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 NITROGEN COMPOUNDS IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER BASIN**

On June 22, 2023, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) adopted Resolution Number R3-2023-0003 to amend the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin (Basin Plan) to establish Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for nitrogen compounds in the Santa Ynez River Basin, Santa Barbara County. This action by the Central Coast Water Board was subsequently approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) by Resolution Number 2024-0004 on January 17, 2024, and by the Office of Administrative Law on May 1, 2024.

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 Central Coast Water Board submitted the environmental document filling fee. Also attached are copies of the Central Coast Water Board's Resolution Number R3-2023-0003, State Board Resolution Number 2024-0004, 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 Jamie Pratt at (805) 549-3761 or by e-mail jamie.pratt@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 R3-2023-0003
4. State Water Board Resolution Number 2024-0004
5. CEQA Environmental Checklist and Analysis

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