
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice of Decision

TO: Mr. Wade Crowfoot
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Decision in compliance with
section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code

**PROJECT
PROPONENT:** Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

PROJECT TITLE: Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central
Coastal Basin to Establish Total Maximum Daily Loads for
Turbidity in the Gabilan Creek Watershed

LOCATION: Gabilan Creek Watershed, Monterey County

DESCRIPTION: The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
(Central Coast Water Board) adopted this amendment to the
Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin (Basin
Plan Amendment) via Resolution No. R3-2022-0002 at the
February 18, 2022 Board meeting. The State Water Resources
Control Board approved the Basin Pan amendment through
Resolution No. 2022-0023 on June 7, 2022, and the Basin Plan
amendment was subsequently approved by the Office of
Administrative Law on December 8, 2022.

This Basin Pan amendment establishes Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for turbidity and an implementation strategy to restore water quality in the Gabilan Creek watershed.

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TMDLs are a requirement of the federal Clean Water Act, and waterbodies assigned TMDLs in this Basin Plan amendment include Alisal Creek, Alisal Slough, Espinosa Slough, Gabilan Creek, Merritt Ditch, Natividad Creek, Old Salinas River, Salinas Reclamation Canal, and Tembladero Slough.

The Basin Plan amendment identifies the parties responsible for achieving pollutant load reductions. The Central Coast Water Board is relying on existing regulatory measures (i.e., the Agricultural Order and stormwater NPDES permits), as well as nonpoint source implementation plans and policies, to ensure implementation actions are carried out by the responsible parties.

Milestones are established for achieving the TMDLs, and the Central Coast Water Board will track progress towards achieving the TMDLs through review of implementation actions and monitoring. If existing efforts are not expected to achieve the TMDLs, the Executive Officer or the Central Coast Water Board may require changes to existing monitoring, reporting, or implementation efforts pursuant to California Water Code sections 13263, 13267 or 13383.

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This is to advise that the Central Coast Water Board concludes that this Basin Plan amendment will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and has made the following determination regarding this project:

The project has been: X approved
 disapproved

 For Matthew T. Keeling
 Executive Officer

12/20/2022
 Date