

# 2008 INTEGRATED REPORT FOR THE SANTA ANA REGION



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# Regulatory Background

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- ❖ Clean Water Act Section 305 (b) requires States to biennially prepare and submit to the US EPA for approval a report assessing statewide surface water quality



# Regulatory Background

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Clean Water Act Section 303 (d) requires States to develop and submit to US EPA for approval a list of waterbodies that are not meeting water quality standards (WQS) and are not expected to attain these standards even with technology based controls

WQS = Beneficial Use + Water Quality Objectives +  
Antidegradation Policy



# Defining the Integrated Report

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- ❖ Combines the CWA Section 305 (b) Report with the Section 303 (d) List of Impaired Waters
- ❖ Categorizes the water bodies assessed into 5 categories



# Integrated Report Categories

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- ❖ Category 1: Water bodies meet all water quality standards and no use is threatened
- ❖ Category 2: Water bodies meeting some water quality standards but with insufficient data and information to determine if other water quality standards are met
- ❖ Category 3: Insufficient data and information are available to determine if any water quality standard is being attained.



# Integrated Report Categories

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- ❖ Category 4: One or more water quality standards are impaired or threatened but a TMDL is not required if any of the following is true:
  - ❖ 4a TMDL already approved or established by EPA
  - ❖ 4b Implementation of other pollution control requirements is expected to attain water quality standards
  - ❖ 4c Water body impairment is not caused by a pollutant



# Integrated Report Categories

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- ❖ Category 5: Water body is impaired, does not attain the water quality standard and a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) is needed.

*TMDL is a calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant that a waterbody can receive and still safely meet water quality standards*

**TMDL = Waste Load Allocation (Point Sources) + Load Allocation (Non Point Sources) + Margin of Safety**





# Integrated Report Preparation

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- ❖ Reviewed the data in accordance with the State's Listing Policy
- ❖ Consulted with stakeholders, Regional and State Board staff
- ❖ Presented preliminary Integrated Report at January 23, 2009 Regional Board Meeting
- ❖ Continued meetings and discussions with stakeholders
- ❖ Revised the preliminary Integrated Report
- ❖ Board Hearing April 24, 2009



# Comments from the Public

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- ❖ Center for Biological Diversity
- ❖ Orange County Coastkeeper/Inland Waterkeeper
- ❖ Orange County Public Works
- ❖ Surfrider Foundation
- ❖ Mr. Irwin Haydock
- ❖ Santa Ana River Dischargers Association
- ❖ Riverside County Flood Control District



# Integrated Report Summary

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- ❖ Proposed Additions to the 303 d List (Category 5)
  - ❖ Bolsa Chica Channel - ammonia
  - ❖ Borrego Creek (downstream of Irvine Blvd)– ammonia
  - ❖ East Garden Grove Wintersburg Channel - ammonia
  - ❖ Newport Slough - enterococcus
  - ❖ Peters Canyon Channel – pH
  - ❖ Serrano Creek - pH
- ***TMDLs as soon as possible but no later than 2021***



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- ❖ Proposed Additions to the 303 d List (Category 5)
  - ❖ Chino Creek Reach 1b – COD
  - ❖ Chino Creek Reach 2 – pH
  - ❖ City Creek – mercury and cadmium
  - ❖ Cucamonga Creek Reach 1 – pH, copper, zinc
  - ❖ Cucamonga Creek Reach 2- pH
  - ❖ Lake Elsinore – sediment toxicity
- ***TMDLs as soon as possible but no later than 2021***



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- ❖ Proposed Additions to the 303 d List (Category 5)
  - ❖ Rathbone Creek – cadmium & copper
  - ❖ San Antonio Creek - pH
  - ❖ Santa Ana River Reach 3 – copper (wet season)
  - ❖ Temescal Creek Reach 1 - pH
- ***TMDLs as soon as possible but no later than 2021***



# Integrated Report Summary

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- ❖ Deletions from the 303 d List
  - ❖ Big Bear Lake – sediment/siltation and metals
  - ❖ Grout Creek - copper
  - ❖ Knickerbocker Creek - metals
  - ❖ San Diego Creek Reach 2 - metals



# Integrated Report Summary

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- ❖ One or more WQS impaired but no TMDL needed (Category 4a)
  - Newport Bay – bacterial indicators
- ❖ Waterbodies with insufficient quantity or quality of data to determine if any WQS is being attained - (Category 3)
  - Chino Creek Reach 1a - pesticides
  - San Sevaine Creek – pH, chloride, TDS, sodium, sulfates, total nitrogen



# Integrated Report Summary

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Waterbodies meeting some WQS but not enough information to determine if other WQS are met (Category 2)

- ✦ Bolsa Chica State Beach
- ✦ Bonita Creek
- ✦ Crystal Cove State Park
- ✦ Huntington Beach State Park
- ✦ Huntington City Beach
- ✦ Huntington Harbour
- ✦ Mill Creek (Prado Area)
- ✦ Newport Beach
- ✦ San Timoteo Creek
- ✦ Santiago Creek Rch 1 & 4
- ✦ Seal Beach
- ✦ Sunset Beach





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## ❖ Waterbodies meeting all WQS (Category 1)

- None of the 60 waterbodies assessed
- Possibly because monitoring has been focused in problem areas



# Comments Received after April 10, 2009

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- ❖ “Bolsa Chica Channel and East Garden Grove Wintersburg Channel listings for ammonia should be limited to the tidal prism” Orange County Public Works
- ❖ Consider the effects of fires in assessing Lake Elsinore’s sediment toxicity data (map depicting locations of fires submitted) - Riverside County Flood Control District



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## ❖ Recommendations on how to assess metals data submitted by the Santa Ana River Dischargers Association

- ❖ Use of translators
- ❖ Use of mercury fish tissue data in lieu of water column concentrations
- ❖ Use of a site specific aluminum threshold rather than EPA's recommended criteria
- ❖ Consideration of the effects of fires in assessing metals data
- ❖ Use of chronic criteria to assess metals data in dry weather
- ❖ Samples collected during El Nino storms should not be used in the assessment
- ❖ Samples collected in close temporal proximity should be averaged when comparing to the chronic metals' standards



# Next Steps

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- ❖ If approved by the Regional Board, the Integrated Report will be transmitted to the State Board with all the associated information
- ❖ State Board will review and approve the Integrated Reports from each Regional Board and will transmit them to US EPA for their approval
- ❖ Next Integrated Report cycle (2010) will begin at the end of this year



# Errata Sheet

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- ❖ Included in your package is a recently added errata sheet. This errata sheet amends Resolution No. R8-2009-0032 in that it gives the Executive Officer the authority to make non-substantial changes to the water quality assessment database prior to transmitting it to the State Board.
- ❖ Delete the City Creek Listing for cadmium and mercury



# Staff Recommendation

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- ❖ Adopt Resolution No. R8-2009-0032 approving the 2008 Integrated Report including the 303 (d) List of Impaired Waters as presented and as amended by the errata sheet
- ❖ Direct staff to transmit the Integrated Report to the State Board and associated information

