

APPENDIX D

August 16, 2004 Workshop: Participants' Suggestions for the 2004 Triennial Review

The participants of the first workshop emphasized their need to know the resource/personnel estimate for Regional Board staff to complete each of the suggested amendments. They indicated that this would help them in doing their own prioritization.

There were 12 *new amendments* that were suggested by the participants of the first workshop. These new were not on the preliminary 2004 list that the planning staff distributed to workshop participants. These included:

1. Develop UAA guidance/policy for the State.
2. Evaluate individual beneficial use designation requests.
3. Develop policy on maximizing recycled water use, while still complying with groundwater objectives.
4. Conduct a pilot project on "tiered aquatic life uses."
5. Define "potential" uses more specifically. Perhaps differentiate between how this designation is applied for different uses. Revisit the potential use designation where use attainment appears unlikely.
6. Clarify uses related to fish consumption (SCCWRP study). Development of new use(s) and or subcategories of use.
7. New uses like effluent dominated waters and flood control need to be addressed. Develop a policy for addressing use conflicts.
8. Develop a new tiered Rec1 use based on actual use and restricted entry.
9. Participate in Statewide effort on Effluent Dominated Waters (EDW) Policy.
10. Develop a pollutant trading policy ("offsets").
11. Develop a separate chapter in the Basin Plan on stormwater regulations.
12. Adopt ammonia site specific objectives (SSO) for the San Gabriel River, Los Angeles River and the Santa Clara River.

Reprioritization was suggested for 12 amendments out of the original 43 amendments. Note that of the high priorities ("1s") on the 2004 Preliminary List, only two of the amendments were demoted to a lower rank (2 or 3). Ten amendments ranking 2 or 3 were moved by participants to rank 1. These included:

1. Clarify definitions of "estuary" and "enclosed bay."
2. Clarify applicability of CTR criteria and SIP to stormwater discharges.
3. Consider adopting a variance policy or general permit for short-term discharges with no significant potential environmental impacts. Develop a groundwater de-watering policy particularly for construction projects where they would be allowed to return water to the groundwater of origin rather than discharging it into the storm drain or sewer. Develop categorical waiver policies as appropriate.
4. Develop guidance on incorporation of TMDL requirements into permits.
5. Provide a clarification in the Basin Plan on what constitutes waters of U.S. vs. waters of the State.

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6. Evaluate what hardness value(s) should be used in the calculation of permit limits (or TMDLs) for hardness-dependent metals.
7. Assess what temperature and pH values of waters should be used in determining the ammonia objective for a waterbody. Clarify how the 30-day objectives are evaluated.
8. Broaden application of "natural sources exclusion" used in bacterial TMDLs to other naturally occurring constituents, e.g. arsenic and selenium, based on results of SCCWRP natural loadings study.
9. Expand narrative water quality objective for exotic vegetation to more broadly apply to exotic plant and animal species.
10. Work with State Board staff to develop numeric or narrative objectives for sediment quality and toxicity.