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## San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**SUBJECT:** ELECTRONIC TRANSMITTAL OF NOTICE OF DECISION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION TO ESTABLISH CHLORINE WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES AND TO REPLACE TOTAL RESIDUAL CHLORINE TECHNOLOGY-BASED EFFLUENT LIMITATION WITH WATER QUALITY-BASED EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

On November 18, 2020, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) adopted Resolution R2-2020-0031 to amend the Water Quality Control Plan to establish chlorine water quality objectives and to replace total residual chlorine technology-based effluent limit with water quality-based effluent limits (Basin Plan amendment). The Basin Plan amendment was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) in Resolution 2021-0016 on May 18, 2021 and the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on October 22, 2021.

The Water Quality Control Planning Program of the State Water Board and the Regional Water Quality Control Boards is a certified regulatory program under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as provided in section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code. A Basin Plan amendment approved under a certified regulatory program is not final until the State Water Board files with the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency a Notice of Decision and either the Department of Fish and Wildlife's (DFW) written "No Effect" Determination or a receipt of payment of the DFW CEQA filing fee.

Attached are the Notice of Decision, DFW Receipt of Payment of CEQA Filing Fee, the OAL approval letter, Regional Water Board Resolution R2-2020-0031, which includes the Basin Plan amendment, the Environmental Checklist, and the State Water Board Resolution No. 2021-0016 approving the Basin Plan amendment.

Should you have any questions regarding this Basin Plan amendment, please contact Tong Yin at [Tong.Yin@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Tong.Yin@waterboards.ca.gov).

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**Attachments**

Notice of Decision

DFW CEQA Filing Fee Receipt

OAL Approval Letter

San Francisco Bay Water Board Resolution R2-2020-0031

Environment Checklist (Appendix B of the attached Staff Report, starting on Page 42)

State Water Board Resolution 2021-0016

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