



Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF NOTICE OF DECISION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL COASTAL BASIN TO ESTABLISH TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS FOR ORGANOPHOSPHATE PESTICIDES AND TOXICITY IN THE LOWER SALINAS RIVER WATERSHED, MONTEREY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

On June 21, 2024, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) adopted [Resolution R3-2024-0002](#), amending the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin* (Basin Plan) to incorporate Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) with an associated implementation strategy for reducing organophosphate pesticide loading to surface waters in the lower Salinas River watershed in Monterey County, California. This action by the Central Coast Water Board was subsequently approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) by [Resolution Number 2025-0031](#) on October 7, 2025, and by the Office of Administrative Law on February 25, 2026.

The water quality control planning program of the State Water Board and the Regional Water Quality Control Boards is certified as an exempt regulatory program in accordance with section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Completion of the planning process involves the payment of environmental document filing fees to the Department of Fish and Wildlife and subsequent filing of a Notice of Decision (rather than a Notice of Determination) with the California Natural Resources Agency.

JANE GRAY, CHAIR | RYAN E. LODGE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Attached are copies of the Notice of Decision, and a cash receipt from the Department of Fish and Wildlife showing the Central Coast Water Board submitted the environmental document filing fee. Also attached are copies of the Central Coast Water Board's Resolution Number R3-2024-0002, State Water Board Resolution Number 2025-0031, and the CEQA Environmental Checklist and Analysis. Please date stamp, scan, and electronically return the receipt of the Notice of Decision for the State Water Board's records.

Should you have any questions regarding this Basin Plan amendment, please contact Keara Tuso at (805) 549-3877 or by e-mail keara.tuso@waterboards.ca.gov.

Attachments:

1. Notice of Decision
2. Department of Fish and Wildlife Environmental Document Filing Fee Receipt
3. Central Coast Water Board Resolution Number R3-2024-0002
4. State Water Board Resolution Number 2025-0031
5. CEQA Environmental Checklist and Analysis

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