Proposed Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan – Los Angeles Region to incorporate the Ballona Creek Estuary Toxic Pollutants TMDL	<u>R</u>
Proposed for adoption by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region on December 5, 2013.	E
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Chapter 7. Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) Summaries, Section 7-14 (Ballona Creek Estuary Toxic Pollutants TMDL)	<u>S</u>
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Table 7-14.1. Ballona Creek Estuary Toxic Pollutants TMDL: Elements
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Key Findings and Regulatory Provisions				
Ballona Creek and Ballona Creek Estuary (Estuary) is on the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies for cadmium, copper, lead, silver, zinc, chlordane, DDT, PCBs, and PAHs and toxicity in sediments. The following designated beneficial uses are impaired by these toxic pollutants: water contact recreation (REC1); non-contact water recreation (REC2); estuarine habitat (EST); marine habitat (MAR); wildlife habitat (WILD); rare and threatened or endangered species (RARE); migration of aquatic organisms (MIGR); reproduction and early development of fish (SPWN); commercial and sport fishing (COMM); and shellfish harvesting (SHELL).				
Recent data indicate that PAHs are <b>not</b> present inat levels exceeding existing numeric targets and are not impairing the designated beneficial uses. Therefore, a TMDL for PAHs is not included.				
Sediment targets are based on the narrative standards of this Basin Plan,				
the narrative standards of the State Water Quality Control Plan for				
Enclosed Bays and Estuaries (EB&E Plan Part 1), which contains the				
State's Sediment Quality Objectives, the sediment quality guidelines				
compiled by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration				
(NOAA), and associated sediments targets, required to achieve fish				
tissue targets, determined from various other sources.				
Sediment Targets for Direct Effects				
Numeric water quality targets are based on the sediment quality guidelines compiled by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which are used in evaluating waterbodies within the Los Angeles Region for development of the 303(d) list. The <u>NOAA</u> Effects Range-Low (ERLs) guidelines are established as the numeric targets for <u>metals in</u> sediments in Ballona Creek Estuary.				
Metal Numeric Targets (mg/kg)				
Cadmium Copper Lead Silver Zinc				
1.2 34 46.7 1.0 150				
Chloridanic DDT: Truch DOD: Truch DAIL				
ChlordaneDDTsTotal PCBsTotal PAHs0.51.5822.74,022				
In addition, the categories designated in the State's SQOs $\frac{Part - 4,022}{Part - as}$				
Unimpacted and Likely Unimpacted by the interpretation and integration of multiple lines of evidence shall be considered as the protective objective for sediment toxicity and benthic community direct effects. The thresholds established in the SQOs Part 1- are based on statistical significance and magnitude of the effect. Therefore, this TMDL implicitly includes sediment toxicity and benthic community targets by its use of the SQO Part 1.				

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	Sediment Targets	s for Indirect Effects and	Fish Tissue
	Advisory Tissue L Fish: Chlordane, and Toxaphene, d Health Hazard As tissue-based criter protect humans fr	<i>evels for Common Contan</i> DDTs, Dieldrin, Methyln leveloped by the Californi sessment (2008) to assist a ria for pollution mitigati- rom consumption of conta the Chlordane, Total DDT	sh Contaminant Goals and minants in California Sport mercury, PCBs, Selenium, a Office of Environmental agencies in developing fish on or elimination and to aminated fish. Fish tissue $\Gamma$ , and Total PCBs asbased
	DDT based on the Bay Indirect Effect	e 2007 San Francisco Bay	et for Chlordane and Total Estuary Institute Newport al PCBs based on the 2010 Gobas and Arnot
	Pollutant	rgets and Fish Tissue Asso <u>Fish Tissue target</u> (ug/kg wet)	Associated sediment target (µg/kg dry)
	<u>Chlordane</u>	<u>5.6</u>	<u>1.3</u>
	<u>Total DDT</u> <u>Total PCBs</u>	<u>21</u> <u>3.6</u>	<u>1.9</u> <u>3.2</u>
Source Analysis	metals. Numerous metals in urban s degree cadmium) Because metals a water runoff, the sediments where the estimated that 83 associated with the the majority of or particulates, mean organochlorine co Ballona Creek fou association with s suspended solids well as with the attributed to metal Nonpoint sources	a researchers have document storm water (i.e., copper, 2 are consistently associated with the potential to they may pose a risk of to 3% of the cadmium and e particle phase in Ballona ganic constituents in storm usured concentrations of mpounds in Sepulveda Cha and that the majority of the suspended solids. There in urban runoff discharge receiving water sediment is and PAHs associated with	as a substantial source of need that the most prevalent lead, zinc, and to a lesser ed with suspended solids. ith fine particles in storm o accumulate in estuarine oxicity. McPherson et al. <sup>1</sup> d 86% of the lead were a Creek. Similar to metals, n water are associated with PAHs, phthalates, and annel, Centinela Creek, and ese compounds occurred in is toxicity associated with ed from Ballona Creek, as as. This toxicity is likely h the suspended sediments.
	pollutants in this '	TMDL. Nonpoint sources	are urban runoff from the es directly to the Estuary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> McPherson, T.N., S.J. Burian, H.J. Turin, M.K. Stenstrom and I.H. Suffet. 2002. Comparison of Pollutant Loads in Dry and Wet Weather Runoff in a Southern California Urban Watershed. *Water Science and Technology* 45:255-261.

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	through a tide gate, and direct atmospheric deposition. The Ballona Wetlands cover approximately 460 acres or 0.6% of the watershed, therefore, loading from this source is considered insignificant. Direct atmospheric deposition of metals and PAHs-is considered insignificant because the portion of the Ballona Creek watershed covered by water is small, approximately 480 acres or 0.6% of the watershed. Indirect atmospheric deposition reflects the process by which metals deposited on the land surface may be washed off during storm events and delivered to Ballona Creek and its tributaries. The loading of metals associated with indirect atmospheric deposition are accounted for in the storm water runoff.
Loading Capacity	TMDLs are developed for cadmium, copper, lead, silver, zinc, chlordane, DDT, and PCBs and PAHs within the sediments of the Ballona Creek Estuary.
	The loading capacity for Ballona Creek Estuary is calculated by multiplying the numeric targets by the average annual deposition of fine sediment, defined as silts (grain size 0.0625 millimeters) and smaller, within the Estuary by the bulk density of the sediment. The average annual fine sediment deposited is 5,004 cubic meters per year $(m^3/yr)$ and the bulk density is 1.42 metric tons per cubic meter $(mt/m^3)$ . The TMDL is set equal to the loading capacity.
	Metals Loading Capacity (kilograms/year)
	Cadmium Copper Lead Silver Zinc
	8.5 241.6 332 7.1 1,066
	Organics Loading Capacity (grams/year)
	Chlordane DDTs Total PCBs Total PAHs
	<del>3.55<u>9.2</u> <u>11.213.5</u> <u>16122.7</u> <u>28,580</u></del>
<i>Load Allocations</i> (for nonpoint sources)	Load allocations (LA) are assigned to nonpoint sources for Ballona Creek Estuary. Load allocations are developed for open space and direct atmospheric deposition.
	The mass-based load allocation for open space is equal to the percentage of the watershed covered by the Ballona Wetlands (0.6%) multiplied by the total loading capacity.
	Metals Load Allocations for Open Space (kg/yr)
	Cadmium Copper Lead Silver Zinc
	0.05 1.4 2 0.04 6
	Organics Load Allocations for Open Space (g/yr)
	Chlordane DDTs Total PCBs Total PAHs
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	The mass-based load allocation for direct atmospheric deposition is equal to the percentage of the watershed covered by water (0.6%)

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	multiplied by the total	loading cap	acity.		
	Metals Load Allocat	tions for Dir	ect Atmosn	heric Denos	ition (kg/yr)
		pper	Lead	Silver	Zinc
		.4	2	0.04	6
	Organics Load Alloc				
		<u>DDTs</u>	Total PCBs		PAHs
	<del>0.02<u>0.05</u></del>	<del>0.1<u>0.08</u></del>	<u>+0.13</u>	<del>17</del>	0
Waste Load Allocations (for	Waste load allocation		•	·	
point sources)	Ballona Creek waters				
	is developed for the s			•	•
	Caltrans, General Co				
	subtracting the load				• •
	Concentration-based			-	
	point sources in the w allowable sediment-b				
		ound ponuta	<u>int toad that</u>	can be dep	<u>Diffed to the</u>
	estuary.				
	Metals Waste	Load Alloca	ations for St	orm Water	(kg/yr)
		pper	Lead	Silver	Zinc
	8.4 2.	38.8	328	7.02	1,054
	Organics West	a Load Alla	actions for 6	Storm Wata	n (alam)
	Organics Wast Chlordane I	DDTs	Total PCBs		PAHs
		<del>11</del> 13.35	<del>159</del> 22.4		
	The storm water was	ste load allo	cations are	apportioned	between the
	MS4 permittees, Cal				
	industrial storm water	permits base	ed on an area	d weighting a	approach.
	Metals Storm Wate	r WLAs An	portioned b	etween Pern	nits (kø/vr)
		Cadmium		Lead Silv	
	MS4 Permittees	8.0	227.3	312.3 6.6	69 1003
	Caltrans	0.11	3.2	4.4 0.0	9 14
	General Construction	0.23	6.6	9.1 0.2	20 29
	General Industrial	0.06	1.7	2.3 0.0	05 7
	Omeranita Starm Wa	4 <b>11/1</b> A A		L . 4 D.	······
	Organics Storm Wa	Chlordane			<u>rmits (g/yr)</u> Fotal PAHs
	MS4 Permittees		10.56 <u>12.70</u>		<del>26,900</del>
	Caltrans		<del>10.30<u>12.70</u> 0.15</del> 0.18	$\frac{19221.40}{20.30}$	400
	General Construction		0.13 <u>0.10</u> 0.310.37	4 <u>0.62</u>	<del>800</del>
	General Industrial		0.01 <u>0.07</u>	$\frac{10.02}{10.16}$	<del>200</del>
	Each storm water per			•	
	industrial storm wate	-			
	allocation on a per act	e basis, base	ed on the acre	eage of their	facility.
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		Metals per Acre WLAs for Individual General Construction or Industrial Storm Water Permittees (g/yr/ac)					
	Cadmium	Copper	Lead	Silver	Zinc		
	0.1	3	4	0.1	13		
	Organic	es per Acre V	VLAs for Individ	lual General			
			Storm Water Pe				
	Chlordane	DDTs	Total PCBs	Total P/			
	<del>0.04<u>0.11</u></del>	<u>0.140.16</u>	<u>20.28</u>	<del>350</del>			
	Concentration-base NPDES permits a discharge to Balloo permits or enrolle will also be subject Short-term dischar not assigned WLA pursuant to the S Implementation of Bays, and Estuarie Metals Conce	and general na Creek or i ses under a g ct to the con rges of potab As but may State Water Toxic Standa so of Californi	non-storm water ts tributaries. An general non-storm centration-based le water that are be subject to al Resources Contr ards for Inland Su	• NPDES per by future mino a water NPD waste load a required by ternative per col Board's inface Waters	ermits that or NPDES ES permit illocations. <u>statute are</u> <u>imit limits</u> <u>Policy for</u> <u>c, Enclosed</u>		
	1.2	34	46.7	1.0	150		
	Organic Conc	entration-ha	used Waste Load	Allocations	(µø/kø)		
	Chlordane	DDTs	Total PCBs	Total P/			
	<del>0.5<u>1.3</u></del>	<u>1.581.9</u>	<del>22.7<u>3.2</u></del>	4,022	2		
Margin of Safety	An implicit margin protective sedimen over the higher ER targets for the indi the implementation safety.	nt quality guid CMs as the nu rect effects an	leline values. The meric targets. The nd multiple comp	e ERLs were the addition of liance options	selected numeric s listed in		
Implementation	<u>Compliance with t</u> <u>fish tissue monitor</u> <u>numeric targets.</u>			-			
	Compliance with t be based on achiev demonstrating atta sediment triad/mul	ving the LAs a inment of the	and WLAs or, alto State's direct eff	<u>ernatively,</u> ects SQO thr	ough the		
	Compliance with t based on achieving target, or, alternati	g the LAs or V	WLAs, the fish tis	ssue related se	ediment		

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	data or special studies indicate that load and waste load allocations will
	be attained, but fish tissue targets may not be achieved, the Regional
	Board shall reconsider the TMDL to modify the waste load and load
	allocations to ensure that the fish tissue targets are attained.
	The regulatory mechanisms used to implement the TMDL will include the Los Angeles County Municipal Storm Water NPDES Permit (MS4), the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
	Storm Water Permit, minor NPDES permits, general NPDES permits, general industrial storm water NPDES permits, general construction storm water NPDES permits. Nonpoint sources will be regulated
	through the authority contained in sections 13263 and 13269 of the Water Code, in conformance with the State Water Resources Control Board's Nonpoint Source Implementation and Enforcement Policy
	(May 2004). Each NPDES permit assigned a WLA shall be reopened or amended at re-issuance, in accordance with applicable laws, to incorporate the applicable WLAs as a permit requirement.
	The Regional Board shall reconsider this TMDL in six years after the effective date of the TMDL based on additional data obtained from special studies. Table 7-14.2 presents the implementation schedule for the responsible permittees.
	Minor NPDES Permits and General Non-Storm Water NPDES Permits:
	The concentration-based waste load allocations for the minor NPDES permits and general non-storm water NPDES permits will be implemented through NPDES permit limits. Permit writers may translate applicable waste load allocations into effluent limits for the
	minor and general NPDES permits by <u>applying the effluent limitation</u> procedures in Section 1.4 of the State Water Resources Control Board's Policy for Implementation of Toxic Standards for Inland Surface
	Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California (2005) or applying <u>other</u> applicable <u>engineering</u> <u>practicesmethodologies</u> authorized under federal regulations. The minor and general non-storm water NPDES permittees are allowed <del>up to seven years from the</del>
	effective date of the TMDLuntil January 11, 2013 to achieve the waste load allocations.
	General Industrial Storm Water Permit:
	The Regional Board will develop a watershed specific general industrial storm water permit to incorporate waste load allocations. Concentration based permit limits may be set to achieve the mass based
	waste load allocations. These concentration based limits would be equal to the concentration based waste load allocations assigned to the other NPDES permits. It is expected that permit writers will translate
	the waste load allocations into BMPs, based on BMP performance data. However, the permit writers must provide adequate justification and

documentation to demonstrate that specified BMPs are expected to
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result in attainment of the numeric waste load allocations. The general
industrial storm water permittees are allowed up to seven years from
the effective date of the TMDL to achieve the waste load allocations.
General Industrial and Construction Storm Water Permit:
Waste load allocations will be incorporated into the State Board general permit <u>s</u> upon renewal or into-a watershed specific general construction storm water-permits developed by the Regional Board.
Within seven years of the effective date of the TMDL, the construction industry will submit the results of BMP effectiveness studies to determine BMPs that will achieve compliance with the waste load allocations assigned to construction storm water permittees. Regional Board staff will bring the recommended BMPs before the Regional Board for consideration within eight years of the effective date of the TMDL. General construction storm water permittees will be considered in compliance with waste load allocations if they implement these
Regional Board approved BMPs. <u>All gGeneral construction permittees must attain WLAs by January 11,</u> <u>2015. General industrial permittees must attain WLAs by January 11,</u> <u>2013. Permittees may demonstrate compliance with WLAs in one of</u> two ways.
First, general industrial and construction storm water permittees may be deemed in compliance with permit limitations if they demonstrate that
there are no exceedances of the permit limitations at their discharge points or outfalls.
Second, if permittees provide a quantitative demonstration that control measures and best management practices (BMPs) will achieve wet- weather WLAs consistent with the schedule in Table 7-14.2, then
compliance may be demonstrated by implementation of those control measures and BMPs, subject to Executive Officer approval.implement the approved BMPs within nine years of the effective date of the TMDL. If no effectiveness studies are conducted and no BMPs are
approved by the Regional Board within eight years of the effective date of the TMDL, each general construction storm water permit holder will be subject to site specific BMPs and monitoring requirements to
demonstrate compliance with waste load allocations. MS4 and Caltrans Storm Water Permits:
The County of Los Angeles, <u>Los Angeles County Flood Control</u> <u>District</u> , City of Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, Culver City, Inglewood, Santa Monica, and West Hollywood are jointly responsible for meeting the mass-based waste load allocations <u>for assigned to</u> the MS4

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	waste load allocations, however, they it may choose to work with the
	other MS4 permittees. The primary jurisdiction for the Ballona Creek
	watershed is the City of Los Angeles.
	Compliance with addiment WI As for conner load and give may be
	Compliance with sediment WLAs for copper, lead, and zinc, may be
	demonstrated via any one of three different means:
	a. Sediment numeric targets are met in bed sediments.
	b. The qualitative sediment condition of <b>Unimpacted</b> or <b>Likely</b>
	<u>Unimpacted</u> via the interpretation and integration of multiple
	lines of evidence as defined in the SQOs-Part 1, is met.
	c. Final sediment allocations, as presented above, are met.
	Compliance with sediment WLAs for Chlordane, total DDT, and total
	PCBs may be demonstrated via any one of four different means:
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	<ul><li><u>a. Sediment numeric targets are met in bed sediments.</u></li><li><u>b. Fish tissue targets are met in species resident to Ballona Creek</u></li></ul>
	<u>B. Fish tissue targets are met in species resident to Banona Creek</u> Estuary.
	c. Final sediment allocations, as presented above, are met.
	d. Demonstrate that the sediment quality condition protective of
	fish tissue is achieved per the Statewide Enclosed Bays and
	Estuaries Plan, as amended to address contaminants in resident
	finfish and wildlife.
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	Each municipality and permittee will be required to meet the waste load
	allocations at the designated TMDL effectiveness monitoring points. If
	permittees provide a quantitative demonstration as part of a watershed
	management program that control measures and BMPs will achieve
	wet-weather WLAs consistent with the schedule in Table 7-14.2, then
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Seasonal Variations and Critical Conditions	There is a high degree of inter- and intra-annual variability in sediments deposited at the mouth of Ballona Creek. This is a function of the storms, which are highly variable between years. Studies by the Army Corps of Engineers have shown that sediment delivery to Ballona Creek is related to the size of the storm (USACE, 2003). The TMDL is based on a long-term average deposition patterns over a 10-year period from 1991 to 2001. This time period contains a wide range of storm conditions and flows in the Ballona Creek watershed. Use of the average condition for the TMDL is appropriate because issues of sediment effects on benthic communities and potential for bioaccumulation to higher trophic levels occurs over long time periods.
Monitoring	Effective monitoring will be required to assess the <u>on-going</u> condition of Ballona Creek and Estuary and to assess <u>attainment of WLAs and</u> <u>LAs assigned tothe on going effectiveness of efforts by</u> dischargers <u>and</u> <u>responsible parties</u> to reduce toxic pollutants loading to the Ballona Creek Estuary. Special studies may also be appropriate to provide further information about new data, new or alternative sources, and revised scientific assumptions. Below the Regional Board identifies the various goals of monitoring efforts and studies. The programs, reports, and studies <u>shall be included in subsequent permits and the associated</u> <u>monitoring and reporting programs, or other orders will be developed in</u> <u>response to subsequent orders issued by the Executive Officer</u> .
	Ambient Monitoring
	An ambient monitoring program is necessary to assess water quality throughout Ballona Creek and its tributaries and to assess the progress being made to remove the toxic pollutant impairments in Ballona Creek Estuary sediments. Data on background water quality for organics and sediments will help refine the numeric targets and waste load allocations and assist in the effective placement of BMPs. In addition, fish and mussel tissue data is required in Ballona Creek Estuary to confirm the fish tissue listings.
	Water quality samples shall be collected from Ballona Creek and Estuary monthly and analyzed for cadmium, copper, lead, silver, zinc, chlordane, dieldrin, DDT, total PCBs and total PAHs at detection limits that are at or below the minimum levels until the TMDL is reconsidered in the sixth year. The minimum levels are those published by the State Water Resources Control Board in Appendix 4 of the Policy for the Implementation of Toxic Standards for Inland Surface Water, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California, March 2, 2000. Special emphasis should be placed on achieving detection limits that will allow evaluation relative to the CTR standards. If these can not be achieved with conventional techniques, then a special study should be proposed to evaluate concentrations of organics.
	Storm water monitoring conducted as part of the MS4 storm water

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	monitoring program should continue to provide assessment of water
	quality during wet weather conditions and loading estimates from the
	watershed to the Estuary. If analysis of chlordane, dieldrin, DDT, total
	PCBs or total PAHs are not currently part of the sampling programs
	these organics should be added. In addition, special emphasis should
	be placed on achieving lower detection limits for DDTs, PCBs and PAHs.
	The MS4 and Caltrans storm water permittees are jointly responsible
	for conducting bioaccumulation testing of fish and mussel tissue within
	the Estuary. The permittees are required to submit for approval of the
	Executive Officer a monitoring plan that will provide the data needed to
	confirm the 303(d) listing or delisting, as applicable.
	Representative sediment sampling locations shall be randomly selected within the Estuary and analyzed for cadmium, copper, lead, silver, zinc,
	chlordane, dieldrin, DDT, total PCBs and total PAHs at detection limits
	that are lower than the ERLs. Sediment samples shall also be analyzed
	for total organic carbon, grain size and sediment toxicity testing. Initial
	sediment monitoring should be done quarterly in the first year of the
	TMDL to define the baseline and semi-annually, thereafter, to evaluate
	effectiveness of the BMPs until the TMDL is reconsidered in the sixth
	<del>year.</del>
	The sediment toxicity testing shall include testing of multiple species, a
	minimum of three, for lethal and non-lethal endpoints. Toxicity testing
	may include: the 28 day and 10 day amphipod mortality test; the sea
	urchin fertilization testing of sediment pore water; and the bivalve
	embryo testing of the sediment/water interface. The chronic 28 day
	and shorter term 10 day amphipod tests may be conducted in the initial
	year of quarterly testing and the results compared. If there is no
	significant difference in the tests, then the less expensive 10 day test
	can be used throughout the rest of the monitoring, with some periodic
	28 day testing.
	TMDL Effectiveness Monitoring
	The water quality samples collected during wet weather as part of the
	MS4 storm water monitoring program shall be analyzed for total
	dissolved solids, settable solids and total suspended solids if not already
	<del>part of the existing sampling program</del> . Sampling shall be designed to
	collect sufficient volumes of settable and suspended solids to allow for
	analysis of cadmium, copper, lead, silver, zinc, chlordane, dieldrin, total
	DDT,total PCBs, total PAHs, and total organic carbon in the bulk sediment.
	seament.
	Sediment quality objective evaluation for direct effects as detailed in
	the SQOs (sediment triad sampling) shall be performed every five years
	beginning in 2008. Sampling and analysis for the full chemical suite,
	two toxicity tests and four benthic indices as specified in the SQOs Part
	1-shall be conducted and evaluated. Locations for sediment triad

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	assessment and the methodology for combining results from sampling
	locations to determine sediment conditions shall be specified in the
	Coordinated Monitoring Plan -to be approved by the Executive Officer.
	The sampling design shall be in compliance with the SQO Part 1
	Sediment Monitoring section (VII.E).
	A stressor identification, as required by SQO the EB&E Plan Part 1
	(Section VII.F), shall be conducted if sediments fail to meet the
	narrative protective condition of Unimpacted or Likely Unimpacted
	in accordance with the revised coordinated monitoring plan or the
	Integrated Monitoring Program or Coordinated Integrated Monitoring
	Program from the MS4 permit is approved per Table 7-14.2.
	Sediment chemistry and sediment toxicity samples shall be collected
	annually (in addition to, the sediment triad sampling events as
	described above), to evaluate trends in general sediment quality
	constituents (TOC, grain size) and listed constituents (cadmium,
	copper, lead, silver, zinc, chlordane, total DDT, total PAHs, and total
	PCBs) relative to sediment quality targets.
	Semi-annually, representative sediment sampling locations shall be
	randomly selected within the Estuary and analyzed for cadmium,
	copper, lead, silver, zinc, chlordane, dieldrin, DDT, total PCBs, and
	total PAHs at detection limits that are lower than the ERLs. The
	sediment samples shall also be analyzed for total organic carbon, grain
	size and sediment toxicity. The sediment toxicity testing shall include
	testing of multiple species, a minimum of three, for lethal and non-
	lethal endpoints. Toxicity testing may include: the 28 day and 10 day
	amphipod mortality test; the sea urchin fertilization testing of sediment
	pore water; and the bivalve embryo testing of the sediment/water
	interface.
	Toxicity shall be indicated by an amphipod survival rate of 70% or less
	in a single test. Accelerated monitoring shall be conducted to confirm
	toxicity at stations identified as toxic. Accelerated monitoring shall
	consist of six additional tests, approximately every two weeks, over a
	12-week period. If the results of any two of the six accelerated tests are
	less than 90% survival, then the MS4 and Caltrans permittees shall
	conduct a Toxicity Identification Evaluation (TIE). The TIE shall
	include reasonable steps to identify the sources of toxicity and steps to
	reduce the toxicity.
	The Phase I TIE shall include the following treatments and
	corresponding blanks: baseline toxicity; particle removal by
	centrifugation; solid phase extraction of the centrifuged sample using
	C8, C18, or another media; complexation of metals using
	ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) addition to the raw sample;
	neutralization of oxidants/metals using sodium thiosulfate addition to
	the raw sample; and inhibition of organo phosphate (OP) pesticide
	activation using piperonyl butoxide addition to the raw sample

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	(crustacean toxicity tests only).
	Bioaccumulation mMonitoring of chlordane, total DDTs, and PCBs in fish and mussel tissue within the Estuary shall be conducted <u>annually</u> . The permittees are required to submit for approval of the Executive Officer a monitoring plan that will provide the data needed to assess the effectiveness of the TMDL.
	The general industrial storm water permit shall contain a model monitoring and reporting program to evaluate BMP effectiveness. A permittee enrolled under the general industrial permit shall have the choice of conducting individual monitoring based on the model
	program or participating in a group monitoring effort. MS4 permittees are encouraged to take the lead in group monitoring efforts for industrial facilities within their jurisdiction because compliance with waste load allocations by these facilities will in many cases translate to
	reductions in contaminate loads to the MS4 system.
	Special Studies
	Special studies are recommended to refine source assessments, to provide better estimates of loading capacity, and to optimize implementation efforts. The Regional Board will re consider the TMDL in the sixth year after the effective date in light of the findings of these studies. Special studies may include:
	• Evaluation and use of low detection level techniques to evaluate water quality concentrations for those contaminants where standard detection limits cannot be used to assess compliance for CTR standards or are not sufficient for estimating source loadings from tributaries and storm water.
	• Developing and implementing a monitoring program to collection the data necessary to apply a multiple lines of evidence approach.
	• Evaluation and use of sediment TIEs stressor identification in <u>compliance with the EB&amp;E Plan Part 1</u> to evaluate causes of any recurring sediment toxicity.
	• Evaluate partitioning coefficients between water column and sediment to assess the contribution of water column discharges to sediment concentrations in the Estuary.
	• Studies to refine relationship between pollutants and suspended solids aimed at better understanding of the delivery of pollutants to the watershed.
	• Studies to understand transport of sediments to the estuary, including the relationship between storm flows, sediment loadings to the estuary, and sediment deposition patterns within the estuary.
	• Studies to evaluate effectiveness of BMPs to address pollutants and/or sediments.

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Effective date of the TMDLJanuary 11, 2006	Regional Board permit writers shall incorporate the waste load allocations for sediment into the NPDES permits. Waste load allocations will be implemented through NPDES permit limits in accordance with the implementation schedule contained herein, at the time of permit issuance, renewal or re-opener.	
Within 6 months after the effective date of the State Board adopted sediment quality objectives and implementation policy	The Regional Board will re-assess the numeric targets and waste load allocations for consistency with the State Board adopted sediment quality objectives.	
January 11, 20115 years after effective date of the TMDL	Responsible jurisdictions and agencies shall provide to the Regional Board result of any special studies.	
January 11, 20126 years after effective date of the TMDL	The Regional Board shall reconsider this TMDL to re-evaluate the waste load allocations and the implementation schedule.	
MINOR NPDES PERMITS AND GENERAL NON-STORM WATER NPDES PERMITS		
January 11, 20137 years after effective date of the TMDL	The non-storm water NPDES permits shall achieve the concentration-based waste load allocations for sediment per provisions allowed for in NPDES permits.	
GENERAL	INDUSTRIAL STORM WATER PERMIT	
January 11, 20137 years after effective date of the TMDL	The general industrial storm water permits shall achieve the mass- based waste load allocations for sediment per provisions allowed for in NPDES permits. Permits shall allow an iterative BMP process including BMP effectiveness monitoring to achieve compliance with permit requirements.	
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION STORM WATER PERMIT		
7 years from the effective date of the TMDL	The construction industry will submit the results of the BMP effectiveness studies to the Regional Board for consideration. In the event that no effectiveness studies are conducted and no BMPs are approved, permittees shall be subject to site-specific BMPs and monitoring to demonstrate BMP effectiveness.	
8 years from the effective date of the TMDL	The Regional Board will consider results of the BMP effectiveness studies and consider approval of BMPs no later than six years from the effective date of the TMDL.	

#### Table 7-14.2. Ballona Creek Estuary Toxic Pollutants TMDL: Implementation Schedule

Date	Action
January 11, 20159 years from the effective date of the TMDL	All general construction storm water permittees shall implement Regional Board approved BMPs. The general construction storm water permits shall achieve the mass-based waste load allocations for sediment per provisions allowed for in NPDES permits.
MS4 AND	CALTRANS STORM WATER PERMITS
January 11, 200712 months after the effective date of the TMDL	In response to an order issued by the Executive Officer, the MS4 and Caltrans storm water NPDES permittees must submit a coordinated monitoring plan, to be approved by the Executive Officer, which includes both ambient monitoring and TMDL effectiveness monitoring. Once the coordinated monitoring plan is approved by the Executive Officer, ambient monitoring shall commence within 6 months.
June 11, 2015	Revise the coordinated monitoring plan or the Integrated Monitoring Program or Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program prepared in compliance with the Los Angeles County MS4 permit.
January 11, 20115 years after effective date of TMDL (Draft Report) July 11, 20115 1/2 years after effective date of TMDL (Final Report)	The MS4 and Caltrans storm water NPDES permittees shall provide a written report to the Regional Board outlining how they will achieve the waste load allocations for sediment to Ballona Creek Estuary. The report shall include implementation methods, an implementation schedule, proposed milestones, and any applicable revisions to the TMDL effectiveness monitoring plan.
January 11, 20137 years after effective date of the TMDL	<u>Compliance with the metals TMDLs may be demonstrated via any</u> one of three different means:
	1. Demonstrate that the sediment quality condition of Unimpacted or Likely Unimpacted via the interpretation and integration of multiple lines of evidence as defined in the SQOs, is met; or
	2. Sediment numeric targets are met in bed sediments; or
	3. Interim allocations in the discharge are met, as described below:
	The MS4 and Caltrans storm water NPDES permittees shall demonstrate that 25% of the total drainage area served by the MS4 system is effectively meeting the waste load allocations for sediment.
	Alternatively, permittees shall attain a 25% reduction in the difference between the baseline loadings and WLAs, as measured at the relevant existing MS4 permit monitoring location and/or at relevant MS4 monitoring stations identified in an approved coordinated monitoring plan.

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	<u>Compliance with sediment WLAs for Chlordane, total DDT, and</u> total PCBs may be demonstrated via any one of three different means:
	1. Sediment numeric targets are met in bed sediments.
	2. Fish tissue targets are met in species resident to Ballona Creek Estuary.
	3. Demonstrate that the sediment quality condition protective of fish tissue is achieved per the Statewide Enclosed Bays and Estuaries Plan, as amended to address contaminants in resident finfish and wildlife.
	4. Interim allocations in the discharge are met, as described below:
	The MS4 and Caltrans storm water NPDES permittees shall demonstrate that 25% of the total drainage area served by the MS4 is effectively meeting the waste load allocations for sediment.
	Alternatively, permittees shall attain a 25% reduction in the difference between the baseline loadings and WLAs, as measured at the relevant existing MS4 permit monitoring location and/or at relevant MS4 monitoring stations identified in an approved coordinated monitoring plan.
January 11, 20169 years after effective date of the TMDL	Compliance with the metals TMDLs may be demonstrated via any one of three different means:
	1. Demonstrate that the sediment quality condition of Unimpacted or Likely Unimpacted via the interpretation and integration of multiple lines of evidence as defined in the SQOs, is met; or
	2. Sediment numeric targets are met in bed sediments; or
	3. Interim allocations in the discharge are met, as described below:
	The MS4 and Caltrans storm water NPDES permittees shall demonstrate that 50% of the total drainage area served by the MS4 system—is effectively meeting the waste load allocations for sediment.
	Alternatively, permittees shall attain a 50% reduction in the

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	difference between the current loadings and WLAs, as measured at the relevant existing MS4 permit monitoring location and/or at relevant MS4 monitoring stations identified in an approved coordinated monitoring plan.
	Compliance with sediment WLAs for Chlordane, total DDT, and total PCBs may be demonstrated via any one of three different means:
	1. Sediment numeric targets are met in bed sediments.
	2. Fish tissue targets are met in species resident to Ballona Creek Estuary.
	3. Demonstrate that the sediment quality condition protective of fish tissue is achieved per the Statewide Enclosed Bays and Estuaries Plan, as amended to address contaminants in resident finfish and wildlife.
	4. Interim allocations in the discharge are met, as described below:
	The MS4 and Caltrans storm water NPDES permittees shall demonstrate that 50% of the total drainage area served by the MS4 is effectively meeting the waste load allocations for DDT and chlordane. For PCBs, 25% of the total drainage area must meet the allocations required by the TMDL in effect in 2013 <sup>2</sup> .
	Alternatively, for DDT and chlordane, permittees shall attain a 50% reduction in the difference between the baseline loadings and WLAs, as measured at the relevant existing MS4 permit monitoring location and/or at relevant MS4 monitoring stations identified in an approved coordinated monitoring plan. For PCBs, a 25% reduction in loading of the TMDL in effect in 2013 <sup>2</sup> shall be obtained.
January 11, 201711 years after effective date of the TMDL	<u>Compliance with the metals TMDLs may be demonstrated via any</u> one of three different means:
	1. Demonstrate that the sediment quality condition of Unimpacted or Likely Unimpacted via the interpretation and integration of multiple lines of evidence as defined in the SQOs, is met; or

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  In 2013, the PCB target was µg/kg and the WLA for stormwater was 22.48 g/yr.

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	2. Sediment numeric targets are met in bed sediments; or	
	3. Interim allocations in the discharge are met, as described below:	E
	The MS4 and Caltrans storm water NPDES permittees shall demonstrate that 75% of the total drainage area served by the MS4 system is effectively meeting the waste load	V
	allocations for sediment.	Ī
	Alternatively, permittees shall attain a 75% reduction in the difference between the current loadings and WLAs, as measured at the relevant existing MS4 permit monitoring location and/or at relevant MS4 monitoring stations	<u>S</u>
	identified in an approved coordinated monitoring plan.	E
	<u>Compliance with sediment WLAs for Chlordane, total DDT, and</u> total PCBs may be demonstrated via any one of three different means:	D
	1. Sediment numeric targets are met in bed sediments.	
	2. Fish tissue targets are met in species resident to Ballona Creek Estuary.	Т
	3. Demonstrate that the sediment quality condition protective of fish tissue is achieved per the Statewide Enclosed Bays and Estuaries Plan, as amended to address contaminants in resident finfish and wildlife.	E
	4. Interim allocations in the discharge are met, as described below:	N
	The MS4 and Caltrans storm water NPDES permittees shall	<u>T</u>
	demonstrate that 75% of the total drainage area served by the MS4 is effectively meeting the waste load allocations for Chlordane and DDT and for PCBs the MS4 and Caltrans storm water NPDES permittees shall demonstrate that 25%	<u>A</u>
	of the total drainage area is effectively meeting the waste load allocations.	<u>T</u>
	Alternatively, for DDT and Chlordane permittees shall attain a 75% reduction in the difference between the baseline loadings and WLAs, as measured at the relevant existing	Ī
	MS4 permit monitoring location and/or at relevant MS4 monitoring stations identified in an approved coordinated monitoring plan and for PCBs permittees shall attain a 25%	V
	reduction in the difference between the baseline loadings	E

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	and WLAs, as measured at the relevant existing MS4 permit monitoring location and/or at relevant MS4 monitoring stations identified in an approved coordinated monitoring plan.
March 23, 2018	The Regional Board shall reconsider the TMDL based upon new data, technical studies, and revisions to State or regional water quality control plans or policies.
January 11, 202115 years after effective date of the TMDL	Compliance with the metals TMDLs may be demonstrated via any one of three different means:
	1. Demonstrate that the sediment quality condition of Unimpacted or Likely Unimpacted via the interpretation and integration of multiple lines of evidence as defined in the SQOs, is met; or
	2. Sediment numeric targets are met in bed sediments; or
	3. Final allocations in the discharge are met, as described below:
	The MS4 and Caltrans storm water NPDES permittees shall demonstrate that 100% of the total drainage area served by the MS4 system is effectively meeting the waste load allocations for sediment.
	Alternatively, permittees shall attain a 100% reduction in the difference between the current loadings and WLAs, as measured at the relevant existing MS4 permit monitoring location and/or at relevant MS4 monitoring stations identified in an approved coordinated monitoring plan.
	Compliance with sediment WLAs for Chlordane, total DDT, and total PCBs may be demonstrated via any one of three different means:
	1. Sediment numeric targets are met in bed sediments.
	2. Fish tissue targets are met in species resident to Ballona Creek Estuary.
	3. Demonstrate that the sediment quality condition protective of fish tissue is achieved per the Statewide Enclosed Bays and Estuaries Plan, as amended to address contaminants in resident finfish and wildlife.
	4. Final allocations in the discharge are met, as described

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	below:
	The MS4 and Caltrans storm water NPDES permittees shall demonstrate that 100% of the total drainage area served by the MS4 is effectively meeting the waste load allocations for Chlordane and DDT and for PCBs the MS4 and Caltrans storm water NPDES permittees shall demonstrate that 50% of the total drainage area is effectively meeting the waste load allocations.
	Alternatively, for DDT and Chlordane, permittees shall attain a 100% reduction in the difference between the baseline loadings and WLAs, as measured at the relevant existing MS4 permit monitoring location and/or at relevant MS4 monitoring stations identified in an approved coordinated monitoring plan and for PCBs permittees shall attain a 50% reduction in the difference between the baseline loadings and WLAs, as measured at the relevant existing MS4 permit monitoring location and/or at relevant MS4 monitoring stations identified in an approved coordinated monitoring plan.
January 11, 2025	Compliance with sediment WLAs total PCBs may be demonstrated via any one of three different means:
	1. Sediment numeric targets are met in bed sediments.
	2. Fish tissue targets are met in species resident to Ballona Creek Estuary.
	3. Demonstrate that the sediment quality condition protective of fish tissue is achieved per the Statewide Enclosed Bays and Estuaries Plan, as amended to address contaminants in resident finfish and wildlife.
	4. Final allocations in the discharge are met, as described below:
	The MS4 and Caltrans storm water NPDES permittees shall demonstrate that 100% of the total drainage area served by the MS4 is effectively meeting the waste load allocations for sediment.
	Alternatively, permittees shall attain a 100% reduction in the difference between the baseline loadings and WLAs, as measured at the relevant existing MS4 permit monitoring location and/or at relevant MS4 monitoring stations identified in an approved coordinated monitoring plan.