

Attachment

Proposed Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan – Los Angeles Region to Suspend the Recreational Beneficial Uses in Engineered Channels during Unsafe Wet Weather Conditions

Proposed for adoption by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region on July 10, 2003.

Amendments:

In Chapter 2 “Beneficial Uses” of the Basin Plan, add the following paragraph after the definition of “Non-contact Water Recreation (REC-2)” on page 2-2:

High Flow Suspension: The High Flow Suspension shall apply to water contact recreational activities associated with the swimmable goal as expressed in the federal Clean Water Act section 101(a)(2) and regulated under the REC-1 use, non-contact water recreation involving incidental water contact regulated under the REC-2 use, and the associated bacteriological objectives set to protect those activities. Water quality objectives set to protect (1) other recreational uses associated with the fishable goal as expressed in the federal Clean Water Act section 101(a)(2) and regulated under the REC-1 use and (2) other REC-2 uses (e.g., uses involving the aesthetic aspects of water) shall remain in effect at all times for waters where the (ad) footnote appears in Table 2-1a. The High Flow Suspension shall apply on days with rainfall greater than or equal to ½ inch and the 24 hours following the end of the ½-inch or greater rain event, as measured at the nearest local rain gauge, using local Doppler radar, or using widely accepted rainfall estimation methods. The High Flow Suspension only applies to engineered channels, defined as inland, flowing surface water bodies with a box, V-shaped or trapezoidal configuration that have been lined on the sides and/or bottom with concrete. The water bodies to which the High Flow Suspension applies are identified in Table 2-1a in the column labeled “High Flow Suspension”.

In Chapter 2, create a new table, Table 2-1a “Recreational Beneficial Uses of Inland Surface Waters” following Table 2-1 “Beneficial Uses of Inland Surface Waters”. (See attached for new Table 2-1a.)

- Move the columns for “REC1” and “REC2” to Table 2-1a.
- Add an additional column for “High Flow Suspension”.
- Add a “Y” and reference to footnote (ad) in the High Flow Suspension column for those water bodies covered under the High Flow Suspension.
- Add footnote (ad) to Table 2-1a, stating “The High Flow Suspension only applies to water contact recreational activities associated with the swimmable goal as expressed in the federal Clean Water Act section 101(a)(2) and regulated under the REC-1 use, non-contact water recreation involving incidental water contact regulated under the REC-2 use, and the associated bacteriological objectives set to protect those activities. Water quality objectives set to protect (1) other recreational uses associated with the fishable goal as expressed in the federal Clean Water Act section 101(a)(2) and regulated under the REC-1 use and (2) other

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