

## Notice of Decision

**TO:** Mr. John Laird  
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**FROM:** State Water Resources Control Board  
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**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Decision in compliance with section 21080.5  
of the Public Resources Code

**PROJECT TITLE:** Amendment to the Water Quality Control Policy on the Use of Coastal  
and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling

**LOCATION:** California Coastal and Estuarine Areas

**DESCRIPTION:** State Water Board Resolution No. 2011-0033 amended deadlines for the  
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to comply with the  
implementation schedule in the Statewide Water Quality Control Policy on  
the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling (policy).  
The amendment to the Policy also requires specified fossil-fueled power  
plants that are not able to comply by December 31, 2022 to install  
devices by December 31, 2020 that will minimize environmental impacts  
caused by once through cooling.

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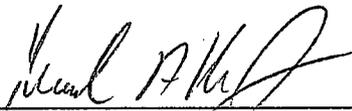
This Notice of Decision is to advise that the State Water Board has determined that Resolution No. 2011-0033, adopted on July 19, 2011, has been fully approved. The amendment was approved by the California Office of Administrative Law on March 12, 2012 (see Attachment B for the approval letter).

The State Water Board has made the following determinations regarding the above-referenced project:

1. The State Water Board found that the project would have a less than significant effect on the environment, if mitigated, after evaluating impacts, alternatives and mitigation measures.

2. A substitute equivalent document was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (see the State Water Board's web page at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/npdes/cwa316.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/npdes/cwa316.shtml)).
3. The Policy Amendment incorporates mitigation measures that will reduce any adverse effects on the environment to an insignificant level.
4. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The final environmental document, with comments and responses and record of project approval, is available to the general public at the State Water Board's office at 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.



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