



Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF NOTICE OF DECISION FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SANTA ANA RIVER BASIN TO INCORPORATE TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS FOR COPPER FOR NEWPORT BAY, ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

On December 2, 2022, the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted [Resolution No. R8-2022-0012](#) to incorporate Copper Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Newport Bay, Orange County, California into the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (the Basin Plan Amendment). The State Water Resources Control Board approved the Basin Plan Amendment under [Resolution No. 2025-0023](#) on August 5, 2025. On April 28, 2026, the Office of Administrative Law approved the [Regulatory Provisions](#) for the Newport Bay Copper TMDLs.

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.

Attached are copies of the Notice of Decision, and a cash receipt from the Department of Fish and Wildlife showing the Santa Ana Regional Water Board submitted the environmental document filing fee. Also attached are copies of the Santa Ana Water

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Board's [Resolution No. R8-2022-0012](#), State Board [Resolution No. 2025-0023](#), and the Substitute Environmental Document (that includes 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 Lauren Hubbell at (951) 320-6375 or by email at lauren.hubbell@waterboards.ca.gov.

Attachments:

1. Notice of Decision
2. Department of Fish and Wildlife Environmental Document Filing Fee Receipt
3. Santa Ana Water Board Resolution No. R8-2022-0012
4. State Water Board Resolution No. 2025-0023
5. Substitute Environmental Document (including CEQA Environmental Checklist and Analysis)

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