monitoring plans were approved by the Regional Board on March 3, 2006 (Resolution No. R8-2006-0031) and were revised March 4, 2011 (Resolution No. R8-2011-0023).

8. In compliance with requirements specified in the Riverside County Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System permit Monitoring and Reporting Program ("MS4" permit (Order No. R8-2010-0033, NPDES No. CAS 618033), the co-permittees are required to implement the Regional Water Board approved TMDL monitoring program and any subsequent revisions.
9. In compliance with requirements specified in the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD) (Order No. R8-2005-0003, NPDES No. CAS 8000027), EVMWD is required to implement the Regional Water Board approved TMDL monitoring program and any subsequent revisions.
10. The TMDL Task Force (including EVMWD and the MS4 co-permittees) have requested that the Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore in-lake monitoring program be temporarily suspended to achieve cost savings that will be applied to implementing on-the-ground projects aimed at reducing nutrient impacts in Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore.
11. The Regional Board has reviewed the proposed LESJWA, EVMWD and the MS4 co-permittees' monitoring request and finds that they continue to comply with the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake Nutrient TMDLs specified in the Basin Plan.
12. It is appropriate to require that an updated Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) be submitted that reflect the revised monitoring programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Regional Board approves the temporary suspension of the TMDL in-lake Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore monitoring programs as requested by LESJWA on behalf of the TMDL Task Force (letter dated September 13, 2012), EVMWD (letter dated September 18, 2012) and the MS4 co-permittees (letter dated October 4, 2012).
2. The revised monitoring complies with Task 4 of the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake Nutrient TMDLs specified in the Basin Plan.
3. An updated Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) shall be submitted by January 31, 2013.
4. Pursuant to Task 4 of the Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake Nutrient TMDLs, each member of the TMDL Task Force shall continue to implement the revised Monitoring and Reporting Program.
5. Pursuant to Order No. 2005-0003, EVMWD shall continue to implement the revised Monitoring and Reporting Program.

6. Pursuant to Order No. R8-2010-0033, the Riverside County stormwater co-permittees shall continue to implement the revised Monitoring and Reporting Program.
7. Annual reports shall continue to be submitted by August 15 of each year.

I, Kurt V. Berchtold, 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, Santa Ana Region, on October 26, 2012.



Kurt. V. Berchtold
Executive Officer