

Notice of Decision

TO: Wade Crowfoot
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FROM: San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
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SUBJECT: Filing and Notice of Decision in compliance with section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code

PROJECT PROPONENT: San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

PROJECT TITLE: Amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin to Address NPDES Permitting Needs

LOCATION: Inland surface waters, enclosed bays and estuaries of the San Francisco Bay region

DESCRIPTION: On December 13, 2023, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (San Francisco Bay Water Board) adopted Resolution No. R2-2023-0026, amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Region (Basin Plan). On April 17, 2024, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) approved the amendment under Resolution No. 2024-0013. On July 22, 2024, the Office of Administrative Law approved the regulatory action in OAL Matter 2024-0607-02S.

The Basin Plan amendment is to 1) correct errors in freshwater objective calculation formulas for selected metals to be consistent with the California Toxics Rule and National Toxics Rule, 2) clarify that other applicable policies, regulations, and guidance aside from the State Implementation Policy may be used when developing dilution credits for non-priority pollutants; 3) allow establishment of alternative cyanide dilution credits and mercury concentration triggers to accommodate water recycling projects or to reflect material and substantial changes in wastewater treatment operations and conditions; and 4) make minor editorial changes to Table 3-4, to add clarifications, update obsolete information, and improve formatting.

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This is to advise that the State Water Board has made the following determination regarding the project described above:

The project has been: Approved
 Disapproved

Eileen White
Executive Officer

Date received for filing: _____