





Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice of Decision

- TO: Mr. Wade Crowfoot Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311 Sacramento, CA 95814
- FROM: Matthew T. Keeling Executive Officer Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101 San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
- **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 Adopt a Total Maximum Daily Load for Total Phosphorus to Address Cyanobacteria Blooms in Pinto Lake and a TMDL Implementation Strategy for the Pinto Lake Catchment
- **LOCATION:** Pinto Lake, Santa Cruz County
- **DESCRIPTION:** The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) adopted this Basin Plan amendment by Resolution No. R3-2020-0034 at the July 16, 2020 board meeting. This action by the Central Coast Water Board was subsequently approved by the State Water Resources Control Board by Resolution No. 2021-0014 on April 20, 2021.

This amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin establishes a total maximum daily load and an implementation strategy to reduce phosphorus loads to Pinto Lake thereby reducing the frequency, severity, and toxicity of cyanobacterial blooms

Dr. JEAN-PIERRE WOLFF, CHAIR | MATTHEW T. KEELING, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Responsibility for achieving pollutant load reductions falls upon several entities as described in Resolution No. R3-2020-0034. The TMDL implementation strategy describes how the Water Board's regulatory mechanisms (e.g., permits and enforcement actions), and non-regulatory actions (e.g., voluntary actions and grant funded restoration and treatment projects) will address phosphorus loads from various sources in order to attain water guality standards.

Control of phosphorus should result in attainment of water quality numeric targets for toxicity (cyanobacteria toxins) within 5 years of the effective date of the Basin Plan amendment. Within 10 years, staff anticipate control of phosphorus in lake sediments and throughout the watershed will result in attainment of the TMDL. If existing efforts are not expected to achieve the TMDL, 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 Regional Water Quality Control Board has made the following determination regarding this project:

The project has been: <u>X</u> approved disapproved

Matthew T. Keeling Executive Officer

Date received for filing:

| STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT DFG 753.5a (01/2002) | | Receipt No: Date: | 4104 11/22/2021 |
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| Lead Agency: State Water Resources State Agency of Filing: Department of Fish and Project Title: Total Phosphorus to Ad | d Wildlife | Invoice Date: Document No Deposit No: | 420-1703654 2379001988 |
| State Water Resources Control B PO Box 1000 Sacramento, CA 95812 | oard | Project Appl Project Appl City, State, 2 | icant Address: |
| Project Applicant (check appropriate box) Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency V Private Entity Image: Comparison of the special District | | | |
| APPLICABLE FEES: | | | |
| Environmental Impact Report: | | | \$0.00 |
| Negative Declaration: | | \$0.00 | |
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| | Penalty: | \$0.00 | |
| County Administrative Fee: | | | \$0.00 |
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