

**TO:** Mr. Wade Crowfoot  
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**FROM:** Jeremy Haas, Branch Chief  
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**SUBJECT:** Filing and 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 San Diego Basin to Incorporate Site-Specific Water Effect Ratios into Water Quality Objectives for Toxic Pollutants and Total Maximum Daily Loads for Copper, Lead, and Zinc in Chollas Creek

**LOCATION:** Chollas Creek, located in southern San Diego County

**DESCRIPTION:** On February 8, 2017, the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted Resolution No. R9-2017-0015, amending the Basin Plan to adopt site-specific water effect ratios (WERs) for dissolved copper and dissolved zinc in Chollas Creek during wet weather and to update the numeric targets for the Chollas Creek dissolved copper and zinc TMDLs to incorporate site-specific WERs. The California Toxics Rule [40 C.F.R. 131.38] sets forth the method for calculating acute and chronic water quality criteria for metals as a function of hardness and a WER. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. section 131.38(b)(2) and (c)(4)(iii), the default value of the WER is 1, unless there is a site-specific WER for a given pollutant. The site-specific WERs for Chollas Creek replace the default WER and will be used to calculate the criteria maximum concentration and criteria continuous concentration for dissolved copper and dissolved zinc and to evaluate if the numeric targets for the Chollas Creek dissolved copper and dissolved zinc TMDLs have been attained during wet weather.

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This is to advise that the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board has made the following determination regarding the project described above:

The project has been:          Approved  
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