

REVISIONS TO STAFF REPORT

BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH SALINITY WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES FOR THE LOWER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER

Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region
Board Meeting – 8/9 June 2017

REVISIONS TO SECTION 4.1.2.6 OF STAFF REPORT

The committee felt that showing steelhead in footnote 4 of Table II-1 of the Basin Plan may assert that the species is present and that habitat in the San Joaquin River from Friant Dam to Merced River confluence is critical habitat. ~~With respect to Critical Habitat, there is no critical habitat designated in counties south of Merced County (National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, 2005). Although not part of the present project, the committee recommended that the Central Valley Water Board might want to consider modifying this footnote in the future to more correctly~~better describe the habitat findings of NOAA that steelhead are only found in the San Joaquin River from the Mouth of the Merced River to Vernalis.