

# Notice of Decision

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**FROM:** California Regional Water Quality 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 Plan for the Los Angeles Region to incorporate a Total Maximum Daily Load for Indicator Bacteria in Los Cerritos Channel and Estuary, Alamitos Bay, and Colorado Lagoon, and to Suspend the Recreational Uses in Los Cerritos Channel during Unsafe Wet Weather Conditions

**LOCATION:** Los Angeles Region (coastal watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties)

**DESCRIPTION:** On March 10, 2022, the Los Angeles Water Board adopted an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan) to incorporate a total maximum daily load for indicator bacteria in Los Cerritos Channel and Estuary, Alamitos Bay, and Colorado Lagoon, and to suspend the recreational uses in Los Cerritos Channel during unsafe wet weather conditions (Resolution No. R22-002). The Basin Plan amendment was subsequently approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on December 6, 2022 (SWRCB Resolution No. 2022-0053), and the Office of Administrative Law on September 19, 2023 (OAL File No. 2023-0804-03 S).

The Los Angeles Water Board has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project may have a significant effect on the environment depending upon the manner of compliance selected by responsible parties.
2. Substitute environmental documents (SED) were prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The substitute documents include the Basin Plan Amendment, the Staff Report, the Substitute Environmental Document, and the Responses to Comments.
3. Mitigation measures were analyzed in compliance with Public Resources Code section 21159.
4. A statement of overriding considerations was adopted for this project.
5. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

