

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION

March 3, 2005
Resolution No. 2005-003

2004 Triennial Review
Prioritization of Basin Planning Issues

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region finds that:

1. A Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Clara River Basin was adopted by the Regional Board on March 3, 1975 and was amended on March 27, 1978 and October 22, 1990.
2. A Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles River Basin was adopted by the Regional Board on March 10, 1975 and was amended on November 27, 1978 and June 3, 1991.
3. In 1994, the Water Quality Control Plans for the Santa Clara River Basin and Los Angeles River Basin were comprehensively updated by staff and combined into one volume, Water Quality Control Plan – Los Angeles Region (4).
4. The Water Quality Control Plan – Los Angeles Region (4) (Basin Plan) was adopted by the Regional Board on June 13, 1994, and approved by the State Water Resources Control Board on November 17, 1994 and by the State Office of Administrative Law on February 23, 1995.
5. The Regional Board has subsequently conducted triennial reviews of the Basin Plan in 1995 and 2001.
6. Over the period 1995 to 2005, the Regional Board has adopted 23 amendments to the Basin Plan.
7. The Basin Plan contains the Region's water quality standards, which consist of beneficial uses and water quality objectives to protect those uses, as well as an anti-degradation policy.
8. In accordance with section 303(c)(1) of the federal Clean Water Act, section 131.20(a) of title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and sections 13170.2(b) and 13240 of the California Water Code, the Water Board has performed its 2004 triennial review of water quality standards contained in the Basin Plan. The triennial review conforms with the processes described in the state's Continuing Planning Process as submitted to U.S. EPA.
9. Basin planning staff initiated the 2004 Triennial Review by meeting with staff from each of the programs at the Regional Board to seek their input on what basin

planning priorities should be. Staff also spoke to U.S. EPA and Regional Board executive officers to get their input.

10. Planning staff then presented the list of preliminary 2004 Basin Planning priorities to stakeholders at a series of four public workshops. The purpose of the workshops was to solicit public input concerning the need for revisions to the water quality standards (i.e. beneficial uses, water quality objectives, and implementation plans and policies) established in the Basin Plan. The workshops were held on August 16, 2004; August 31, 2004; October 7, 2004; and January 27, 2005.
11. Based on public input and further meetings with Regional Board executive officers, staff prepared a comprehensive list of candidate basin planning issues, and prioritized these issues for further study, which could lead to future amendments of the Water Quality Control Plan during the next three years.
12. Incorporating the input received at the workshops and in written comments, Regional Board staff prepared a staff report dated January 12, 2005 describing the 2004 Basin Plan Triennial Review process and the prioritized list of Basin Plan issues to be investigated over the next three years (Attachment 1).
13. Regional Board staff sent the staff report to all known interested persons to allow a 30-day public comment period in advance of the public hearing.
14. The Regional Board held a public hearing on March 3, 2005, for the purpose of receiving testimony on this Triennial Review and on the need for revisions to the water quality standards (i.e. beneficial uses, water quality objectives, and implementation plans and policies) established in the Basin Plan. Notice of the public hearing was sent to all known interested persons and published in accordance with California Water Code, section 13244.
15. Pursuant to sections 13240 of the California Water Code, the Regional Board, after considering the entire record, including oral testimony, hereby adopts the 2004 Prioritized List of Basin Plan Issues for Investigation as set forth in Attachment 1 to this Resolution for the period 2005-2007.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Regional Board hereby certifies completion of the 2004 Basin Plan Triennial Review and adopts the 2004 Prioritized List of Basin Plan Issues for Investigation as set forth in Attachment 1 to this Resolution for the period 2005-2007.
2. The Regional Board shall study further, within budgetary constraints, the all issues considered in the Staff Report and will prepare, as appropriate, amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan.
3. This does not preclude the consideration of other issues for possible revision or amendment of the Water Quality Control Plan.

4. The entire Basin Plan shall remain in effect until such time that appropriate and specific amendments are adopted by the Water Board and approved by the appropriate review authorities.
5. A copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the State Water Resources Control Board and the US EPA.

I, Jonathan Bishop, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, on March 3, 2005.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

JONATHAN BISHOP, P.E.
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ATTACHMENT 1**BASIN PLANNING ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED DURING 2005-2007**

ID	Basin Plan Category	Regionwide or Statewide Effort	Basin Planning Issue
O-1	Beneficial Uses	Regionwide	Develop & oversee pilot project on "tiered aquatic life uses".
O-2	Beneficial Uses	Regionwide	Clarification of uses related to fish consumption. Development of new use(s) and or subcategories of use and/or adjustment of objectives based on local consumption rates.
O-3	Water Quality Objectives	Regionwide	Oversee stakeholder led studies to develop copper SSOs.
O-4	Water Quality Objectives	Regionwide	Evaluate appropriate averaging period(s) for mineral quality objectives.
O-5	Water Quality Objectives	Regionwide	Evaluate groundwater MUN de-designation requests. Consider as an alternative maintaining the MUN use, but suspending objectives for natural constituents where it can be demonstrated the source is natural in origin.
O-6	Water Quality Objectives	Regionwide	Adopt Ammonia SSO (SGR, LAR, SCR).
O-7	Water Quality Objectives	Statewide	Participate in statewide effort to adopt total residual chlorine objectives and implementation provisions
O-8	Plans and Policies	Regionwide	Develop a regional policy on hydromodification of watercourses in the Los Angeles Region. Consider including criteria and evaluation requirements to be used by Board staff when evaluating projects for certification or WDRs.
R-19	Plans and Policies	Regionwide	Adopt the following TMDLs (per tentative schedule) as Basin Plan Amendments: Malibu Creek (nutrients) Marina Del Rey (pesticides, PCBs, metals, toxicity) Calleguas Creek (pesticides, PCBs, metals, toxicity) Santa Monica Bay (chlordane) Ballona Creek (coliform, metals, toxics) Los Angeles River (metals) San Gabriel River (metals) LA/LB Harbors and Estuaries (legacy pesticides, PAH, metals, TBT)
R-5	Water Quality Objectives	Regionwide	Develop a general policy for interpreting narrative objectives. Identify and prioritize narrative objectives for addition or revision (such as emerging chemicals such as MTBE, perchlorate, chromium VI, 1-4 dioxane, and 1-2-3 TCP). Address one or two of the identified priorities.
S-7	Plans and Policies	Statewide	Consider developing a regional policy, or work with State Board staff on a statewide policy, on interpreting narrative toxicity objectives.
S-5	Water Quality Objectives	Statewide	Work with State Board staff to develop numeric or narrative objectives for sediment quality and sediment toxicity.
S-4	Water Quality Objectives	Statewide	Continue groundwork, including participation in RTAG, in support of developing nutrient criteria as required by US EPA.

ID	Basin Plan Category	Regionwide or Statewide Effort	Basin Planning Issue
R-1	Beneficial Uses	Regionwide	Update maps in Basin Plan. Consider doing the following: a. Display watershed management areas. b. Align existing Hydrologic Units with most recent Cal Water 2.2 system. c. Update reaches as appropriate. d. Define and delineate estuaries and enclosed bays. e. Match reach maps with beneficial use tables. f. Update groundwater maps based on Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118 (2003 update). g. Delineate wetlands based on available information.
R-8	Water Quality Objectives	Regionwide	Evaluate what hardness value(s) should be used in the calculation of permit limits (or TMDLs) for hardness-dependent metals.
R-9	Water Quality Objectives	Regionwide	Assess what temperature and pH values of what waters should be used in determining the ammonia objective for a waterbody. Clarify how the 30-day objectives are evaluated.
S-6	Water Quality Objectives	Statewide	Continue groundwork in support of developing numeric biocriteria. Develop a narrative objective for biological integrity.
R-21	Plans and Policies	Regionwide	Conduct an inventory and beneficial use surveys of coastal streams not listed in Table 2-1 of the Basin Plan. Incorporate waterbodies into Table 2-1 and identify applicable beneficial uses.
S-8	Plans and Policies	Statewide	Determine the most appropriate approach(es) to address effluent and agriculturally dominated water bodies.
R-39	Plans and Policies	Regionwide	Convene a wet-weather task force, initially led by the Regional Board and comprised of representative stakeholders in the Region, to identify a menu of project concepts addressing wet-weather concerns as they relate to water-quality standards. Bring the menu of project concepts before the Regional Board for its consideration and prioritization.