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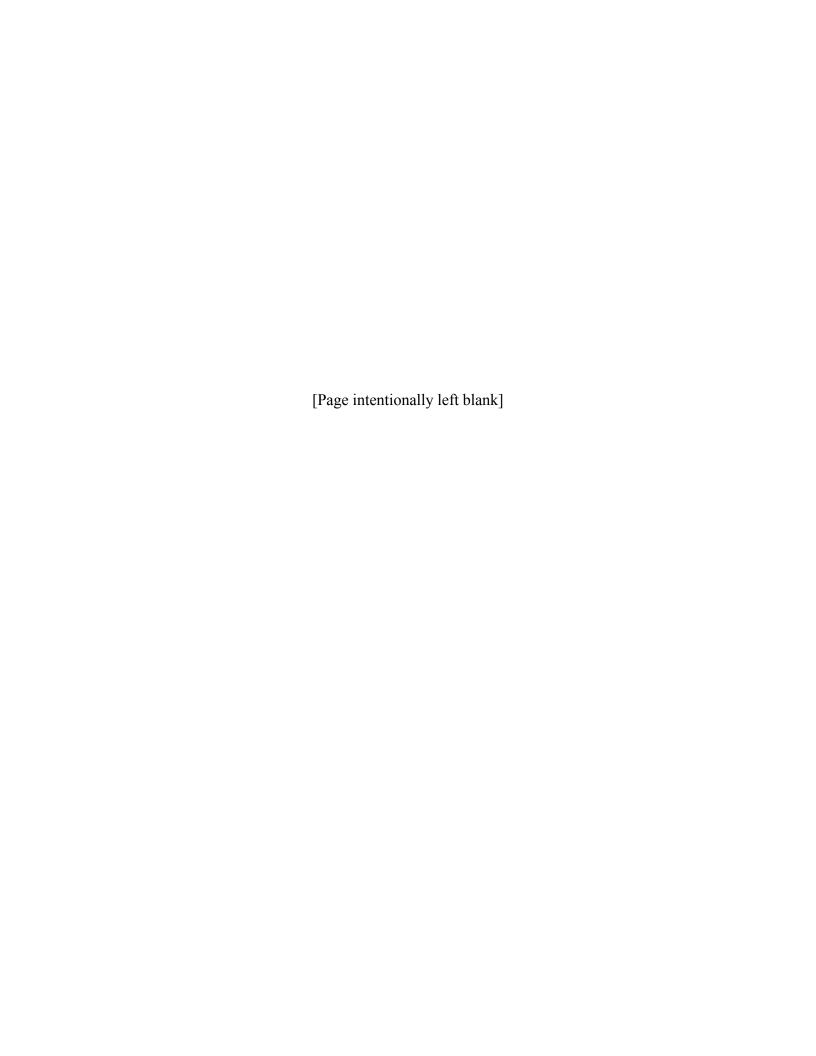
# EVALUATION OF WATER QUALITY CONDITIONS FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO SECTION 303(d) LIST

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#### 1 Introduction

One of the San Francisco Bay Water Board's functions is to evaluate the water quality condition of waters in the San Francisco Bay Region. To accomplish this goal, staff gathers and evaluates data that are the basis of its water quality assessments. This staff report presents the results of staff's review and consideration of the available water quality data for the Region, including data submitted by the public. One important outcome of the assessment process is the identification of water bodies that are being proposed for inclusion on the list of impaired water bodies. Under Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) regulations, the State is required every two years to report to the U.S. EPA on the status of water quality in the State (Section 305(b) water quality assessment), and provide a list of impaired water bodies (Section 303(d) list). Impaired water bodies are those where water quality standards are not met or expected to be met after implementation of technology based requirements of the CWA.

The 303(d) list of impaired waters must include a description of the pollutants causing the violation of water quality standards. As defined in CWA and federal regulations, water quality standards include the designated uses of a water body, the adopted water quality criteria, and the State's antidegradation policy. For water quality limited segments included on the 303(d) list, the state is required to develop a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) to address the impairment. A TMDL is defined as the "sum of the individual waste load allocations for point sources and load allocations for non-point sources and natural background" (40 CFR130.2) such that the capacity of the water body to assimilate pollutant loadings (the loading capacity) is not exceeded. The federal requirement for setting priorities on which TMDLs will be developed is addressed in the State Water Board's *Water Quality Control Policy for Developing California's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List* (Listing Policy) by the establishment of schedules for TMDL development.

The last review of the 303(d) list and update occurred in 2006. The review was based on the State Board's Listing Policy developed in 2004. For the 2008 update, the Regional Water Boards are considering for approval, recommendations on the conditions of waters in the Region, applying the 2004 Listing Policy in the process.

This staff report presents the current status of water quality in the San Francisco Bay Region for water bodies with readily available data, and identifies the methods and data used to evaluate water quality status. The report identifies the proposed additions, deletions, and changes to the 2006 303(d) list. The water quality assessments also result in the identification of water bodies where water quality standards are met or where not enough information is available to accurately assess water quality. The results of the water quality assessments are compiled into a statewide integrated report referred to as the 303(d)/305(b) Integrated Report (Integrated Report) by the State Board.

The State Board will include the Water Boards' listing/delisting recommendations in its preparation of the statewide 303(d) list for submission to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). The statewide 303(d) list will be part of the Integrated Report. The State Board's deliberative process will be conducted in 2009.

Appendix A of this staff report includes the public solicitation letters requesting that the public submit any and all available data to support the assessment of water quality in the Region. Appendix B provides a summary of the data received from the public and an assessment of data quality. Appendix C presents Fact Sheets for each recommendation to add a water body to the 303(d) list or to delist. Fact Sheets showing water bodies that support at least some beneficial uses are presented in Appendix D. Water bodies not listed due to insufficient information are in Appendix E. Appendix F is the revised 2006 303(d) list.

## 2 Listing Policy and Evaluation Criteria

The proposed 2008 303(d) list of impaired water bodies in the San Francisco Bay Region was developed in accordance with the Water Quality Control Policy for Developing California's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List (listing policy) (SWRCB 2004). The listing policy establishes a standardized approach for developing California's section 303(d) list. It outlines an approach that provides the rules for making listing decisions based upon different kinds of data and establishes a systematic framework for statistical analysis of water quality data. The listing policy also establishes requirements for data quality, data quantity, and administration of the listing process. Decision rules for listing and delisting are provided for: chemical-specific water quality standards; bacterial water quality standards; health advisories; bioaccumulation of chemicals in aquatic life tissues; nuisances such as trash, odor, and foam; nutrients; water and sediment toxicity; adverse biological response; and degradation of aquatic life populations and communities.

Listing and delisting decisions were made in accordance with the listing policy, using all applicable narrative and numeric water quality criteria contained in the San Francisco Bay Basin Plan and in the California and National Toxic Rules. The listing policy specifies the frequency of exceedance of applicable water quality objectives that is necessary to make a determination that the water is impaired. When applying narrative water quality criteria, staff used guidelines developed by the U.S. EPA and other government agencies together with findings published in the scientific peer-reviewed literature to interpret data and evaluate the water quality conditions.

### 3 Information Received and Analyzed

#### 3.1 Data solicitation

Federal regulation [(40 CFR § 130.7(b)(5)] states that "Each State shall assemble and evaluate all existing and readily available water quality-related data and information" when developing the 303(d) list. In December 2006, Water Board staff solicited the public to submit any and all water quality data to be considered in preparation of the 2008 303(d) list and 305(b) report. This solicitation established a data submittal deadline of February 28, 2007. On January 30, 2007, staff transmitted a notice clarifying that there were no limits on the type or format of data and information that the public could provide to the Water Boards for their assessment. The notices provided to the public can be found in Appendix A of this report.

Appendix B contains a summary of the data and information submitted to the Water Board for consideration in the 2008 303(d) listing process. We received 15 submissions in response to the data solicitation, including multiple requests to list water bodies, two requests to delist and/or not to list water bodies as well as data sets without any accompanying request to list or delist. Water Board staff evaluated the submitted data in accordance with the listing policy, taking into account spatial and temporal representativeness and quality (Appendix B). The submissions and listing requests covered four major categories of pollutants and stressors including (1) trash; (2) general water quality parameters such as dissolved oxygen and temperature; (3) nutrients and biostimulatory substances; and (4) suspended solids, sedimentation /siltation.

#### 3.2 Data analysis and recommendations

The assessment process began by identifying and compiling all readily available water quality data as described above. Then, staff systematically reviewed these data sets. Due to the relatively limited number of data sets identified through the solicitation process, much of the effort focused on reviewing the available data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) and the Regional Monitoring Program (RMP). Staff also developed an approach for interpreting the photographic and narrative documentation for trash relative to applicable water quality standards, consistent with the listing policy.

The SWAMP data include field surveys of water column chemistry, sediment chemistry, sediment toxicity, and water toxicity data as well as ancillary data on factors such as flows, biological community and physical habitat indicators. SWAMP was designed to provide information necessary to effectively manage the State's water resources and, subsequently, facilitate assessment of water quality under sections 305(b) and 303(d) of the Clean Water Act. Objectives of the program include: (1) assessing the physical, chemical, and biological condition of water bodies in the region in order to determine if water bodies are impaired and beneficial uses are being protected; (2) generating data and information during different seasonal conditions; and (3) generating data and information that is somewhat evenly distributed across a water body to provide a screening level assessment of water quality. These objectives ensure that the SWAMP data meet all quality requirements of the Listing Policy.

For the purpose of analyzing the data and developing the proposed revisions to the 303(d) list, the Listing Policy recommends a "line of evidence" approach to establish both whether a water body is impaired and what pollutant is causing the impairment. The lines of evidence in support of listing and/or delisting decisions for each affected water body are summarized in a water body-specific fact sheet (Figure 1, Appendix C). Fact sheets were developed for each water body for which sufficient data were available to evaluate during the review.

#### 3.2.1 SWAMP data evaluation

Over the 5-year period (2001 – 2005) SWAMP conducted water quality monitoring in 37 watersheds in the region (SFBRWQCB 2007c, 2007d). Data were collected at multiple locations within each water body over three hydrologic cycles including the wet season (January through March), the spring/decreasing flow season (April through May) and the dry season (June through October). Altogether data from over 190 sampling locations were evaluated. Selected sites in each water body were sampled to determine benthic macroinvertebrate assemblages, temperature, dissolved oxygen, nutrients, trace metals, trace organic compounds, toxicity, and coliforms. Temporal variability in basic water quality (temperature, dissolved oxygen (DO), pH, and specific conductance) was determined by continuous deployment of field measurement devices. These continuous deployments typically lasted one to two weeks and were conducted three to four times per year. Water, sediment and tissue samples that were collected were analyzed to determine concentrations of more than 230 constituents.

The first step of the water quality assessment involved screening all the data against the available water quality criteria and guidelines. For pollutants with applicable numeric water quality criteria, the impairment status was evaluated by comparing the concentration data with existing water and sediment objectives and standards contained chiefly in the San Francisco Bay Basin Plan, California and National Toxic Rules and U.S. EPA guidelines. When only narrative water quality objectives existed, staff identified evaluation guidelines protective of the beneficial use and specified the conditions above which impacts were minimal. Table 1 and Table 2 show a complete list of numeric criteria and evaluation guidelines used in this assessment.

Table 1: Water quality thresholds for 303(d) data screening of freshwater creeks for selected beneficial uses including aquatic life, municipal and domestic supply (MUN), agricultural supply (AGR) and water contact recreation (REC1)

Analyte	Description of Standard	Numeric Limit	Units	Reference
Field measures	•			
	Maximum, salmonid	24	° C	USEPA, 1977
Temperature	7-day mean, coho	14.8	° C	Sullivan et al., 2000
·	7-day mean, steelhead	17	° C	Sullivan et al., 2000
	Minimum, warmwater	5	mg/L	Basin Plan, 2007b
Oxygen, dissolved	Minimum, coldwater	7	mg/L	Basin Plan, 2007b
pH	Range	6.5 to 8.5	S.U.	Basin Plan, 2007b
	Min for AGR	200	μS	Basin Plan, 2007b
specific conductance	Max for AGR	3000	μS	Basin Plan, 2007b
	Max for MUN	900	μS	Basin Plan, 2007b
Nutrients			•	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Ammonia, unionized	Annual median	0.025	mg/L	Basin Plan, 2007b
Nitrate as Nitrogen	Maximum	0.16	mg/L	USEPA, 2000
Phosphorus, Total Phoshorus	Maximum	30	μg/L	USEPA, 2000
Salts – AGR only	Salt thresholds apply only to			
Boron	Maximum	0.5	mg/L	Basin Plan, 2007b
Chloride	Maximum  Cadmium, copper, nickel, silv	142	mg/L	Basin Plan, 2007b
Metals	mg/L CaCO3. Values at other formulas in the Basin Plan.			
Arsenic, dissolved	1-hour average WQO	340	μg/L	Basin Plan, 2007b
	4-day average WQO	150	F-9' -	
Cadmium, total	1-hour average WQO	3.9	μg/L	Basin Plan, 2007b
	4-day average WQO	1.1	~ <i>y</i> –	
Chromium VI, dissolved	1-hour average WQO	16	μg/L	Basin Plan, 2007b
	4-day average WQO	11	~ <i>y</i> –	
Copper, dissolved	1-hour average WQO	13	μg/L	Basin Plan, 2007b
	4-day average WQO	9	P9'-	
Lead, dissolved	1-hour average WQO	65	μg/L	Basin Plan, 2007b
	4-day average WQO	2.5	P9'-	
Mercury, total	1-hour average WQO	2.4	μg/L	Basin Plan, 2007b
	4-day average WQO	0.025	r9′ <b>-</b>	
Nickel, dissolved	1-hour average WQO	470	μg/L	Basin Plan, 2007b
	4-day average WQO	52	r 5′ ⊏	
Selenium, total	4-day average WQO	5	μg/L	Basin Plan, 2007b
	1-hour average WQO	20	P9'-	
Silver, dissolved	1-hour average WQO	3.4	μg/L	Basin Plan, 2007b
Zinc, dissolved	1 have average MOO	120		
zinc, dissolved	1-hour average WQO 4-day average WQO	120 120	μg/L	Basin Plan, 2007b
Metals MUN only	1-nour average WQO 4-day average WQO These Metals thresholds app assigned.	120		
Metals MUN only	4-day average WQO  These Metals thresholds app	120	ers with N	
Metals MUN only Manganese, total	4-day average WQO These Metals thresholds app assigned.	120 ly only to wate		IUN beneficial use
Metals MUN only  Manganese, total	4-day average WQO  These Metals thresholds app assigned.  Maximum	120 ly only to wate	ers with N μg/L	IUN beneficial use Basin Plan, 2007b
Metals MUN only Manganese, total Mercury, total	4-day average WQO  These Metals thresholds app assigned.  Maximum	120 ly only to wate	ers with N μg/L	IUN beneficial use Basin Plan, 2007b
Metals MUN only Manganese, total Mercury, total	4-day average WQO  These Metals thresholds app assigned.  Maximum  Maximum	120 ly only to wate	ers with N μg/L	IUN beneficial use Basin Plan, 2007b

		Numeric		
Analyte	Description of Standard	Limit	Units	Reference
Field measures				
	Instantaneous maximum		_	
Dacthal (DCPA)	AWQC	14300	μg/L	CVRWQCB. 2008
Diazinon	1-hour average	0.1	μg/L	SFBRWQCB, 2005
Disulfoton (Disyston)	Instantaneous maximum AWQC	0.05	μg/L	CVRWQCB. 2008
	Continuous 4-day average	0.056		CTR
Endosulfan	Instantaneous maximum	0.22	μg/L	CTR
HCH, gamma- (gamma-BHC,				
Lindane)	Maximum 1-hour average	0.95	μg/L	CTR
,	Instantaneous maximum			
Parathion, methyl	AWQC	0.08	μg/L	CDFG
	Instantaneous maximum			
Thiobencarb	AWQC	3.1	μg/L	CDFG
Pathogens – Water Contact Recreation (REC1)				
	steady state (all areas)	126	MPN	
E. coli (freshwater)			/100	US EPA, 1986
	designated beach (max)	235	mL	
Food coliform	geometric mean	200	MPN	Pagin Plan 2007h
Fecal coliform	90th percentile	400	/100 mL	Basin Plan, 2007b
	median	240	MPN	
Total coliform	median	240	/100	Basin Plan, 2007b
rotar comorni	maximum	10000	mL	Baom Flam, 2007
Coliforms – MUN only	MUN thresholds are DOHS re as drinking water source.	commendatio	ns for su	rface water that serves
Fecal coliform	geometric mean	<20	MPN	
Total coliform	-		/100	Basin Plan, 2007b
Total Collotti	geometric mean	<100	mL	
Toxicity Basin Plan	Two-sample t-tests (one-taile versus control data.	d, alpha = 0.05	5) were pe	erformed on station data
For <i>Ceriodaphnia and Pimephales</i> , the null hypothesis tested was that the station response was less than (less growth, survival, etc) the control response.		80	%	Basin Plan (2007b) - "There shall be no
For Selenastrum, where we are are greater than (more growth) control, these two-sample tests	80	%	chronic/acute toxicity in ambient waters." (3.3.18)	

CTR - (Federal Register, Part III; EPA; 40 CFR Part 131 Water Quality Standards; Establishment of Numeric Criteria for Priority Toxic Pollutants for the State of California; Rule. May 18, 2000)

CDFG - California Department of Fish and Game, Office of Spill Prevention and Emergency Response, Hazard Assessment and Water Quality Criteria documents for pesticides (various dates), <a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/sw/hazasm.htm">http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/sw/hazasm.htm</a>

Table 2: Freshwater sediment quality pollutant thresholds for 303(d) data screening

Probable SQG type: concen			Threshold effect concentration		Reference	
Analyte	mg/kg	μg/kg	mg/kg	μg/kg		
Metals					MacDonald et al. 2000	
Arsenic	33		9.79			
Cadmium	4.98		0.99			
Chromium	111		43.4			
Copper	149		31.6			
Lead	128		35.8			
Mercury	1.06		0.18			
Nickel	48.6		22.7			
Zinc	459		121		_	
Organics					MacDonald et al. 2000	
Anthracene		845		57.2		
Fluorene		536		77.4	_	
Naphthalene		561		176		
Phenanthrene		1170		204		
Benz(a)anthracene		1050		108	_	
Benzo(a)pyrene		1450		150	_	
Chrysene		1290		166		
Dibenz(a,h)anthracene				33	_	
Fluoranthene		2230		423	_	
Pyrene		1520		195	_	
PAH (total)		22800		1610	_	
PCB (total)		676		59.8	_	
Chlordane		17.6		3.24	_	
Dieldrin		61.8		1.9	_	
DDD (sum op + pp)		28		4.88	_	
DDE (sum op + pp)		31.3		3.16	_	
DDT (sum op + pp)		62.9		4.16	_	
DDT (total)		572		5.28	_	
Endrin		207		2.22	_	
Heptachlor epoxide		16		2.47	_	
HCH, gamma		4.99		2.37		

Toxicity Two-sample t-tests (one-tailed, alpha = 0.05) were performed on station data versus control data.

For *Hyalella*, the null hypothesis tested was that the station response was less than (less growth, survival, etc) the control response. 80% of the control group was the threshold for sediment toxicity.

Basin Plan (2007b) - "There shall be no chronic/acute toxicity in ambient waters." (3.3.18)

#### 3.2.2 Trash

Trash is not a new problem for the Bay Area, but it is a continuing problem both as an aesthetic nuisance, as a serious threat to aquatic life in tributaries, and as a threat to marine life in estuaries and oceans. Data suggest that plastic from trash persists for hundreds of years in the environment and can pose a threat to wildlife through ingestion, entrapment and entanglement, and this plastic can leach potentially harmful chemicals to the aquatic environment. During the 2002 303(d) listing update effort, staff discussed the water quality impacts associated with trash at some length (SFRWQCB 2001). Water Board staff found that trash threatened water quality in all urban creeks, lakes, and shorelines. Rather than listing all urban creeks at that time, the Water Board urged municipalities to implement trash control measures and assess trash impairments in their jurisdictions and document these assessments in annual reports submitted to the Board. Since 2002, Water Board staff has developed, refined, and implemented (2002) through 2005) a rapid trash assessment method as part of SWAMP (SFBRWQCB 2007a). Other local entities, e.g., the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (SCVURPPP) also collected trash assessment data. The water quality assessments for trash conducted for this 303(d) update are based on the results of the rapid trash assessment method and interpretation of data submitted by the public using a similar approach.

The data solicitation for this update resulted in the submission of a large quantity of trash-related data and accompanying requests for 303(d) listings. These data consisted mainly of photographs and narrative documentation on the status of trash levels for specific water bodies. In addition to these data, staff compiled and considered rapid trash assessment data collected by SWAMP as well as similar trash assessment data collected by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (SCVURPPP). The two types of trash data, photographs and trash assessment results, required distinct evaluation methodologies described below. Because there are no numeric water quality criteria for trash, the trash data were reviewed according to the "weight of evidence" guidelines established in section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. After reviewing these data in accordance with the Listing Policy, there were several water bodies for which we did not have compelling evidence to place them on the 303(d) list. These water bodies are identified in Table 3 below. The water bodies recommended for placement on the 303(d) list for trash impairment are identified in Table 4 below, and the lines of evidence are described in detail in Appendix C.

#### Relevant Beneficial Uses and Water Quality Objectives

Several beneficial uses may be adversely impacted by trash, including recreation, aquatic life, wildlife habitat, and navigation. However, data were not readily available to allow staff to evaluate all beneficial uses possibly impaired by trash. Instead, we focused our review on evaluating impairment of non-contact water recreation (REC-2), and wildlife habitat (WILD) beneficial uses because these uses can be most easily evaluated through review of available trash data. Impairment of REC-2 can be readily evaluated based on the level of trash present. Impairment of WILD can be evaluated based on the level of certain types of trash associated with threat to wildlife, a beneficial use that implicitly includes aquatic life.

Beneficial uses adversely impacted by trash are, in turn, supported by the following set of narrative water quality objectives and basin plan prohibitions. The Basin Plan (Table 4-1,

Prohibition Number 7) prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas." The Basin Plan (Section 3.3.6) also has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses." Last, the Basin Plan (Section 3.3.13) has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Table 3: List of water bodies with insufficient evidence to establish trash impairment

Water Body	Designated/Potential Uses	Supporting Data
Adobe Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	RTA <sup>1</sup> , Photos
Alamitos Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	RTA
Alhambra Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Photos
Arroyo Corte Madera del Presidio	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Photos
Arroyo Los Positas	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	RTA
Arroyo Mocho	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	RTA
Arroyo Seco	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Photos
Barron Basin	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	RTA
Berryessa Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	RTA
Calabazas Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Photos
Corte Madera Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Photos
Lagunitas Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	RTA
Las Trampas Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Photos
Lafayette Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Photos
Ledgewood Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Photos
Los Gatos Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	RTA, Photos
McCoy Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Photos
Pacheco Slough	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Photos
Randall Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	RTA
Rodeo Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	RTA
San Gregorio Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	RTA
San Ramon Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Photos
Sulphur Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Photos
Thompson Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	RTA
Upper Penitencia Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	RTA
Vista Grande Canal	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Photos
Walnut Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Photos
Wildcat Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	RTA
Yerba Buena Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	RTA

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> RTA – Rapid Trash Assessment

#### Evaluation of Trash Assessment Results

The Water Board's rapid trash assessment method generates site-specific scores on a scale from 0 to 120, with higher scores indicating cleaner sites. The method also documents the number of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline, and the rate of return of trash under different hydrologic conditions. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. When repeated several times throughout a year, this procedure allows for the assessment of temporal changes in impairment, usage patterns, and trash deposition rates under wet and dry weather conditions (SFBRWQCB 2007a).

The Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) method evaluates six parameters of trash impacts (level of trash, number of items found, threat to wildlife, threat to human health, illegal dumping, and trash accumulation). For purposes of determining impairment status, Water Board staff evaluated the magnitudes of the "level of trash" and "threat to aquatic life" parameters. If the "level of trash" parameter score fell in the 'poor condition category' (scores 0-5), REC2 is deemed not supported. According to the RTA, the "poor condition" score corresponds to a level of trash that "distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). This score suggests that the site is being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing." SCVURPPP developed a similar "level of trash" parameter that can be interpreted similarly. Water Board staff reason that if there is sufficient trash to "distract the eye on first glance" and there are substantial levels of litter and debris, then the non-contact beneficial use would be impaired.

The second RTA parameter considered is the "threat to aquatic life" category. If this parameter score fell in the 'poor condition' category (scores 0-5), then WILD is deemed not supported. According to the RTA, the 'poor condition' score corresponds to a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter (such as hard or soft plastics, balloons, styrofoam, cigarette butts); toxic items (such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans); large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal."

Water Board staff used the "threat to aquatic life" parameter to assess impairment to wildlife habitat beneficial uses (WILD) because the type of trash measured by this parameter is particularly problematic for wildlife (including aquatic life). The two primary problems that trash poses to wildlife are entanglement and ingestion. Mammals, turtles, birds, fish, and crustaceans all have been affected by entanglement in or ingestion of floatable debris. Many of the species most vulnerable to the problems of floatable debris are endangered or threatened. Entanglement is harmful to wildlife because it can cause wounds that can lead to infections or loss of limbs and also cause strangulation, suffocation, drowning, or escape from predators (EPA 2001). Ingestion of trash can lead to starvation or malnutrition if the ingested items block the intestinal tract, preventing digestion, or accumulate in the digestive tract, making the animal feel "full" and lessening its desire to feed. Ingestion of sharp objects can damage the mouth, digestive tract and/or stomach lining and cause infection or pain. Ingested items can also block air passages and prevent breathing, thereby causing death (EPA 2001).

The Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) developed by SCVURPPP is a very slightly modified version of the original SWAMP RTA. It was modified to make it easier to apply in

urban creeks, and the way in which category scores are interpreted was also modified. However, the URTA has an identical parameter assessing threat to aquatic life (wildlife) by characterizing the amount of "Transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter." If the raw score for this parameter fell in the marginal urban or poor condition category (scores 0-10, corresponding to a count of 76-200 pieces of such litter), then WILD is deemed not supported.

Although Water Board staff only considered the "level of trash" and "threat to aquatic life" parameters for determining impairment status, the SWAMP and SCVURPPP trash assessment methods have four additional parameters that can provide additional information about both the condition and cause of the trash encountered during assessment (SFBRWQCB 2007a). The assessments include a parameter indicating the total number of trash items counted on the 100-foot stream reach, both above and below the high water line. This is an efficient parameter to use to obtain a rough comparison of the trash impacts between sites, but it can be misleading because sometimes trash items are broken into many pieces, thus inflating the count.

The "threat to human health" parameter accounts for the number of items that are dangerous to humans who wade or swim in the water, and the presence of pollutants that could accumulate in fish in the downstream environment, such as mercury. The worst conditions for this parameter have the potential for the presence of dangerous bacteria or viruses, such as with medical waste, diapers, and human or pet waste. The "illegal dumping and littering" parameter relates to direct placement of trash items at a site, with "poor" conditions assigned to sites that appear to be dumping or littering locations based on adjacent land use practices or site accessibility. Finally, the "accumulation of trash" parameter can be used to distinguish trash that is transported from upstream locations from dumped trash. This is accomplished by noting indications of age and transport. Faded colors, silt marks, trash wrapped around roots, and signs of decay suggest downstream transport, indicating that the local drainage system facilitates conveyance of trash to water bodies.

#### Evaluation of Photographic Evidence for Trash

Nearly 900 photos of trash impacts were submitted and evaluated to make impairment determinations. These photos presented a fundamental impairment assessment challenge. How to interpret what could be seen in the photos relative to beneficial use impairment. The method we employed was to view the photos as if the water body was being assessed according to the RTA procedure. One of the co-authors of the RTA inspected every photograph and attempted to establish the RTA score for the "level of trash" and "threat to aquatic life" parameters, which relates to impairment of REC2 and WILD, respectively. One of the first objectives of this photo inspection was to determine if the quantity and quality of the photos were sufficient to establish these parameter scores. Some photos were not clear enough to accomplish this.

In order to establish that the "Level of Trash" parameter was in the poor condition category, we required that reach-scale (i.e., showing most or all of the reach of the creek being photographed) and close-up photos of stream reaches must demonstrate a similar level of trashiness as the 'poor condition' category of the RTA assessment parameter. In other words, we determined if the visual impression of the photos was consistent with the visual impression the evaluator might have experienced during actual RTA assessments for locations scoring in

the 'poor condition' category. A similar determination was made for each photo relative to the "threat to aquatic life" parameter.

#### Spatial and Temporal Representativeness of Trash Impairment

As a general rule, water bodies recommended for inclusion on the 303(d) list for trash are those for which there is evidence of trash problems persisting through space and time. We applied this rule to trash assessment data and photographic data. In order to recommend listing, we typically required both that the water body contain two or more sites that show evidence of trash impairment (according to assessment or photo documentation) and that evidence of trash impairment existed on two or more occasions. There were instances in which a listing recommendation was made based on data for multiple occasions but only at one location if there were no other data available, but these were very rare exceptions. For San Francisco Bay listings, if shoreline or creek mouth sites satisfied these data sufficiency requirements, we recommended that the applicable bay segment be listed. In fact, for the bay segments recommended for listing (Central and Lower), there were at least two shoreline or creek mouth locations with unacceptably high levels of trash (see Appendix C for details).

#### 3.3 Fact sheet development

Water Board staff developed a fact sheet for each water body - pollutant combination that resulted in a listing or delisting recommendation, summarizing the data used to make the decision, the criteria used, and the basic water body characteristics (see Appendix C, D and E). Figure 1 shows a template provided by the State Board and lists all categories of information required to develop a fact sheet and characterize the cause of impairment.

Region: Water Body Segment: Pollutant: Decision: List/De-List Weight of Evidence **RWQCB Staff Recommendation** Line of Evidence: Fraction: Options for this field are none, not recorded, total, dissolved (does not include suspended), and total dissolved. Options for this field are tissue, water, sediment, N/A. This Matrix: is the monitoring data sample medium. Beneficial use(s): Find appropriate beneficial use in your Region's Basin Plan. Water Quality Objective/Criteria: Find in Basin Plan or use CTR or other appropriate water quality objective or criterion and completely cite it here and

Evaluation Guideline: If the objective is narrative, use the appropriate evaluation

guideline and completely cite it here and reference where

you found it.

Data Used to Assess Water

Quality:

Summarize data assessed here. What is the total number of samples? How many of these samples exceed the

objective/criterion/guideline?

reference where you found it.

Data References: Cite the data reference used for this assessment.

Spatial Representation: Where were the samples collected? How many stations,

etc?

Temporal Representation: When were the samples collected? What was the sampling

timeframe, etc?

Water Body Specific Information: Environmental conditions or factors that might effect data

used in assessment [e.g. Fire/Flood/Dry Year event, etc.]

Data Quality Assessment Excellent, good, fair, poor, unknown, and none

QAPP Information: Clearly describe the quality assurance plan or document

that applies to the data used for this assessment. Reference the QA plan that was used. For example: "Quality Control for the chemical analysis portion of this study was conducted in accordance with Standard Operating Procedure QAQC001.00 (Segawa, 1995)."

Figure 1: Fact sheet template for the 303(d) List

## 4 Listing Decisions

#### 4.1 Proposed additions to the 303(d) list of impaired water bodies

Table 4 shows all proposed additions to the 303(d) list. Much more comprehensive information is available regarding these new proposed listings in the fact sheets provided in Appendix C. Locations of the water bodies evaluated as impaired during the 2008 listing period are shown in Figure 2 and Figure 3.

Table 4: Proposed 2008 additions to 303(d) list of impaired water bodies

Water Body	Beneficial Uses	Pollutant/ Cause of impairment
Almaden Lake	Commercial and Recreational Collection of Fish, Shellfish, or organisms	Mercury (tissue)
Almaden Reservoir	Commercial and Recreational Collection of Fish, Shellfish, or organisms	Mercury (tissue)
Arroyo Las Positas Creek	Warm Freshwater Habitat	Nutrient/Eutrophication Biological Indicators
Arroyo Mocho Creek	Cold Freshwater Habitat (potential)	Temperature
Codornices Creek	Cold Freshwater Habitat	Temperature
Kirker Creek	Warm Freshwater Habitat	Pyrethroids
Mount Diablo Creek	Cold Freshwater Habitat	Water Toxicity
Permanente Creek	Cold Freshwater Habitat	Selenium Water Toxicity
San Leandro Creek Lower	Warm Freshwater Habitat	Chromium VI
San Mateo Creek Lower	Wildlife Habitat	Sediment Toxicity
Stevens Creek	Cold Freshwater Habitat	Temperature
Suisun Creek	Cold Freshwater Habitat Cold Freshwater Habitat	Dissolved Oxygen Temperature
Alameda Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Trash
Baxter Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Trash
Cerrito Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Trash
Codornices Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Trash
Colma Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Trash
Coyote Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Trash

Water Body	Beneficial Uses	Pollutant/ Cause of impairment
Damon Slough	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Trash
Grayson Creek	Wildlife Habitat	Trash
Guadalupe River	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Trash
Kirker Creek	Wildlife Habitat	Trash
Matadero Creek	Wildlife Habitat	Trash
Permanente Creek	Wildlife Habitat	Trash
Petaluma River	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Trash
Rindler Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Trash
San Francisco Bay (Central) shoreline	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Trash
San Francisco Bay (Lower) shoreline	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Trash
San Francisquito Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Trash
San Leandro Creek Lower	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Trash
San Mateo Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Trash
San Pablo Creek	Non-Contact Recreation	Trash
San Tomas Creek	Wildlife Habitat	Trash
Saratoga Creek	Wildlife Habitat	Trash
Sausal Creek	Wildlife Habitat	Trash
Silver Creek	Wildlife Habitat	Trash
Stevens Creek	Wildlife Habitat	Trash
Strawberry Creek	Non-Contact Recreation and Wildlife Habitat	Trash

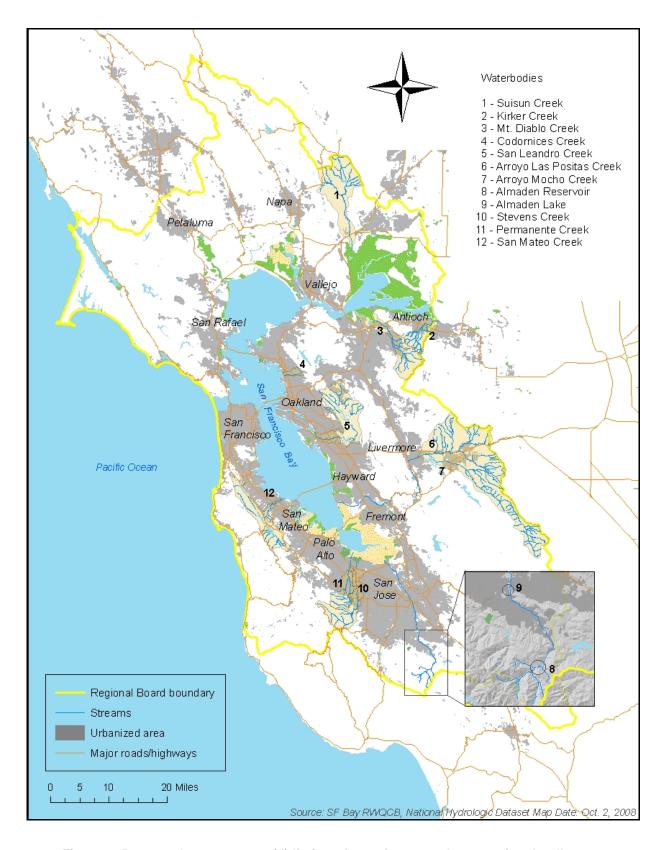


Figure 2: Proposed 2008 new 303(d) listings for toxicants and conventional pollutants

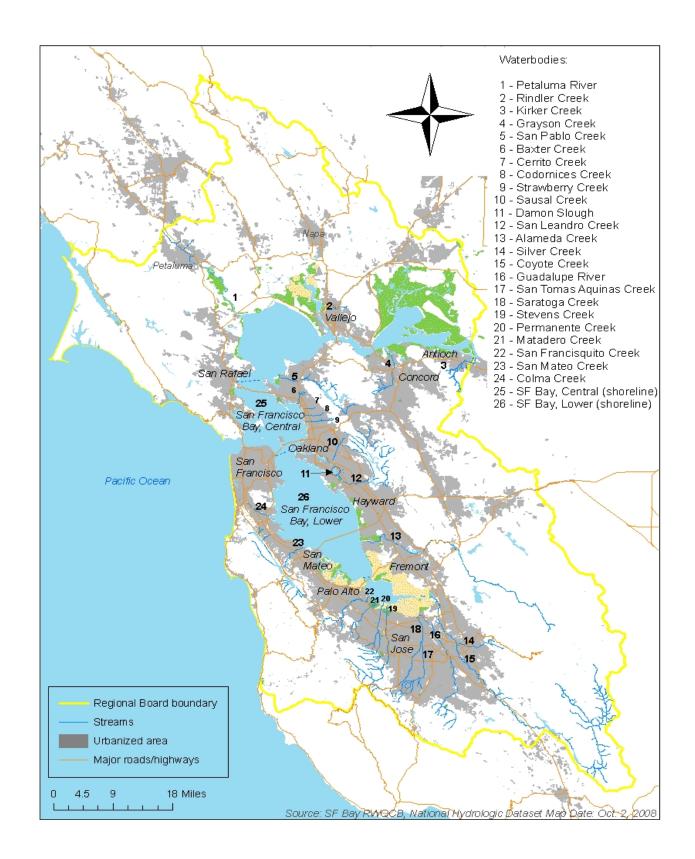


Figure 3: Proposed 2008 303(d) listings for trash

#### 4.2 Proposed delisting and status change

#### Delist nickel in Sacramento San Joaquin Delta, San Pablo Bay, Suisun Bay

Based on the readily available data and information, there is strong justification for removing these water segment-pollutant combinations from the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category. The Basin Plan contains nickel water quality objectives of 8.2µg/L as a 4-day average and 74µg/L as a 1-hour average. Data collected by the Regional Monitoring Program and Special Copper/Nickel study from 1993 through 2005 showed that none of the 59 analyzed water samples from the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta exceeded the water quality objectives, none of the 107 analyzed water samples from San Pablo Bay exceeded the water quality objectives, and none of the 96 analyzed water samples from Suisun Bay exceeded the objectives.

# Change listing status: Castro Cove, Richmond (San Pablo Basin) - addressed by action other than TMDL

This water body was listed in 2006. Since that time a cleanup and abatement order (Order No. R2-2006-0078) requiring remediation of sediment contamination in the listed portion of Castro Cove was issued. The cleanup action involves removal of contaminated sediment and supports other abatement measures in place, such as the mercury TMDL approved by USEPA on February 12, 2008. Cleanup is underway and upon its completion it is expected that this water body will meet applicable water quality standards.

In November 2007, the Water Board received a Monitoring and Risk Management Plan which includes post-dredging confirmation monitoring to demonstrate that chemical contamination in the sediment has been reduced to levels that no longer pose unacceptable ecological risk. The cleanup completion is scheduled for 2010 and it is expected that this action will attain beneficial uses. Therefore, we recommend that Castro Cove be moved from the 303(d) list requiring a TMDL to the 303(d) list of water bodies being addressed by an action other than a TMDL.

#### 4.3 TMDL schedule

All water body-pollutant combinations on the section 303(d) list are assigned with a proposed TMDL completion date. The maximum time that can elapse between 303(d) listing and TMDL completion is 13 years. Accordingly, we have assigned all new listings a TMDL completion date of 2021. This does not suggest that all new listings have the same priority, but rather that the factors determining TMDL priorities have not yet been evaluated as part of this listing process. These factors will be considered through our continuing planning process and with input from our Board and stakeholders. These factors include:

- Water body significance;
- Severity of pollution;
- Degree of impairment;
- Potential threat to human health and the environment;

- Water quality benefits of ongoing activities in the watershed;
- Potential for beneficial use protection and recovery;
- Degree of public concern;
- Availability of funding; and
- Availability of data and information to address the water quality problem.

#### 4.4 Do-Not-List recommendations

This section presents two categories of water bodies for which a "do not list" decision was made. Table 5 lists good quality waters. For these waters there are sufficient data to determine that at least some beneficial uses are supported and no data are available that suggest non-attainment of beneficial uses. Fact sheets for each of these recommendations are included in Appendix D to this report.

Table 5: Do Not List recommendations: Some beneficial uses supported

Water Body	Designated/Potential Uses	Supporting Data
Easkoot Creek	Aquatic Life/ Cold Freshwater Habitat	Benthic macroinvertebrate bioassessment
		Temperature
		Dissolved Oxygen
Pine Gulch Creek	Aquatic Life/ Cold Freshwater Habitat	Benthic macroinvertebrate bioassessment
		Temperature
		Dissolved Oxygen
Redwood Creek	Aquatic Life/ Cold Freshwater Habitat	Benthic macroinvertebrate bioassessment
		Temperature
		Dissolved Oxygen
Rodeo Creek	Aquatic Life/ Cold Freshwater Habitat	Benthic macroinvertebrate bioassessment
		Temperature
		Dissolved Oxygen
Tennessee Valley Creek	Aquatic Life/ Cold Freshwater Habitat	Benthic macroinvertebrate bioassessment
		Temperature
		Dissolved Oxygen
Webb Creek	Aquatic Life/ Cold Freshwater Habitat	Benthic macroinvertebrate bioassessment
		Temperature
		Dissolved Oxygen

Table 6 lists water body-pollutant combinations, for which there was insufficient information to determine whether or not water quality standards are being attained. In some cases, there are a small number of water quality standard exceedances, but they are insufficient to demonstrate impairment in accordance with the listing policy. Thus, for these water body-

pollutant combinations, more data should be collected to allow for a definitive determination in a subsequent listing cycle. The fact sheets for these water body-pollutant combinations, other than for trash assessment, are provided in Appendix E.

Table 6: Do Not List recommendations: Insufficient information to determine if beneficial uses are attained

Water Body	Designated/Potential Uses	Supporting Data
Arroyo Viejo Creek	Aquatic Life/ Warm Freshwater Habitat	Toxicity sediment Cr , Cu, As, Ni – sediment
Audubon Canyon Creek	Aquatic Life/ Cold Freshwater Habitat	Nitrate
Codornices Creek	Aquatic Life / Warm Freshwater Habitat	Dissolved oxygen
Glen Echo Creek	Aquatic Life/ Warm Freshwater Habitat	Toxicity sediment Cr, Cu, Pb, Zn – sediment Cu, Pb, Ni, Zn – water
Lion Creek	Aquatic Life/ Warm Freshwater Habitat	Dissolved oxygen
Lobos Creek	Aquatic Life/ Warm Freshwater Habitat	Toxicity water Toxicity sediment
Morses Gulch Creek	Aquatic Life/ Cold Freshwater Habitat	Nitrate
Mt Diablo	Aquatic Life / Warm Freshwater Habitat	Dissolved oxygen
Peralta Creek	Aquatic Life / Warm Freshwater Habitat	Toxicity sediment Pyrethroids Diazinon
Stevens Creek	Aquatic Life / Warm Freshwater Habitat	Dissolved oxygen
Temescal Creek	Aquatic Life/ Warm Freshwater Habitat	Toxicity water Cu, Pb, Ni, Zn – water
Walker Creek	Aquatic Life / Cold Freshwater Habitat	Temperature

## 4.5 Editorial revisions to the 2006 303(d) list

In addition to the proposed status changing actions, we reviewed and clarified the decision language for water bodies on the 303(d) list adopted in 2006. In particular, careful consideration was given to updating the expected schedules for TMDL completion. In addition, the updated list reflects U.S. EPA approval of TMDLs adopted since the 2006 303(d) list was approved. All of these revisions are editorial in nature and do not change the listing status of any water body. These revisions to the 2006 303(d) list of impaired water bodies are shown in Appendix F.

### 5 303(d)/305(b) Integrated Report

The 303(d)/305(b) Integrated Report will be prepared by State Board based on the information submitted in this report and similar information prepared by all the other Regions. The Integrated Report will then be submitted to the U.S. EPA. All of the assessments reflected in the Fact Sheets included in this report will be used to determine which category to assign to the evaluated water bodies.

The US EPA defines five non-overlapping categories for use in the integrated assessment (USEPA 2005). These categories include:

- Category 1: All designated uses are supported, no use is threatened;
- Category 2: Available data and/or information indicate that some, but not all of the designated uses are supported (see Table 5 above);
- Category 3: There is insufficient available data and/or information to make a use support determination (see Table 6 above);
- Category 4: Available data and/or information indicate that at least one designated use is not being supported or is threatened, but a TMDL is not needed;
- Category 5: Available data and/or information indicate that at least one designated use is not being supported or is threatened, and a TMDL is needed (Table 4 above).

The 2008 Integrated Report adopted by State Board will include the 303(d) listing changes approved by the Water Board. Categories 4 and 5 reflect those water bodies placed on the 303(d) list.

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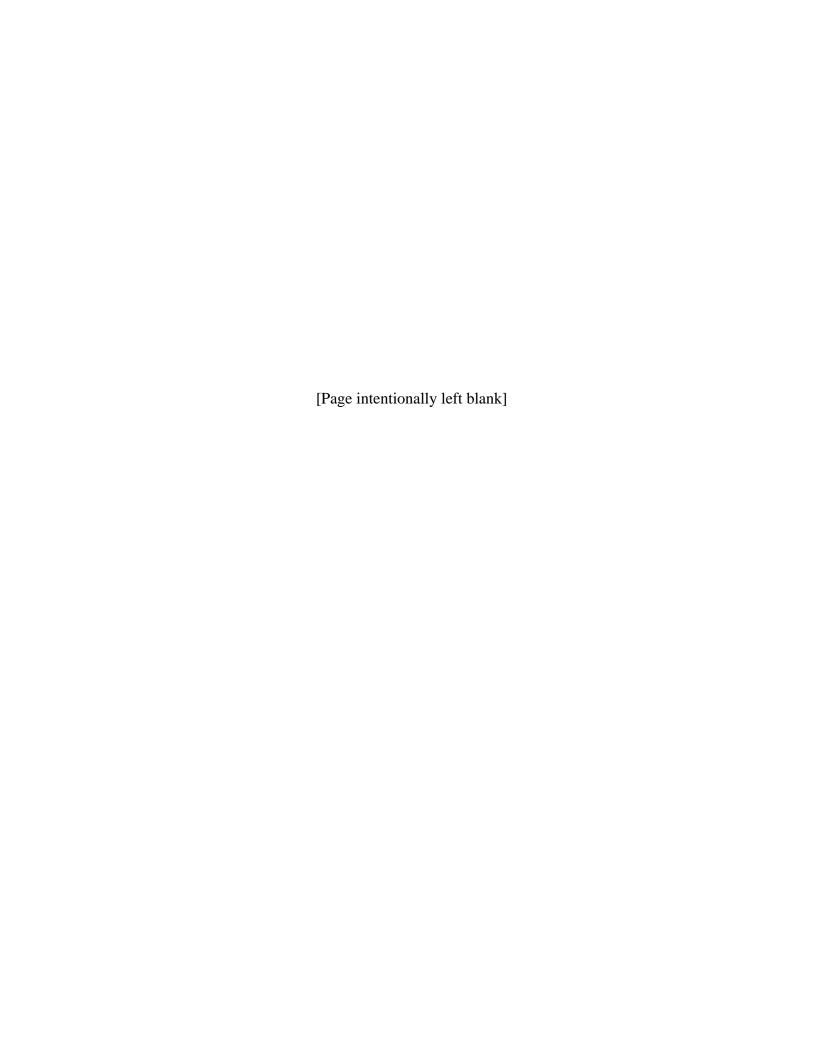
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# **APPENDIX A**

PUBLIC SOLICITATION for Water Quality Information



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To: Interested Persons

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SOLICITATION OF WATER QUALITY DATA AND INFORMATION FOR 2008 INTEGRATED REPORT – LIST OF IMPAIRED WATERS AND SURFACE WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT [303(d)/305(b)]

This letter initiates the solicitation period to request from interested persons data and information regarding water quality conditions in surface waters of California. Information gathered will be used to provide the basis both for identifying and listing impaired waters and for assessing overall surface water quality conditions in California.

**Background Information** 

Every two years, the State of California is required by federal Clean Water Act section 303(d) and Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations section 130.7 to develop and submit to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for approval a list of polluted waters or water quality limited segments (distinct portions of rivers, streams, lakes, ocean waters, etc.). This list is commonly referred to as the "Section 303(d) List" or the "List of Impaired Waters." California's 2006 list has been adopted and is available at: <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/tmdl/303d">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/tmdl/303d</a> listing.html. The State http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/tmdl/303d listing.html.

The list includes water bodies not meeting water quality standards (beneficial uses, water quality objectives/criteria and the State's anti-degradation policy) that are not, or are not expected to be, attained with the implementation of technology-based controls. In addition, currently-listed water bodies can be delisted when evidence reveals that such impacts have ceased, impacts never existed, or the water body is meeting water quality standards. As required by federal law, listed water bodies will be scheduled for development of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) or other appropriate regulatory actions. A TMDL is the total maximum daily load of a pollutant that can be discharged daily into a given water body and still ensure the attainment of applicable water quality standards. In addition, Clean Water Act section 305(b) requires states to submit to USEPA for approval a report assessing statewide surface water quality.

California Environmental Protection Agency



#### 2008 Integrated Report

For the 2008 update, the List of Impaired Waters and the Surface Water Quality Assessment will be combined into an Integrated Report. This Report is due to USEPA by April 1, 2008. The USEPA integrated reporting guidelines can be viewed at: http://www.epa.gov/owow/tmdl/2006IRG/report/2006irg-report.pdf

#### **Development of Integrated Report**

Data and information for the 2006 list were submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). However, for the 2008 update, data and information are to be submitted to each Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board), which will then compile and approve regional lists. Enclosure 1 provides Regional Water Board contact information. Enclosure 2 identifies each of the nine Regional Water Boards and some of the major water bodies within each Region. To be considered in this review process, data and information must be submitted to the appropriate Regional Water Board no later than February 28, 2007.

The State Water Board will compile the regional lists into a statewide list and consider it for adoption. Following State Water Board adoption, the list will then be combined with the Regions' surface water quality assessments into an Integrated Report, as described above, and submitted to USEPA for approval by April 1, 2008.

Since the data and information gathered in this solicitation will contribute to the preparation of a statewide assessment of surface water quality, please do not limit your data and information submissions to only those data that show standards are not met. Data that show standards are being met should also be submitted, as these data and information are extremely important to a proper understanding of the health of the waters of the State. More detailed information about the overall process and requirements for submitting water quality data and information can be found in Enclosure 3.

The tentative schedule for conducting the review and approval of portions of the Integrated Report is shown below. The schedule may change depending on the amount of data to be assessed and the resources available to perform the assessment.

Activity	Date
Beginning of solicitation period for data and information	December 2006
End of solicitation period for data and information	February 28, 2007
Regional Water Boards' approvals of the regional lists and water quality assessment	September 2007 through December 2007
Submittal of Regional Water Boards' portions of the List and Report to State Water Board	December 2007
State Water Board approval of statewide Integrated Report and submittal to USEPA	April 2008

Should you have questions regarding data or information you wish to submit or about this notice, please contact the respective Regional Water Board contact (see Enclosures 1 and 2). You may also contact Craig J. Wilson at the State Water Resources Control Board at 916-341-5560 (cjwilson@waterboards.ca.gov).

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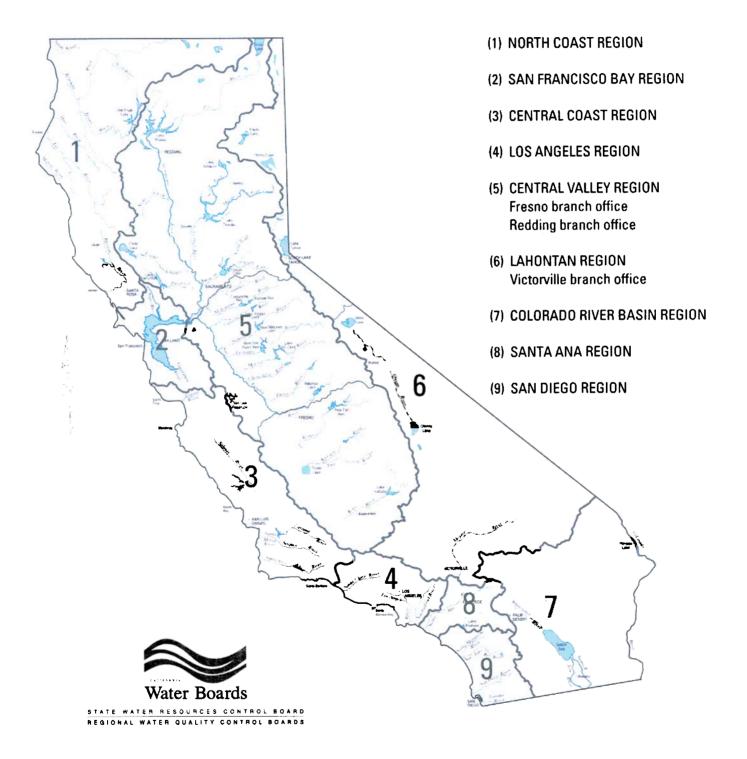
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# California Regional Water Quality Control Boards



# Specific information regarding this solicitation and the ensuing section 303(d) Listing/Delisting process:

- The Regional Water Boards will utilize the existing statewide policy, "Water Quality Control Policy for Developing California's Clean Water Act section 303(d) List" (Listing Policy) to guide the solicitation, review, and assessment of supporting data and information and to decide which candidate water bodies are to be placed on or removed from the section 303(d) List. All readily available data and information submitted pursuant to this solicitation will be reviewed and assessed using the Listing Policy. Requirements for data and information specified in the Listing Policy including those for quality control and assurance, temporal and spatial characteristics, and minimum sample sizes will be followed when reviewing all data and information. The Listing Policy may be viewed at: <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/tmdl/303d">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/tmdl/303d</a> listing.html.
- 2. Any person including, but not limited to, private citizens, public agencies, local, State, and federal governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, and businesses possessing information regarding the quality of the State's waters, may contribute data and information pursuant to this solicitation. Data submitted may be in electronic format (see 6. and 7. below), narrative form (see 8. below) or photographic form (see 9. below).
- 3. All new available data and information will be considered. The following data need not be submitted to the Regional Water Boards for consideration:
  - a. Data submitted as part of the 2006 section 303(d) List update;
  - b. Data that are already in the Regional Water Boards' files (e.g., data submitted as part of a discharger's monitoring and reporting program). Note that data from State and federal agencies (e.g., the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, etc.) also need not be submitted, as the Regional Water Boards will be soliciting data from these agencies directly.
- 4. All new data and information must be received by the respective Regional Water Board (see Enclosures 1 and 2) by the close of business on February 28, 2007. Please note that any information received after February 28, 2007 will not be used for the 2008 section 303(d) List or for compiling the section 305(b) Report, but will be considered in developing the 2010 section 303(d) List and section 305(b) Report.
- 5. Any interested person may request reassessment of a water body on the existing section 303(d) List. The interested person must:
  - a. Describe the reason(s) the listing is inappropriate and clearly state the reason the interested party would come to a different outcome, and
  - b. Provide the data and information necessary to enable the Regional Water Board to conduct a complete reassessment.
- 6. Information (see 10. and 12. below) submitted should include the following
  - a. The name of the person or organization providing the information;
  - b. The name of the person certifying the completeness and accuracy of the data and information and a statement describing the standard's exceedances:
  - c. Mailing address, telephone numbers, and email address of a contact responsible for answering questions about the information submitted:
  - d. Identification of any specific software used to format the information and definitions for any codes or abbreviations used, if applicable:
  - e. Bibliographic citations for all published information provided;

- f. If computer model outputs are included in the information, provide bibliographic citations and specify any calibration and quality assurance information available for the model(s) used; and
- g. The name and exact area of the water body the information concerns, including:
  - i. Geographical Information System (GIS) data files (ArcGIS mxd or ArcView shapefiles); or
  - ii. Very clear hard copy maps indicating the area the information concerns; (e.g., mark sample location on a USGS 7.5 minute topographic quad map along with the quad sheet name); or
  - iii. Provide location latitude/longitude; and
  - iv. Metadata for any GIS data must be included. The metadata must detail all the parameters of the projection, including datum.
- 7. Data (see 11. and 12. below) submitted should contain the following:
  - a. To the extent feasible, all data submitted must be submitted in electronic form, i.e., in spreadsheet, database, or ASCII formats;
  - b. A hard-copy of all data submitted should also be provided;
  - c. References to Web sites will not be accepted in lieu of the actual data;
  - d. Metadata for the field and lab data, i.e., when measurements were taken (date and time), locations (unique site code, latitude and longitude, and water body name), number of samples, analytes, units of measurement, methods, detection limits, and other relevant factors:
  - e. The name and exact area of the water body the information concerns, including:
    - i. GIS data files (ArcGIS mxd or ArcView shapefiles); or
    - ii. Very clear hard copy maps indicating the area the information concerns; (e.g., mark sample locations on a USGS 7.5 minute topographic quad map along with the quad sheet name); or
    - iii. Provide location latitude/longitude; and
    - iv. Metadata for any GIS data must be included. The metadata must detail all the parameters of the projection, including datum.
  - f. A copy of the quality assurance procedures including a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP). A QAPP or equivalent document must be available and contain, at a minimum, the following:
    - i. Objectives of the study, project, or monitoring program;
    - ii. Methods used for sample collection and handling;
    - iii. Field and laboratory measurement and analysis;
    - iv. Data management, validation, and recordkeeping (including proper chain of custody) procedures;
    - v. Quality assurance and quality control requirements;
    - vi. A statement certifying the adequacy of the QAPP (plus name of person certifying the document); and
    - vii. A description of personnel training.
  - g. A site-specific or project-specific sampling and analysis plan for numeric data should also be available containing the following:

Data quality objectives or requirements of the project; A statement that data quality objectives or requirements were achieved;

- iii. Rationale for the selection of sampling sites, water quality parameters, sampling frequency and methods that assure the samples are spatially and temporally representative of the surface water and representative of conditions within the targeted sampling timeframe; and
- iv. Documentation to support the conclusion that results are reproducible.
- h Data from citizen volunteer water quality monitoring efforts require the name of the group and indication of any training in water quality assessment completed by members of the group. Data submitted by citizen monitoring groups should meet the data quality assurance procedures as detailed in the Listing Policy section 6.1.4 and as shown above (7.g.).
- 8. For narrative and qualitative submittals, the submission must:
  - a. Describe events or conditions that indicate impacts on water quality;
  - b. Provide linkage between the measurement endpoint (e.g., a study that may have been performed for some other purpose) and the water quality standard of interest;
  - c. Be scientifically defensible;
  - d. Provide analyst's credentials and training;
  - e. Be verifiable by the State Water Board or Regional Water Board; and
  - f. Identify the name and exact area of the water body the narrative or qualitative information concerns, including:
    - i. GIS data files (ArcGIS mxd or ArcView shapefiles); or
    - ii. Very clear hard copy maps indicating the area the information concerns; (e.g., mark sampling locations on a USGS 7.5 minute topographic quad map along with the quad sheet name); or
    - iii. Provide location latitude/longitude; and
    - iv. Metadata for any GIS data must be included. The metadata must detail all the parameters of the projection, including datum.
- 9. For photographic documentation, the submission must:
  - a. Identify the date and time;
  - b. Identify the name and exact area of the water body the narrative or qualitative information concerns, including:
    - i. GIS data files (ArcGIS mxd or ArcView shapefiles); or
    - Very clear hard copy maps indicating the area the information concerns; (e.g., mark photographic locations on a USGS 7.5 minute topographic quad map along with the quad sheet name); or
    - iii. Provide location latitude/longitude; and
    - iv. Metadata for any GIS data must be included. The metadata must detail all the parameters of the projection, including datum.
  - c. Provide a thorough description of photograph(s);
  - d. Describe the spatial and temporal representation of the photographs;
  - e. Provide linkage between photograph-represented condition and condition that indicates impacts on water quality:
  - f. Provide photographer's rationale for area photographed and camera settings used; and
  - g. Be verifiable by the State Water Board or Regional Water Board.
- 10. For purposes of this solicitation, "information" includes any documentation that a water body is or is not meeting, or is or is not likely to meet, existing water quality standards (i.e., beneficial uses of water, water quality objectives/criteria, and the State's non-degradation policy as listed

- in the State's Water Quality Control Plans [Basin Plans], statewide water quality control plans [e.g., the California Ocean Plan], the California Code of Regulations, and pertinent federal laws and regulations).
- "Data" are considered to be numeric information (i.e., measurements of specific physical, chemical, or biological characteristics in aquatic environments).
- 12. Data and information provided may pertain to individual water body segments, entire water bodies, or whole watersheds.
- 13. The section 303(d) List and the section 305(b) Report update efforts are not designed, intended, or able to change existing water quality standards. Persons interested in recommending changes to existing water quality standards should contact the respective Regional Water Board.
- 14. Please send all data and information to the respective Regional Water Board office. Submittals should be addressed to the attention of the Regional Water Board contact listed in Enclosure 1.

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January 30, 2007

To: Interested Persons

## CLARIFICATION OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC SOLICITATION OF WATER QUALITY DATA AND INFORMATION FOR 2008 INTEGRATED REPORT – LIST OF IMPAIRED WATERS AND SURFACE WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT [303(d)/305(b)]

The intent of this letter is to clarify the Notice dated December 4, 2006 regarding the 2008 integrated report described above. There are no limits on the data and information that the public can provide to the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) for their assessment as part of the development of the 2008 integrated report. Federal regulation [(40 CFR § 130.7(b)(5)] states that "Each State shall assemble and evaluate all existing and readily available water quality-related data and information to develop the list required by §§ 130.7(b)(1) and 130.7(b)(2)." The Regional Water Boards will accept any and all data and information.

As stated in the Notice dated December 4, 2006, all data previously submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for consideration during the 2006 listing cycle need not be re-submitted, as the State Water Board will make the data available to the Regional Water Boards for consideration for the 2008 integrated report. However, even though it is not necessary, the public may also re-submit such data.

Furthermore, Enclosure 3 of the Notice dated December 4, 2006 contained suggestions and staff preferences for format of data submittals. It was not then, and is not now, the intent of the State Water Board to limit submittals to these format suggestions. The Regional Water Boards will also accept Web addresses that link to actual data. As stated above and in the Notice dated December 4, 2006, all data will be considered.

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Should you have questions regarding this clarification, please contact the respective Regional Water Board contact (see Enclosure). You may also contact Craig J. Wilson at the State Water Board at 916-341-5560 (cjwilson@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

**Thomas Howard** 

**Acting Executive Director** 

#### **Enclosure**

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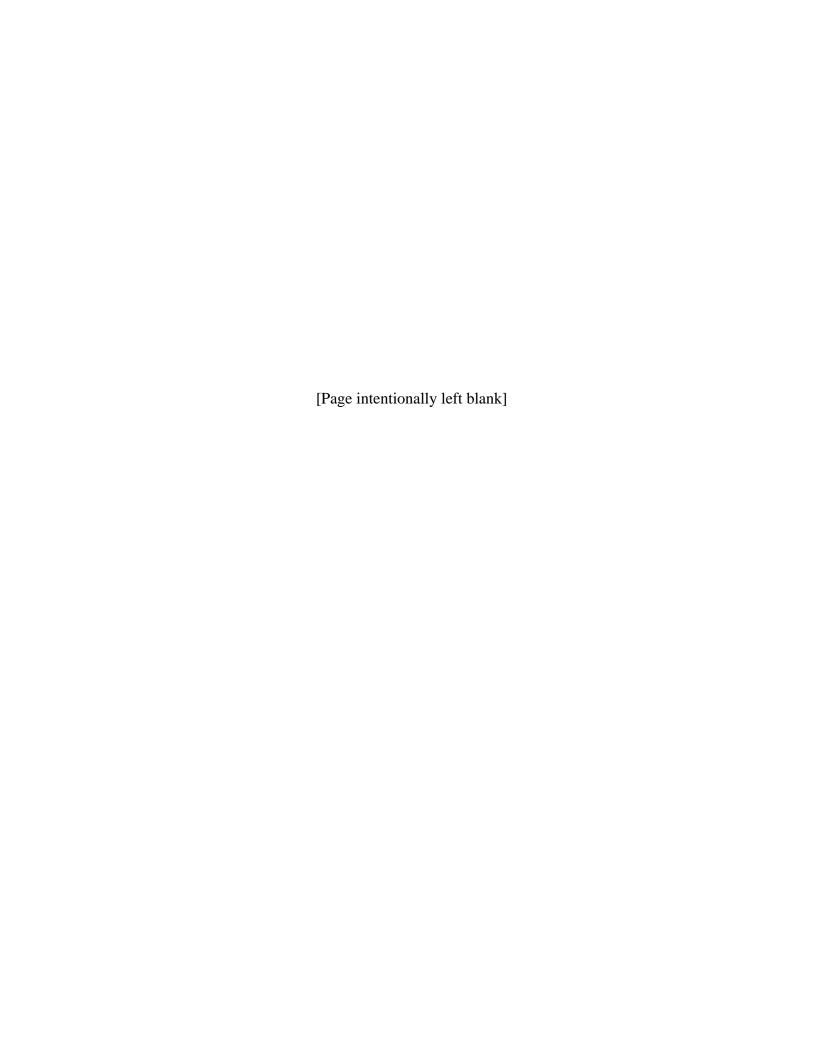
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## Regional Water Boards Section 303(d) List and Section 305(b) Report Contacts

Regional	Regional Water	Contact Name Phone Number
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(1) North Coast	5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A Santa Rosa, CA 95403	Bruce Gwynne 707-576-2661 bgwynne@waterboards.ca.gov
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### **APPENDIX B**

# SUMMARY OF DATA RECEIVED AND DATA QUALITY EVALUATION



## Summary of Data Received as a Result of Solicitation Process in February 2007

REQUESTS TO LIST					
Water Body	Pollutant/ Water quality parameter	Data Source	Spatial Representation	Temporal Representation	Data Quality
Urban Creeks – Santa Clara Basin Adobe Creek, Alamitos Creek, Barron Creek, Berryessa Creek, Calabazas Creek, Coyote Creek, El Camino Storm Drain Channel, Guadalupe River, Los Gatos Creek, Silver Creek, Matadero Creek, Penitencia Creek, Permanente Creek, Randall Creek, Rodeo Creek, San Francisquito Creek, San Tomas Creek, Saratoga Creek, Stevens Creek, Thompson Creek	Trash	SCURPPP: Santa Clara Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program Photographic and narrative documentation of creeks impacted by trash including additional physical, chemical and biological data	1-3 locations on each water body	Data collected 1 to 3 times per location from 2004 through 2006	High – Quantitative Trash Assessment Methodology documented in separate report
Guadalupe River, Los Gatos Creek, Richmond Marsh, San Rafael Creek, Wildcat Creek, Stevens Creek	Trash	Save the Bay Photographic documentation and estimates of trash loads	1-4 locations on each water body	Data collected in January and February 2007	Medium – Quantitative assessment based on photographic documentation
Guadalupe River, Coyote Creek	Trash	GCRCD: Guadalupe- Coyote Resource Conservation District Photographic and narrative documentation of trash, debris, channel blockages, encampments and dumping	5 locations on Coyote Creek and 1 location on Guadalupe River	Data collected in March 2002, May 2005, and May 2006	Medium – Quantitative assessment based on photographic documentation
Bay area storm drain channels, creeks, wetlands and San	Trash/Gross pollutants	Roger B. James & Lawrence P. Kolb	1-5 locations on each water body	Data collected mainly in winter months from 1997-	Medium – Quantitative

		REQUESTS	TO LIST		
Water Body	Pollutant/ Water quality parameter	Data Source	Spatial Representation	Temporal Representation	Data Quality
Francisco Bay  Damon Slough, Eastshore Park, Strawberry Creek, Temescal Creek, Adobe Creek, Alameda Creek, Alhambra Creek, Arroyo Seco, Coyote Creek, Richardson Bay shoreline, Aquatic Park Lagoon, Calabazas Creek, Colma Creek, Corte Madera Creek, Middle Harbor Park shoreline, Frontage Road Beach, Grayson Creek, Guadalupe River, Lafayette Creek, Lake Merritt, Las Trampas Creek, Ledgewood Creek, Matadero Creek, McCoy Creek, Pacheco Slough, Rindler Creek, San Leandro Creek, San Mateo Creek, San Rafael Creek, San Pablo Creek, San Ramon Creek, San Tomas Aquino Creek, Sausal Creek, Stevens Creek, Sulphur Creek, Vista Grande Canal, Walnut Creek, 54 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Creek (tidal near Oakport)	purunieux	Photographic and narrative documentation over a 10-year period		2007, majority in 2006 and 2007	assessment based on photographic documentation
Rodeo Creek	Sediment	Muir Heritage Land Trust  No quantitative data, geomorphic assessment and creek analysis (Geomorphic and Hydrologic Assessment of Fernandez Ranch prepared by Watershed Sciences	N/A	N/A	No data submitted

REQUESTS TO LIST					
Water Body	Pollutant/ Water quality parameter	Data Source	Spatial Representation	Temporal Representation	Data Quality
Willow Creek (tributary of Wildcat Creek near Saratoga)	Sediment	Margaret Giberson of Los Gatos	Willow Creek	N/A	No data submitted. Old photographs (1985-1991, 2002) of sediment runoff
San Francisco Bay – areas adjacent to dredge material disposal sites	Suspended sediment	Fred Krieger of Berkeley Narrative evidence and references to USGS mapping, SFEI assessments of sediment loadings, RMP data and Herring White Paper	San Francisco Bay	N/A	No data submitted
Abbotts Lagoon and associated tributaries in Point Reyes National Park	Biostimulatory substances, dissolved oxygen, un- ionized ammonia	Fred Krieger of Berkeley Link to the USGS report http://pubs.usgs.gov/sir/20 05/5261/sir_2005- 5261.pdf Assessment of Hydrologic and Water Quality Data Collected in Abbotts Lagoon Watershed, Point Reyes National Seashore, California, during Water Years 1999 and 2000	Eleven monitoring locations including 3 locations in Abbotts Lagoon and 8 locations in unnamed tributaries draining into Abbotts Lagoon	Old data collected from November 1998 through August 1999. Quarterly sampling at the 3 lagoon sites and one perennial tributary and sampling of two storm events at several tributary sites	Old data. Medium quality – limited quality control procedures
Lake Chabot and its tributary Rindler Creek (Solano County)	Trash, dissolved oxygen, sediment	Friends of Lake Chabot Data not submitted, reference made to the data collected by the Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District	N/A	N/A	No data submitted
California Ocean Waters	Carbon dioxide	Center for Biological	N/A	N/A	No numerical data

REQUESTS TO LIST					
Water Body	Pollutant/ Water quality parameter	Data Source	Spatial Representation	Temporal Representation	Data Quality
	•	Diversity  No data submitted.  Scientific papers and supporting documentation on acidification of ocean waters			submitted

	REQUESTS NOT TO LIST / DE-LIST / OTHER				
Water Body	Pollutant/ Water quality parameter	Data Source	Spatial Representation	Temporal Representation	Data Quality
Lake Merced	Dissolved oxygen, pH	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Data submitted in support of not listing Lake Merced on the 303(d) list	Four monitoring locations in Lake Merced including 2 locations in South Lake Merced and 1 location in North and 1 in North East section of the lake.	DO and pH measured from 4 to 8 times a year over a period from 05/27/2004 to 12/20/2006	Quality control procedures unknown
Lake Del Valle Reservoir	Basic water quality, conventional chemistry, E. coli, Total coliform, Giardia and Cryptosporidium	Alameda Food Control and Water Conservation District  Data submitted to document good quality of the drinking water supply. Request to modify the current 303(d) listing of the reservoir for Hg and PCBs to state that there is no threat to treated drinking	Seven monitoring locations at 3 water bodies - including 3 locations at the Lake Del Valle and 4 locations at major inputs to the South Bay Aqueduct	Samples collected from December 2005 through March 2006	Description of the QA/QC protocols not included

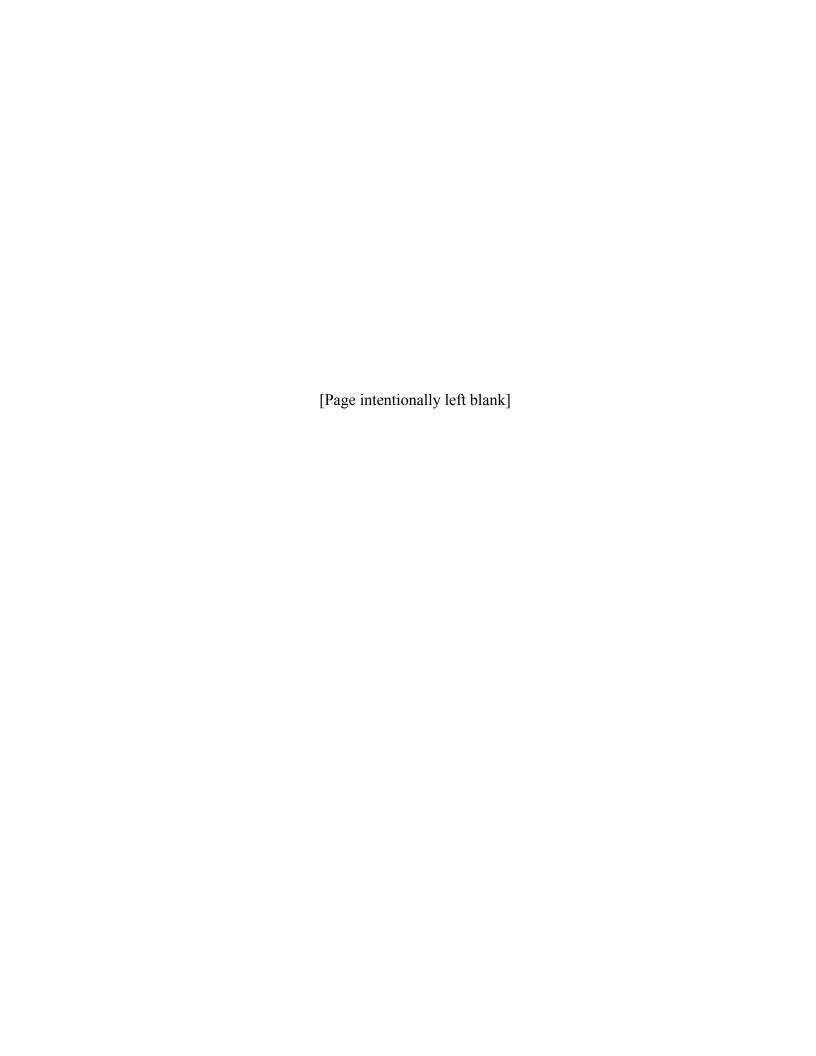
	RE	QUESTS NOT TO LIS	T / DE-LIST / OTHE	R	
Water Body	Pollutant/ Water quality parameter	Data Source	Spatial Representation	Temporal Representation	Data Quality
		water supply.			
San Francisco Bay	Selenium	Western State Petroleum Association	N/A	N/A	RMP data available - high quality
		Request to de-list			
		Literature review and interpretation of selenium concentration data in San Francisco Bay and the likely toxicological effects of selenium.			
Mount Diablo Creek	Temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, conductivity, bacteria	Friends of Mount Diablo Creek  Data provided for ongoing assessment of Mount Diablo Ck.	Six sampling locations (3 sites on the main stem of Mount Diablo Ck and 3 sites on the local tributaries)	Physico-chemical parameters measured monthly from March 2006 through February 2007. E coli and total coliforms measured at 3 sites in July and August 2006	QA/QC protocols included
N/A	Pesticides	DPR <sup>1</sup> : Department of Pesticide Regulation - links to the Surface Water Database containing pesticides data for California waterways. No specific data submitted.	Contra Costa, San Mateo, Solano and Santa Clara County,	Old data (1992-1998)	High

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The database comprises a limited amount of pesticide data (diazinon, chloropyrifos, diuron, metha diuron) collected more than 10 years ago from 12 creeks within Region 2 boundaries. In 2005 the Water Board adopted a Water Quality Attainment Strategy and TMDL for Diazinon and Pesticide-Related Toxicity in Urban Creeks that addressed the observed pesticide impairment in all urban waterways within the Region 2. The TMDL was subsequently approved by the State Board and the U.S. EPA.

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## **APPENDIX C**

WATERBODY FACT SHEETS Supporting New 303(d) Listing and Delisting Recommendations



### Proposed 2008 303(d) listings

Water Body	Pollutant(s)		
Alameda Creek	Trash		
Almaden Lake	Mercury (tissue)		
Almaden Reservoir	Mercury (tissue)		
Arroyo Las Positas	Nutrient/Eutrophication Biological Indicators [Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments Dissolved Oxygen Saturation   Low Dissolved Oxygen   Nitrate]		
Arroyo Mocho	Temperature		
Baxter Creek (Contra Costa County)	Trash		
Cerrito Creek	Trash		
Colma Creek	Trash		
Codornices Creek	Temperature   Trash		
Coyote Creek (Santa Clara Co.)	Trash		
Damon Slough	Trash		
Grayson Creek	Trash		
Guadalupe River	Trash		
Kirker Creek	Pyrethroids   Trash		
Matadero Creek	Trash		
Mt. Diablo Creek	Toxicity		
Permanente Creek	Selenium   Toxicity   Trash		

Petaluma River	Trash
Rindler Creek	Trash
San Francisco Bay, Central (shoreline)	Trash
San Francisco Bay, Lower (shoreline)	Trash
San Francisquito Creek	Trash
San Leandro Creek, Lower	Chromium   Trash
San Mateo Creek	Sediment Toxicity   Trash
San Pablo Creek	Trash
San Tomas Aquinas Creek	Trash
Saratoga Creek	Trash
Sausal Creek	Trash
Silver Creek (Santa Clara County)	Trash
Stevens Creek Temperature   Trash	
Strawberry Creek (Alameda County)	Trash
Suisun Creek	Low Dissolved Oxygen   Temperature

#### Alameda Creek

Trash

**Decision ID:** 7612

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed

based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

Two lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. Both lines of evidence consist of inspection of photographic evidence by Regional Water Board staff trained to conduct the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology. One line of evidence concerns the non-contact recreation beneficial use, and the other line of evidence concerns the wildlife beneficial use. The staff inspected these photos and applied the RTA methodology to develop Category 1 (Level of Trash) and Category 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) scores for each photograph.

Based on the readily available photographic evidence for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Photographic evidence has been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. Applying the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology to the photographic evidence suggests that this waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at two locations on a single date. This waterbody also had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at two different locations on a single date.
- 3. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guideline (poor condition category for the trash assessment metrics) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 4. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 5. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

#### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 5339 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Non-Contact Recreation

Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 2 Number of Samples: 2

Data Used to Assess Water Data available consist of photographic evidence of trash and interpretation of these Ouality:

photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was

photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was analyzed to establish the RTA score for the level of trash and threat to aquatic life parameters, which relate to impairment of REC2 and WILD, respectively. Only those photos clear enough to establish these RTA scores were relied on for the listing determination. Valid results are available for Alameda Creek: Hesperian Blvd. on 1/11/2006, and Ahern Ave. on 1/11/2006. There were exceedances of the evaluation guideline (poor condition category for the trash assessment metric) in

more than one location or on more than one date.

Data Reference(s): Report from Roger James and Larry Kolb containing Trash Photos submitted for

consideration in 2008 303(d) listing process

Archive of Trash Photos for Alameda Creek submitted for 2008 303(d) list

consideration

Assessment by Matt Cover of Trash Photos (submitted to Region 2 in response to

2008 Data Solicitation)

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that

cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s): San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Level of Trash score.

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the

assessment method to determine the Threat to Aquatic Life score.

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation:

Photographic evidence was analyzed using the RTA methodology for this

waterbody for two different locations in 2006. Both locations scored in the "poor

condition" category for the "Level of Trash" parameter.

Temporal Representation: Photographic evidence was collected for this waterbody in 2006.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

OAPP Information:

Assessments of the photographic evidence using the RTA were performed by Regional Water Board staff person who was a co-author of the Rapid Trash

Assessment methodology.

Assessments based on photographic evidence were only conducted when sufficient reach-scale and close-up photos were available for a site on a specific date. Photos used for the evaluation needed to be numerous enough and clear enough to document the level of trash at the site in a similar way as the assessor would experience during an actual site visit in the field. For example, at a minimum, one reach-scale photograph (showing at least a 100 linear foot section of the waterbody) and two close-up photographs (of representative trash deposits) were required.

LOE ID: 5346 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 2 Number of Samples:

Data Used to Assess Water Data available consist of photographic evidence of trash and interpretation of these Quality:

photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was analyzed to establish the RTA score for the level of trash and threat to aquatic life parameters, which relate to impairment of REC2 and WILD, respectively. Only those photos clear enough to establish these RTA scores were relied on for the listing determination. These results are available for the following dates and locations on Alameda Creek: Hesperian Blvd. on 1/11/2006 and Ahern Ave. on 1/11/2006. There were exceedances of the evaluation guideline (poor condition category for the trash assessment metric) in more than one location or on more than one date.

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2008 Data Solicitation)

Water Ouality Objective/Criterion: Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in

concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Level of Trash score.

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Threat to Aquatic Life score.

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation: Photographic evidence was analyzed using the RTA methodology for this

waterbody for two different locations in 2006.

Temporal Representation: Photographic evidence was collected for this waterbody in 2006.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

**QAPP** Information:

Assessments of the photographic evidence using the RTA were performed by Regional Water Board staff person who was a co-author of the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology.

Assessments based on photographic evidence were only conducted when sufficient reach-scale and close-up photos were available for a site on a specific date. Photos used for the evaluation needed to be numerous enough and clear enough to document the level of trash at the site in a similar way as the assessor would experience during an actual site visit in the field. For example, at a minimum, one reach-scale photograph (showing at least a 100 linear foot section of the waterbody) and two close-up photographs (of representative trash deposits) were required.

#### **Almaden Lake**

Mercury (tissue)

**Decision ID:** 7613

Pollutant: Mercury (tissue)
Status: Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.5 and 3.1 of the

Listing Policy. Under these sections, a single line of evidence is necessary to

assess listing status.

One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. This line of evidence consists of fish tissue data collected by Tetra Tech, Inc. for the Santa Clara Valley Water District was collected in 2004 to support

TMDL efforts in the Guadalupe River Watershed.

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of adding this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality

Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

1. The data concerning current conditions and supporting the listing decision satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.

- 2. The available data satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. 20 of 20 samples exceeded the U.S. EPA fish tissue methylmercury criterion for the protection of human health, and this exceeds the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.1 of the Listing Policy.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

#### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 5738

Pollutant: Mercury (tissue)
Subgroup: Pollutant-Tissue

Beneficial Use: Commercial or recreational collection of fish, shellfish, or organisms

Matrix: Tissue
Fraction: None
Number of Exceedances: 20
Number of Samples: 20

Data Used to Assess Water The 20 fish tissue samples were collected in 2004 to support development of the Quality:

Guadalupe River watershed mercury TMDL. The fish were all largemouth bass

Quality: Guadalupe River watershed mercury TMDL. The fish were all largemouth ba ranging in lengths from 305 to 520 mm and weighing between 490 and 2380

grams. The mercury concentrations ranged from 1.1 to 3.78 mg/kg. All 20 fish

tissue samples exceeded the criterion.

Data Reference(s): Technical Memorandum 5.3.2 Data Collection Report, Volume II, prepared by

TetraTech Inc. for Prepared for Santa Clara Valley Water District. February 8,

2005

Water Quality Objective/Criterion:

The Basin Plan contains the following objective: "Many pollutants can accumulate on particles, in sediment, or bioaccumulate in fish and other aquatic organisms. Controllable water quality factors shall not cause a detrimental increase in concentrations of toxic substances found in bottom sediments or aquatic life. Effects on aquatic organisms, wildlife, and human health will be considered."

In 2001, U.S. EPA adopted a fish tissue methylmercury criterion of 0.3 mg/kg (in

whole fish) for the protection of human health.

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s): Water Quality Criterion For The Protection of Human Health: Methylmercury

2002 303(d) List Update Reference #87

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

Spatial Representation: These fish were caught throughout the reservoir, and fish of this size integrate

spatially because they consume prey from a wide spatial range.

Temporal Representation: Fish tissue data were collected for this waterbody in late summer 2004. These

adult fish integrate mercury concentrations over several years.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: There is a well-developed QA plan for these data Tetra Tech, Inc. (Tetra Tech)

2003. Technical Memorandum 7.4.2, Quality Assurance Plan, Prepared for Santa

Clara Valley Water District. June 13.

QAPP Information

Technical Memorandum 7.4.2, Quality Assurance Plan, Prepared for Santa Clara

Reference(s): Valley Water District. June 13

#### **Almaden Reservoir**

Mercury (tissue)

**Decision ID:** 7736

**Pollutant:** Mercury (tissue) **Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.5 of the Listing

Policy. Under this section, a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing

status.

There is one line of evidence available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. This evidence is a mercury in fish tissue dataset collected in 2004 by Tetra Tech, Inc. for the Santa Clara Valley Water District to support TMDL

efforts in the Guadalupe River Watershed.

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of adding this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality

Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

1. The data concerning current conditions and supporting the listing decision satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.

2. The available data satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.

3. 20 of 20 samples exceeded the U.S. EPA fish tissue methylmercury criterion for the protection of human health, and this exceeds the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.1 of the Listing Policy.

4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

#### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 5739

Pollutant: Mercury (tissue)
Subgroup: Pollutant-Tissue

Beneficial Use: Commercial or recreational collection of fish, shellfish, or organisms

Matrix: Tissue
Fraction: None
Number of Exceedances: 20
Number of Samples: 20

Data Used to Assess Water The 20 fish tissue samples were collected in 2004 to support development of the

Quality: Guadalupe River watershed mercury TMDL. The fish were all largemouth bass ranging in lengths from 330 to 500 mm and weighing between 520 and 2080

ranging in lengths from 330 to 500 mm and weighing between 520 and 2080 grams. The mercury concentrations ranged from 2.16 to 7.35 mg/kg. All 20 fish

tissue samples exceeded the criterion.

Data Reference(s): Technical Memorandum 5.3.2 Data Collection Report, Volume II, prepared by

TetraTech Inc. for Prepared for Santa Clara Valley Water District. February 8,

2005

Water Quality Objective/Criterion:

The Basin Plan contains the following objective: "Many pollutants can accumulate on particles, in sediment, or bioaccumulate in fish and other aquatic organisms. Controllable water quality factors shall not cause a detrimental increase in concentrations of toxic substances found in bottom sediments or aquatic life. Effects on aquatic organisms, wildlife, and human health will be considered."

The 2001 U.S. EPA adopted a fish tissue methylmercury criterion of 0.3 mg/kg (in

whole fish) for the protection of human health.

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s): Water Quality Criterion For The Protection of Human Health: Methylmercury

2002 303(d) List Update Reference #87

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

Spatial Representation: These fish were caught throughout the reservoir, and fish of this size integrate

spatially because they consume prey from a wide spatial range.

Temporal Representation: Fish tissue data were collected for this waterbody in late summer 2004. These

adult fish integrate mercury concentrations over several years.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: There is a well-developed QA plan for these data Tetra Tech, Inc. (Tetra Tech)

2003. Technical Memorandum 7.4.2, Quality Assurance Plan, Prepared for Santa

Clara Valley Water District. June 13.

QAPP Information

Technical Memorandum 7.4.2, Quality Assurance Plan, Prepared for Santa Clara

Reference(s): Valley Water District. June 13

#### **Arroyo Las Positas**

#### **Nutrient/Eutrophication Biological Indicators**

[Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments | Dissolved Oxygen Saturation | Low Dissolved Oxygen | Nitrate]

**Decision ID:** 7578

**Pollutant:** Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments | Dissolved oxygen saturation | Low

Dissolved Oxygen | Nitrate

**Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.11 of the Listing

Policy. Under sections 3.2 and 3.11, water segments shall be evaluated to determine whether the weight of evidence demonstrates that a water quality

standard is not attained.

Four lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant: (1) low dissolved oxygen measurements from continuous dissolved oxygen records, (2) supersaturated dissolved oxygen measurements from continuous dissolved oxygen records, (3) measurements of nitrate as N concentrations in water, and (4) samples of benthic macroinvertebrate assemblages.

Based on the readily available data for this water body, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of adding this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data concerning current conditions and supporting the listing decision satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Minimum dissolved oxygen measurements were below the warm-water water quality objective of 5 mg/L in 4 out of 9 sampling events. Using table 3.2 of the listing policy, a minimum of 5 exceedances are needed to list this waterbody on the 303(d) list with a minimum sample size of 5. However, additional water quality information indicates that this water body is impaired by low dissolved oxygen levels as a result of widespread eutrophic conditions. Under section 3.11, these additional factors shall be considered in a weight of evidence approach in the decision to list a water body as impaired.
- 4. Supersaturated dissolved oxygen levels greater than 200% were observed in 5 out of 9 deployments, including a maximum value of 395%, indicating tremendous oxygen production by algae (eutrophication).
- 5. Eight out of 8 nitrate samples had concentrations greater than the guideline of 0.5 mg/L to prevent nuisance algae growth. Additionally, 8 out of 8 nitrate samples had concentrations greater than the guideline of 2.0 mg/L to protect aquatic life from nitrate toxicity. These high nitrate concentrations can promote the growth of periphyton that can cause nuisance and adversely affect beneficial uses.

6. Benthic macroinvertebrate (BMI) assemblages were significantly altered relative to reference conditions, indicating that controllable water quality factors have resulted in significant alterations in the community ecology of receiving waters. These alterations are most likely the result of low levels of dissolved oxygen, which is a result of eutrophication. Of the 6 sites where BMI were sampled, dissolved oxygen was also measured at 4 sites. Three of these sites had dissolved oxygen levels <5 mg/L.

7. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

#### **Lines of Evidence:**

TOE ID: 4813

Pollutant: Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments

Subgroup: Population/Community Degradation

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Aquatic Life Use: Wildlife Habitat

Matrix: -N/A Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 7 Number of Samples:

Data Used to Assess Water Benthic macroinvertebrates were sampled from 7 sites in the Arroyo Las Positas

Ouality:

watershed in April 2001 by the SWAMP program. Benthic macroinvertebrate assemblage metrics were well outside the range of scores for minimally disturbed reference sites. Taxa richness scores at all 7 sampled sites in the Arroyo Las Positas watershed ranged from 11 to 16 taxa, whereas taxa richness values at reference site ranged from 28 to 59. No taxa that are sensitive to pollution were present in any of the samples, indicating that pollution has resulted in significant alterations of community ecology.

Data Reference(s):

Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Nine San Francisco Bay Region Watersheds: Walker Creek, Lagunitas Creek, San Leandro Creek, Wildcat Creek/San Pablo Creek, Suisun Creek, Arroyo Las Positas, Pescadero

Creek/Butano Creek, San Gregorio Creek, and Stevens Creek/Permanente Creek. Oakland, CA: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay

Regional Water Quality Control Board

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that are lethal to or that produce significant alterations in population or community ecology or receiving water biota. In addition, the health and life history characteristics of aquatic organisms in waters affected by controllable water quality factors shall not differ significantly from those for the same waters in areas

unaffected by controllable water quality factors.

Water Quality Objective

Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline:

Benthic macroinvertebrate assemblage metric scores that are outside the range of scores for minimally disturbed reference sites indicate significant alterations in community ecology. Taxa richness values at reference sites sampled by the SWAMP program between 2001 and 2003 ranged from 28 to 59.

**Evaluation Guideline** 

Reference(s):

Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Nine San Francisco Bay Region Watersheds: Walker Creek, Lagunitas Creek, San Leandro Creek, Wildcat Creek/San Pablo Creek, Suisun Creek, Arroyo Las Positas, Pescadero Creek/Butano Creek, San Gregorio Creek, and Stevens Creek/Permanente Creek.

Oakland, CA: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay

Regional Water Quality Control Board

Benthic macroinvertebrates were sampled from 7 sites throughout the watershed. Spatial Representation:

> Five sites were sampled on the main stem of Arroyo Las Positas, and 2 sites were sampled on Altamont Creek, the major perennial tributary of Arroyo Las Positas.

Temporal Representation: Benthic macroinvertebrates were sampled once in April, 2001.

Environmental Conditions: Arrovo Las Positas flows west through the eastern Livermore valley before its

confluence with Arroyo Mocho in eastern Pleasanton. The lower and middle sections of the stream and Altamont Creek flow through the northern portion of the city of Livermore, a city of 82,000 people. The upper watershed is primarily used for cattle grazing. The main stem of Arroyo Las Positas is almost completely

devoid of riparian vegetation as a result of extensive channel alteration.

**QAPP** Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

**QAPP** Information Reference(s):

Quality Assurance Management Plan for the State of California's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program. Sacramento, CA. State Water Resources Control

Board. December 2002 (1st version)

LOE ID: 4810

Pollutant: Low Dissolved Oxygen

Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Wildlife Habitat Aquatic Life Use:

Matrix: Water Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: Number of Samples:

Quality:

Data Used to Assess Water Data used to evaluate dissolved oxygen were collected by SWAMP in 2002. In 4 out of 9 deployments, minimum dissolved oxygen levels fell below the objective of 5 mg/L. Minimum values were nearly anoxic (0.56 mg/L) at one site in the summer season. Low dissolved oxygen concentrations generally occurred during the night and early morning hours.

> Continuous depressed levels of dissolved oxygen (< 5.0 mg/L) lasted from over 5 hours (dry season, downstream location) to 12 hours and 45 minutes (dry season, Altamont Creek upstream of confluence with Arroyo Las Positas).

Dissolved oxygen levels fell below 5 mg/L during one additional deployment in the upstream section of Arroyo Las Positas. The longest duration of suppressed oxygen levels lasted for over 12 hours and the patterns of dissolved oxygen concentrations at this location followed closely that of Altamont Creek. Although these measurements support the listing decision and indicate that dissolved oxygen levels are the cause of the impairment, they cannot be used directly because of the marginal (by +/- 0.4%) exceedance of the quality assurance requirements.

Data Reference(s): Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Nine San Francisco Bay Region

Watersheds: Walker Creek, Lagunitas Creek, San Leandro Creek, Wildcat Creek/San Pablo Creek, Suisun Creek, Arroyo Las Positas, Pescadero

Creek/Butano Creek, San Gregorio Creek, and Stevens Creek/Permanente Creek. Oakland, CA: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay

Regional Water Quality Control Board

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: The numeric water quality objective for dissolved oxygen is 5.0 mg/L minimum for waters designated as warm freshwater habitat. The median dissolved oxygen concentration for any three consecutive months shall not be less than 80 percent of the dissolved oxygen content at saturation.

Water Quality Objective

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Reference(s):

Spatial Representation: Dissolved oxygen was measured at five sites. Three of these sites were located on

the mainstem of Arroyo Las Positas, while one site each was located on Altamont Creek and Arroyo Seco, two major tributaries. The lowest dissolved oxygen levels were measured at site ALP105 on Altamont Creek. Low dissolved oxygen levels also occurred in the mainstem of Arroyo Las Positas during the summer season.

Temporal Representation: The SWAMP Program performed continuous monitoring of dissolved oxygen at 15 minute intervals for periods of 1-2 weeks in each of three different seasons: winter (March 2002; 3 sites, 1 site meeting quality assurance (QA) requirements), spring (April 2002; 5 sites, 4 sites meeting QA requirements), and summer (late

June and late July 2002; 5 sites, 4 sites meeting QA requirements).

Environmental Conditions: Arroyo Las Positas flows west through the eastern Livermore valley before its

confluence with Arroyo Mocho in eastern Pleasanton. The lower and middle sections of Arroyo Las Positas and Altamont Creek flow through the northern portion of the city of Livermore, a city of 82,000 people. The upper watershed is primarily used for cattle grazing. The lowest and highest dissolved oxygen levels were measured in a section of Altamont Creek that contained very high amounts of benthic algae and was located downstream of a golf course and small eutrophic pond. The main stem of Arroyo Las Positas is almost completely devoid of riparian vegetation as a result of extensive channel alteration and incision.

All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the OAPP Information:

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

**OAPP** Information Reference(s):

Quality Assurance Management Plan for the State of California's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program. Sacramento, CA. State Water Resources Control

Board. December 2002 (1st version)

LOE ID: 4811

Pollutant: Dissolved oxygen saturation

Pollutant-Water Subgroup:

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Aquatic Life Use: Wildlife Habitat

Matrix: Water None Fraction: Number of Exceedances: 5 Number of Samples:

Data Used to Assess Water Data used to evaluate dissolved oxygen was collected by SWAMP. Supersaturated Quality:

dissolved oxygen levels greater than 200% were observed in 5 out of 9

deployments, including a maximum value of 395%, indicating tremendous oxygen production by algae (eutrophication). Supersatured conditions always occurred during the daylight hours. The maximum diurnal range in dissolved oxygen was greater than 30 mg/L, higher than any values ever reported in the literature (Kent

et al. 2005).

Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Nine San Francisco Bay Region Data Reference(s):

Watersheds: Walker Creek, Lagunitas Creek, San Leandro Creek, Wildcat Creek/San Pablo Creek, Suisun Creek, Arroyo Las Positas, Pescadero

Creek/Butano Creek, San Gregorio Creek, and Stevens Creek/Permanente Creek. Oakland, CA: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay

Regional Water Quality Control Board

Algal productivity and nitrate assimilation in an effluent dominated concrete lined

stream. Journal of the American Water Resources Association: 41: 1109-1128.

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that are lethal to or that produce significant alterations in population or community

ecology or receiving water biota.

Water Quality Objective

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Reference(s):

Dissolved oxygen supersaturation above 200 percent results in mortality of fish due to gill and skin lesions from gas bubble disease (Woodbury 1942, Renfro

1963, Weitkamp and Katz 1980).

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

A sudden mortality of fishes accompanying a supersaturation of oxygen in Lake

Waubesa, Wisconsin. Trans. Am. Fish. Soc. 71: 112-117

A review of dissolved gas supersaturation literature. Trans. Am. Fish. Soc.

109:659-702

Gas-bubble mortality of fishes in Galveston Bay, Texas. Trans. Am. Fish Soc.

92.320-322

Spatial Representation: Dissolved oxygen was measured at five sites. Three of these sites were located on

the mainstem of Arroyo Las Positas, while one site each was located on the major tributary. The highest dissolved oxygen levels were measured at site ALP105 on

Altamont Creek, a major tributary to Arroyo Las Positas.

Temporal Representation: The SWAMP Program performed continuous monitoring of dissolved oxygen at

15 minute intervals for periods of 1-2 weeks in each of three different seasons: winter (March 2002; 3 sites, 1 site meeting QA requirements), spring (April 2002; 5 sites, 4 sites meeting QA requirements), and summer (late June and late July

2002; 5 sites, 4 sites meeting QA requirements).

Environmental Conditions: Arroyo Las Positas flows west through the eastern Livermore valley before its

confluence with Arroyo Mocho in eastern Pleasanton. The lower and middle sections of Arrovo Las Positas and Altamont Creek flow through the northern portion of the city of Livermore, a city of 82,000 people. The upper watershed is primarily used for cattle grazing. The lowest and highest dissolved oxygen levels were measured in a section of Altamont Creek that contained very high amounts of benthic algae and was located downstream of a golf course and small eutrophic pond. The main stem of Arroyo Las Positas is almost completely devoid of riparian vegetation as a result of extensive channel alteration and incision.

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

**QAPP** Information

Quality Assurance Management Plan for the State of California's Surface Water Reference(s): Ambient Monitoring Program. Sacramento, CA. State Water Resources Control

Board. December 2002 (1st version)

LOE ID: 4812 Pollutant: Nitrate

Pollutant-Water Subgroup:

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Aquatic Life Use: Wildlife Habitat

Matrix: Water Fraction: Dissolved

Number of Exceedances: Number of Samples:

Data Used to Assess Water Eight out of 8 nitrate samples had concentrations greater than 0.5 mg/L. Eight out

of 8 nitrate samples also had concentrations greater than 2.0 mg/L. The highest Ouality:

concentrations (8.04 mg/L and 6.52 mg/L) occurred at the same site (ALP110; Arroyo Las Positas, just upstream of Altamont Creek) in January and April 2002, and were among the highest nitrate concentrations measured by SWAMP in the SF

Bay Region.

Data Reference(s): Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Nine San Francisco Bay Region

Watersheds: Walker Creek, Lagunitas Creek, San Leandro Creek, Wildcat Creek/San Pablo Creek, Suisun Creek, Arroyo Las Positas, Pescadero

Creek/Butano Creek, San Gregorio Creek, and Stevens Creek/Permanente Creek. Oakland, CA: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay

Regional Water Quality Control Board

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: Waters shall not contain biostimulatory substances in concentrations that promote aquatic growths to the extent that such growths cause nuisance or adversely affect

beneficial uses.

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that are lethal to or that produce significant alterations in population or community ecology or receiving water biota.

Water Quality Objective Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

1. Total nitrogen levels greater than 0.5 mg/L can result in large masses of nuisance algae unless other factors limit algae growth (Bowie et al. 1985; Biggs 2000). Since nitrate is one component of total nitrogen in water, nitrate levels should also be less than 0.5 mg/L.

2. Nitrate (NO3-N) concentrations above 2.0 mg/L can cause toxicity in a variety of freshwater organisms (Camargo et al. 2005).

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

Eutrophication of streams and rivers: dissolved nutrient-chlorophyll relationships

for benthic algae. J. N. Am. Benthol. Soc. 19:17-31

Rates, Constant, and Kinetics Formulations in Surface Water Quality Modeling, 2nd Edition. EPA/600/3-85/040. USEPA Environmental Research Laboratory. Athens, GA

Nitrate toxicity to aquatic animals: a review with new data for freshwater invertebrates. Chemosphere 58:1255-67

Spatial Representation:

Nitrate was sampled at four sites in the watershed, including two main stem sites

and two sites on Altamont Creek, an important tributary.

Temporal Representation:

Water samples were collected for nitrate analyses during three sampling events. The same four sites were sampled during each sampling event. Data are evaluated from the January 2002 and April 2002 sampling events only. Laboratory methods used on samples collected during September 2001 did not meet QA requirements,

so this data has not been considered.

Environmental Conditions: Arroyo Las Positas flows west through the eastern Livermore valley before its confluence with Arroyo Mocho in eastern Pleasanton. The lower and middle sections of the stream and Altamont Creek flow through the northern portion of the city of Livermore, a city of 82,000 people. The upper watershed is primarily used for cattle grazing. The main stem of Arroyo Las Positas is almost completely devoi of riparian vegetation as a result of extensive channel alteration and incision.

QAPP Information:

All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

**OAPP** Information

Reference(s):

Quality Assurance Management Plan for the State of California's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program. Sacramento, CA. State Water Resources Control

Board. December 2002 (1st version)

#### Arroyo Mocho

Temperature

**Decision ID:** 7571

**Pollutant:** Temperature, water **Status:** Decision in Progress

**Weight of Evidence:** This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.2 of the Listing

Policy. Under section 3.2 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing

status.

One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. A sufficient number of samples exceed the water quality objective.

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of adding this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data concerning current conditions and supporting the listing decision were collected as part of the SWAMP and satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Temperature measurements at 6 out of 12 continuous deployments exceeded the 14.8 °C evaluation guideline used to interpret the water quality objective for waters designated as cold water habitat and this exceeds the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.2 of the Listing Policy.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

#### Lines of Evidence:

LOE ID: 4789

Pollutant: Temperature, water Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Aquatic Life Use: Wildlife Habitat

Matrix: Water Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 6 Number of Samples: 12

Data Used to Assess Water Comprehensive water quality assessment was conducted at the Arroyo Mocho Quality: watershed as part of SWAMP assessment. Continuous field monitoring at 15

minute increments of temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH and specific conductance was conducted to determine temporal variability in basic water quality at five

locations throughout the watershed.

The measured temperatures ranged from 6.1°C to 27.72 °C and varied with season and location. The 14.8 °C criterion for coho salmon was exceeded in 6 out of 12 continuous temperature deployments and the 17 °C criterion for steelhead was also exceeded in 6 out of 12 deployments.

High water temperatures exceeding 24 °C, that is a maximum short exposure temperature for survival of salmonids (EPA 1977) were also measured at three monitoring locations at lower and upper reaches of the Creek during spring and summer seasons. At the monitoring site in the lower reach of the Arroyo Mocho Creek high temperature persisted for up to 5.75 hours during spring while at the middle and upper reach it lasted from 5 to more than 9 hours.

Data Reference(s):

Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Nine San Francisco Bay Region Watersheds: Walker Creek, Lagunitas Creek, San Leandro Creek, Wildcat Creek/San Pablo Creek, Suisun Creek, Arroyo Las Positas, Pescadero Creek/Butano Creek, San Gregorio Creek, and Stevens Creek/Permanente Creek. Oakland, CA: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: Temperature objectives for enclosed bays and estuaries are specified in the "Water Quality Control Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Waters and Enclosed Bays of California" including any revisions to the plan. In addition, the following temperature objectives apply to surface waters: The natural receiving water temperature of intrastate waters shall not be altered unless it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Regional Water Board that such alteration in temperature does not adversely affect beneficial uses.

The temperature of any cold or warm freshwater habitat shall not be increased by more than 5°F (2.8° C) above natural receiving water temperature.

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

Sullivan et al. (2000) reviewed a wide range of studies incorporating information from laboratory-based research, field observations, and risk assessment approaches and developed criteria for assessing temperature risk to aquatic life. The 7-day mean temperature (maximum value of the 7-day moving average of the daily mean temperature) of 14.8°C was established as the upper threshold criterion for coho salmon and 17.0°C for steelhead trout. The risk assessment approach used by Sullivan et al. (2000) suggests that temperatures exceeding the above thresholds will cause 10% reduction in average fish growth compared to optimal conditions.

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

An Analysis of the Effects of Temperature on Salmonids of the Pacific Northwest with Implications for Selecting Temperature Criteria

Spatial Representation:

Temperature was measured at five sites located on the mainstem of Arroyo Mocho Creek. The highest temperatures were recorded at the monitoring location southeast of Livermore in August 2004. High temperatures also occurred in the lower reach of the Creek during the spring season of 2004.

Temporal Representation: In 2004 and 2005 the SWAMP Program performed continuous monitoring of temperature at 15 minute intervals for periods of 1-2 weeks in each of three different seasons: winter (5 sites), spring (5 sites), and summer dry season (2 sites).

QAPP Information:

All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

**OAPP** Information Reference(s):

Quality Assurance Management Plan for the State of California's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program. Sacramento, CA. State Water Resources Control

Board. December 2002 (1st version)

#### **Baxter Creek (Contra Costa County)**

Trash

**Decision ID:** 7634

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status:** Decision in Progress

**Weight of Evidence:** This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under

section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed

based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

Two lines of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. The lines of evidence consist of interpretation of data from field visits/trash surveys conducted according to the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology to assess both non-contact recreation and wildlife beneficial uses.

Based on the readily available trash assessment data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Data have been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. The Rapid Trash Assessment methodology results showed that this waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at two locations on five different dates. This waterbody also had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at three different locations on five different dates.
- 3. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guideline (poor condition category for the trash assessment metrics) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 4. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 5. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

#### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 5212 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Non-Contact Recreation

Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: Number of Samples:

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application the RTA methodology, developed

**Ouality**:

by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The RTA documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "threat to aquatic life" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in March, July, and November 2004 and June and August 2005 according to the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology. There were exceedances of the evaluation guideline (poor condition category for the trash assessment metric) in more than one location or on more than one date.

Data Reference(s): A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) data collected by the SF Bay Region Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program from 2002-2005 and method description

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid Objective/Criterion: wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

> Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that

cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

Water Quality

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor **Evaluation Guideline:** condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain

substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing."

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal."

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in three different locations in 2004

and 2005. Two locations scored in the "poor condition" category for the "Level of

Trash" parameter associated with this beneficial use.

Temporal Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in March, July, and November in

2004 and June and August 2005.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: For RTA trash assessment data to be considered, the data must have been collected

by field operators that have received a 2-hour training in the Rapid Trash

Assessment methodology.

LOE ID: 5276 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: Number of Samples:

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application the RTA methodology, developed

Quality:

by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The RTA documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "threat to aquatic life" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in March, July, and November 2004 and June and August 2005 according to the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology. There were exceedances of the evaluation guideline (poor condition category for the trash assessment metric) in more than one location or on more than one date.

Data Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) data collected by the SF Bay Region Surface

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: Water Ambient Monitoring Program from 2002-2005 and method description Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that

cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor

condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing."

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal."

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation:

RTA data were collected for this waterbody in three different locations in 2004 and 2005. Two locations scored in the "poor condition" category for the "Level of

Trash" parameter associated with this beneficial use.

Temporal Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in March, July, and November in

2004 and June and August 2005.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information:

For RTA trash assessment data to be considered, the data must have been collected

by field operators that have received a 2-hour training in the Rapid Trash

Assessment methodology.

### Cerrito Creek

Trash

**Decision ID:** 7635

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed

based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

Two lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. One line of evidence concerns the non-contact recreation beneficial use, and the second concerns the wildlife beneficial use. Both lines of evidence involve interpretation of data from field visits/trash surveys conducted according to the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology.

Based on the readily available trash assessment data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Data have been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. The Rapid Trash Assessment methodology results showed that this waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at one location on three different dates. This waterbody also had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at one location on three different dates.
- 3. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guidelines (poor condition category for the trash assessment metrics) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 4. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 5. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 5347
Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance

Beneficial Use: Non-Contact Recreation

Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 3 Number of Samples:

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application the RTA methodology, developed

Quality:

by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The RTA documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and threat to aquatic life (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in March, July, and November 2004 according to the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology. There were exceedances of the evaluation guideline (poor condition category for the trash assessment metric) in more than one location or on more than one date.

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay Data Reference(s):

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) data collected by the SF Bay Region Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program from 2002-2005 and method description

Water Quality Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid Objective/Criterion: wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

> Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Ouality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing."

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal."

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

**Spatial Representation:** RTA data were collected for this waterbody in one location in 2004.

Temporal Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in March, July, and November in

2004.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

OAPP Information: For RTA trash assessment data to be considered, the data must have been collected

by field operators that have received a 2-hour training in the Rapid Trash

Assessment methodology.

LOE ID: 5349 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 3 Number of Samples: 3

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application the RTA methodology, developed

Quality:

by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The RTA documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for level of trash (relating to REC2) and threat to aquatic life (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in March, July, and November 2004 according to the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology. There were exceedances of the evaluation guideline (poor condition category for the trash assessment metric) in more than one location or on more than one date.

Data Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay Region: Trash Measurement in Streams

Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) data collected by the SF Bay Region Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program from 2002-2005 and method description

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain

substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing."

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal."

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A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Reference(s): Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in one location in 2004.

Temporal Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in March, July, and November in

2004.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

**Evaluation Guideline** 

QAPP Information: For RTA trash assessment data to be considered, the data must have been collected

by field operators that have received a 2-hour training in the Rapid Trash

Assessment methodology.

### Colma Creek

Trash

**Decision ID:** 7636

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is

This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

Two lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess this

Two lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. One line of evidence concerns the non-contact recreation beneficial use, and the second line of evidence concerns the wildlife habitat beneficial use. Both lines of evidence involve inspection of photographic evidence by Regional Water Board staff trained to conduct the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology. The staff inspected these photos and applied the RTA methodology to develop Category 1 (Level of Trash) and Category 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) scores for each photograph.

Based on the readily available photographic evidence for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Photographic evidence has been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. Applying the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology to the photographic evidence suggests that this waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at two locations on three different dates. This waterbody also had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at three different locations on six different dates.
- 3. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guidelines (poor condition category for the trash assessment metrics) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 4. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 5. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 5282 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat
Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: Number of Samples:

Quality:

Data Used to Assess Water Data available consist of photographic evidence of trash and interpretation of these photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was analyzed to establish the RTA score for the "level of trash" and "threat to aquatic life" parameters, which relate to impairment of REC2 and WILD, respectively. Only those photos clear enough to establish these RTA scores were relied on for the listing determination. These results are available for the following dates and locations on Colma Creek:

> Mitchell Ave. on 12/31/2002, 12/10/03, 1/6/2005, 2/3/2006, 4/1/2006 Utah Ave. Bridge on 1/29/2002, 12/31/2002, 2/3/2006, 4/1/2006

Pedestrian Crossing Bridge on 12/31/2002

There were exceedances of the evaluation guideline (poor condition category for the trash assessment metric) in more than one location or on more than one date.

Archive of Trash Photos for Colma Creek submitted for 2008 303(d) list Data Reference(s):

consideration

Report from Roger James and Larry Kolb containing Trash Photos submitted for

consideration in 2008 303(d) listing process

Assessment by Matt Cover of Trash Photos (submitted to Region 2 in response to

2008 Data Solicitation)

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Level of Trash score.

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or

soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Threat to Aquatic Life score.

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation:

Photographic evidence was analyzed using the RTA methodology for this waterbody for three different locations spanning dates from 2002 through 2006. Three locations scored in the "poor condition" category for the "threat to aquatic

life" parameter.

Temporal Representation:

Photographic evidence was collected for this waterbody on six separate dates from 2003 through 2006. Data from six sampling dates scored in the "poor condition" category for the "Transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter" parameter.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

OAPP Information:

Assessments of the photographic evidence using the RTA were performed by Regional Water Board staff person who was a co-author of the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology.

Assessments based on photographic evidence were only conducted when sufficient reach-scale and close-up photos were available for a site on a specific date. Photos used for the evaluation needed to be numerous enough and clear enough to document the level of trash at the site in a similar way as the assessor would experience during an actual site visit in the field. For example, at a minimum, one reach-scale photograph (showing at least a 100 linear foot section of the waterbody) and two close-up photographs (of representative trash deposits) were required.

LOE ID: 5279 Pollutant: Trash

Pollutant-Nuisance Subgroup: Beneficial Use: Non-Contact Recreation

Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 5 Number of Samples:

Quality:

Data Used to Assess Water Data available consist of photographic evidence of trash and interpretation of these photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was analyzed to establish the RTA score for the "level of trash" and "threat to aquatic life" parameters, which relate to impairment of REC2 and WILD, respectively. Only those photos clear enough to establish these RTA scores were relied on for the listing determination. These results are available for the following dates and locations on Colma Creek:

> Mitchell Ave. on 12/31/2002, 12/10/03, 1/6/2005, 2/3/2006, 4/1/2006 Utah Ave. Bridge on 1/29/2002, 12/31/2002, 2/3/2006, 4/1/2006

Pedestrian Crossing Bridge on 12/31/2002

This waterbody had level of trash parameter scores in the poor category

(indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at more than one location and on three different dates.

Data Reference(s):

Archive of Trash Photos for Colma Creek submitted for 2008 303(d) list

consideration

Report from Roger James and Larry Kolb containing Trash Photos submitted for

consideration in 2008 303(d) listing process

Assessment by Matt Cover of Trash Photos (submitted to Region 2 in response to

2008 Data Solicitation)

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline:

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Level of Trash score.

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Threat to Aquatic Life score.

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region: Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation:

Photographic evidence was analyzed using the RTA methodology for this waterbody for three different locations spanning dates from 2002 through 2006. Two locations scored in the "poor condition" category for the "Level of Trash" parameter.

Temporal Representation: Photographic evidence was collected for this waterbody on six separate dates from 2003 through 2006. Data from three sampling dates scored in the "poor condition"

category for the "Level of Trash" parameter.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

**QAPP** Information:

Assessments of the photographic evidence using the RTA were performed by Regional Water Board staff person who was a co-author of the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology.

Assessments based on photographic evidence were only conducted when sufficient reach-scale and close-up photos were available for a site on a specific date. Photos used for the evaluation needed to be numerous enough and clear enough to document the level of trash at the site in a similar way as the assessor would experience during an actual site visit in the field. For example, at a minimum, one reach-scale photograph (showing at least a 100 linear foot section of the waterbody) and two close-up photographs (of representative trash deposits) were required.

## **Codornices Creek**

### Temperature | Trash

**Decision ID:** 9163

Pollutant: Temperature, water Status: Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.2 of the Listing

Policy. Under section 3.2 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing

status.

One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. A sufficient number of samples exceed the water quality objective.

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of adding this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data concerning current conditions and supporting the listing decision were collected as part of the SWAMP and satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Temperature measurements at 6 out of 11 continuous deployments exceeded the 17 °C evaluation guideline used to interpret the water quality objective for waters designated as cold water habitat and this exceeds the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.2 of the Listing Policy.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 8555

Pollutant: Temperature, water Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Aquatic Life Use: Wildlife Habitat

Matrix: Water Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 6 Number of Samples: 11

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Water quality assessment was conducted at the Codornices Creek watershed as part of SWAMP study in 2004-2005. Continuous field monitoring at 15 minute

increments of temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH and specific conductance was conducted to determine temporal variability in basic water quality at three locations.

Continuous monitoring sondes were deployed 11 times at 3 monitoring locations during wet, spring and two dry seasons. The measured temperatures ranged from 8.9°C to 21.5 °C and varied with season and location. During both dry season deployments at all 3 monitoring locations the 7-day mean temperature threshold for steelhead was exceeded. In total, the 17 °C criterion was exceeded in 6 out of 11 deployments. The durations of the temperature exceedances ranged from 19 to over 125 hours.

Data Reference(s):

Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Year 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

Temperature objectives for enclosed bays and estuaries are specified in the "Water Quality Control Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Waters and Enclosed Bays of California" including any revisions to the plan. In addition, the following temperature objectives apply to surface waters: The natural receiving water temperature of intrastate waters shall not be altered unless it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Regional Water Board that such alteration in temperature does not adversely affect beneficial uses.

The temperature of any cold or warm freshwater habitat shall not be increased by more than 5°F (2.8° C) above natural receiving water temperature.

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion
Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

Sullivan et al. (2000) reviewed a wide range of studies incorporating information from laboratory-based research, field observations, and risk assessment approaches and developed criteria for assessing temperature risk to aquatic life. The 7-day mean temperature (maximum value of the 7-day moving average of the daily mean temperature) of 14.8°C was established as the upper threshold criterion for coho salmon and 17.0°C for steelhead trout. The risk assessment approach used by Sullivan et al. (2000) suggests that temperatures exceeding the above thresholds will cause 10% reduction in average growth compared to optimal conditions.

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

An Analysis of the Effects of Temperature on Salmonids of the Pacific Northwest with Implications for Selecting Temperature Criteria

Spatial Representation:

Temperature was measured at three sites located on the mainstem of Codornices Creek that are representative of the entire creek length. The highest temperatures were recorded at the most downstream monitoring station in September 2004.

Temporal Representation:

In 2004 and 2005 the SWAMP Program performed continuous monitoring of temperature at 15 minute intervals for periods of 1-2 weeks in each of three different seasons: winter (3 sites), spring (2 sites), and two summer dry seasons (3 sites each season).

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

QAPP Information Reference(s):

Quality Assurance Management Plan for the State of California's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program. Sacramento, CA. State Water Resources Control

Board. December 2002 (1st version)

**Decision ID:** 7637

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status:** Decision in Progress

**Weight of Evidence:** This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under

section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed

based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. The line of evidence consists of data from field visits/trash surveys conducted according to the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology.

Based on the readily available trash assessment data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Data have been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. The Rapid Trash Assessment methodology results showed that this waterbody had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) on three different dates.
- 3. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guideline (poor condition category for the trash assessment metric) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 4. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 5. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

#### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 5366
Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat
Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None
Number of Exceedances: 3
Number of Samples: 4

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application the RTA methodology, developed Quality:

by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The RTA

documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for level of trash (relating to REC2) and threat to aquatic life (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in March, July, and November 2004 according to the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology. There were exceedances of the evaluation guideline (poor condition category for

the trash assessment metric) in more than one location or on more than one date.

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) data collected by the SF Bay Region Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program from 2002-2005 and method description

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

Data Reference(s):

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s): San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye

on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing."

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal."

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in one location in 2004. This location

scored in the "poor condition" category for the "threat to aquatic life" parameter.

Temporal Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in March, July, and November in

2004. Data from all three months scored in the "poor condition" category for the

"threat to aquatic life" parameter.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: For RTA trash assessment data to be considered, the data must have been collected

by field operators that have received a 2-hour training in the Rapid Trash

Assessment methodology.

## Coyote Creek (Santa Clara Co.)

Trash

**Decision ID:** 7659

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed

based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

Two lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. The first line of evidence consists of data from field visits/trash surveys conducted according to the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) methodology developed by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (SCVURPPP).

The second line of evidence consists of inspection of photographic evidence by Regional Water Board staff trained to conduct the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology. The staff inspected these photos and applied the RTA methodology to develop Category 1 (Level of Trash) and Category 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) scores for each photograph.

Based on the readily available photographic and trash assessment data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Data have been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. The Urban Rapid Trash Assessment methodology results showed that this waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at four locations and on a single date. This waterbody also had "transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter" parameter scores in the marginal urban and poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at four locations and on two different dates.
- 3. Photographic evidence has been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 4. Applying the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology to the photographic evidence suggests that this waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at six locations on eight different dates. This waterbody also had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at seven different locations on nine different dates.
- 5. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guidelines (poor condition category for the trash assessment metrics) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 6. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 7. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

#### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 5405 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat
Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None
Number of Exceedances: 10
Number of Samples: 10

Data Used to Assess Water Data available consist of photographic evidence of trash and interpretation of these Ouality:

photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was

photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was analyzed to establish the RTA score for the "level of trash" and "threat to aquatic life" parameters, which relate to impairment of REC2 and WILD, respectively. Only those photos clear enough to establish these RTA scores were relied on for

the listing determination. These results are available for the following:

Williams Street on 2/21/2005 Various locations on 2/3/2006

Between Montague Expressway and Highway 237 on 2/14/2007

Downstream of Highway 280 on 5/22/2005

At San Antonio St. on 4/27/2005 At Santa Clara St. on 5/20/2006

At the Julian St. Bridge on 3/24/2002, 5/6/2006, and 1/21/2007

At Mabry Rd. on 2/1/2004, and 5/6/2006

This waterbody had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at seven different locations

on nine different dates.

Data Reference(s): Report from Roger James and Larry Kolb containing Trash Photos submitted for

consideration in 2008 303(d) listing process

Assessment by Matt Cover of Trash Photos (submitted to Region 2 in response to

2008 Data Solicitation)

Archive of Trash Photos for Coyote Creek submitted for 2008 303(d) list

consideration

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that

cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Reference(s):

Evaluation Guideline: If

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Level of Trash score.

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Threat to Aquatic Life score.

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation:

Photographic evidence was analyzed using the RTA methodology for this waterbody for 8 different locations spanning dates from 2002 through 2007.

Temporal Representation:

Photographic evidence was collected for this waterbody on nine separate dates

from 2002 through 2007.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

**QAPP** Information:

Assessments of the photographic evidence using the RTA were performed by Regional Water Board staff person who was a co-author of the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology.

Assessments based on photographic evidence were only conducted when sufficient reach-scale and close-up photos were available for a site on a specific date. Photos used for the evaluation needed to be numerous enough and clear enough to document the level of trash at the site in a similar way as the assessor would experience during an actual site visit in the field. For example, at a minimum, one reach-scale photograph (showing at least a 100 linear foot section of the waterbody) and two close-up photographs (of representative trash deposits) were required.

LOE ID: 5404 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Non-Contact Recreation

Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None
Number of Exceedances: 3
Number of Samples: 4

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application of the Urban Rapid Trash Quality:

Assessment (URTA) methodology, developed by the Santa Clara Valley Urban

Runoff Pollution Prevention Program. The URTA is a modification of the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) developed by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The URTA method documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination.

This waterbody had level of trash parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at four locations and on a single date. There were exceedances of the evaluation guideline (poor condition category for the trash assessment metric) in more than one location or on more than one date.

These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in October 2004 and March 2005 at four separate locations according to the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) methodology.

Memo: Development of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment Protocol. March 13, 2006

Spreadsheet of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) data collected by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program, 2004-2007

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that

cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion
Reference(s):

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

Data Reference(s):

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

If the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. The URTA defines poor condition for this parameter as a level of trash that "distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris. Evidence of site being used frequently by

people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing."

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

Memo: Development of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment Protocol. March 13, 2006

Spatial Representation: URTA data were collected for this waterbody in four locations in 2004 and 2005. Temporal Representation: URTA data were collected for this waterbody on two separate dates, October 2004.

and March 2005.

QAPP Information: Data were collected by trained staff in accordance with URTA methodology

developed by SCVURPPP and are deemed reliable and of sufficient quality on

which to base listing determinations.

LOE ID: 5406

Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Non-Contact Recreation

Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 9 Number of Samples: 10

Quality:

Data Used to Assess Water Data available consist of photographic evidence of trash and interpretation of these

photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was

analyzed to establish the RTA score for the "level of trash" and "threat to aquatic life" parameters, which relate to impairment of REC2 and WILD, respectively. Only those photos clear enough to establish these RTA scores were relied on for

the listing determination. These results are available for the following:

Williams Street on 2/21/2005 Various locations on 2/3/2006

Between Montague Expressway and Highway 237 on 2/14/2007

Downstream of Highway 280 on 5/22/2005

At San Antonio St. on 4/27/2005 At Santa Clara St. on 5/20/2006

At the Julian St. Bridge on 3/24/2002, 5/6/2006, and 1/21/2007

At Mabry Rd. on 2/1/2004, and 5/6/2006.

This waterbody had level of trash parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at six

locations on eight different dates.

Data Reference(s): Report from Roger James and Larry Kolb containing Trash Photos submitted for

consideration in 2008 303(d) listing process

Assessment by Matt Cover of Trash Photos (submitted to Region 2 in response to

2008 Data Solicitation)

Archive of Trash Photos for Coyote Creek submitted for 2008 303(d) list

consideration

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that

cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s): San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor

condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain

substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Level of Trash score.

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Threat to Aquatic Life score.

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

Memo: Development of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment Protocol. March 13, 2006

Spatial Representation:

Photographic evidence was analyzed using the RTA methodology for this waterbody for 8 different locations spanning dates from 2002 through 2007.

Temporal Representation:

Photographic evidence was collected for this waterbody on nine separate dates

from 2002 through 2007.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

**QAPP** Information:

Assessments of the photographic evidence using the RTA were performed by Regional Water Board staff person who was a co-author of the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology.

Assessments based on photographic evidence were only conducted when sufficient reach-scale and close-up photos were available for a site on a specific date. Photos used for the evaluation needed to be numerous enough and clear enough to document the level of trash at the site in a similar way as the assessor would experience during an actual site visit in the field. For example, at a minimum, one reach-scale photograph (showing at least a 100 linear foot section of the waterbody) and two close-up photographs (of representative trash deposits) were required.

LOE ID: 5401 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat
Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 4 Number of Samples: 4

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application of the Urban Rapid Trash Quality:

Assessment (URTA) methodology, developed by the Santa Clara Valley

Assessment (URTA) methodology, developed by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program. The URTA is a modification of the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) developed by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The URTA method documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The

trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items

found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in four locations in October 2004 and March 2005 according to the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) methodology. This waterbody had "transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter" parameter scores in the marginal urban and poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at four locations and on two different dates.

Data Reference(s):

Memo: Development of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment Protocol. March 13, 2006

Spreadsheet of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) data collected by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program, 2004-2007

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the URTA Parameter 3 (Transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter) is in the marginal urban or poor condition category (scores 0-10), then WILD is not supported. The URTA defines marginal urban or poor condition for this parameter as follows, this level of trash is a "medium prevalence (76-200 pieces)" or "large amount (>200 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, styrofoam, balloons, cigarette butts". These types of items are all detrimental to aquatic life.

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

Memo: Development of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment Protocol. March 13, 2006

Spatial Representation: URTA data were collected for this waterbody in four locations in 2004 and 2005.

Temporal Representation: URTA data were collected for this waterbody on two separate dates, October 2004

and March 2005.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

**QAPP** Information: Data were collected by trained staff in accordance with URTA methodology

developed by SCVURPPP and are deemed reliable and of sufficient quality on

which to base listing determinations.

## **Damon Slough**

Trash

**Decision ID:** 7638

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence:

This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

Two lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. Both lines of evidence involve inspection of photographic evidence by Regional Water Board staff trained to conduct the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology. The staff inspected these photos and applied the RTA methodology both to develop Category 1 (Level of Trash, linked to non-contact beneficial use) and Category 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life, linked to wildlife habitat beneficial use) scores for each photograph.

Based on the readily available photographic evidence for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Photographic evidence has been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. Applying the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology to the photographic evidence suggests that this waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at three locations on nine different dates. This waterbody also had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at three different locations on ten different dates.
- 3. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guidelines (poor condition category for the trash assessment metrics) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 4. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 5. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 5407 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat
Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 16 Number of Samples: 16

Quality:

Data Used to Assess Water Data available consist of photographic evidence of trash and interpretation of these photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was analyzed to establish the RTA score for the "level of trash" and "threat to aquatic life" parameters, which relate to impairment of REC2 and WILD, respectively. Only those photos clear enough to establish these RTA scores were relied on for the listing determination. These results are available for the following dates and locations on Damon Slough:

Damon Slough on 12/20/02, 1/1/97, 3/10/99, 12/10/03, 12/16/04,

1/5/05, 12/19/05, 1/11/06, 3/29/06, 4/1/06, and 2/23/07

Coliseum on 12/19/05, 1/11/06, 3/29/06, 4/11/06, and 2/23/07

San Leandro Channel and Bay on 1/5/05 and 1/11/06

This waterbody had threat to aquatic life parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at three different locations on ten different dates.

Data Reference(s):

Report from Roger James and Larry Kolb containing Trash Photos submitted for consideration in 2008 303(d) listing process

Assessment by Matt Cover of Trash Photos (submitted to Region 2 in response to

2008 Data Solicitation)

Archive of Trash Photos for Damon Slough submitted for 2008 303(d) list

consideration

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Ouality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Level of Trash score.

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to

aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons. Styrofoam, cigarette butts: toxic items such as batteries. lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Threat to Aquatic Life score.

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region: Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation:

Photographic evidence was analyzed using the RTA methodology for this waterbody for three different locations spanning dates from 2001 through 2007.

Temporal Representation:

Photographic evidence was collected for this waterbody on ten separate dates from

1997 through 2007.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

**QAPP** Information:

Assessments of the photographic evidence using the RTA were performed by Regional Water Board staff person who was a co-author of the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology.

Assessments based on photographic evidence were only conducted when sufficient reach-scale and close-up photos were available for a site on a specific date. Photos used for the evaluation needed to be numerous enough and clear enough to document the level of trash at the site in a similar way as the assessor would experience during an actual site visit in the field. For example, at a minimum, one reach-scale photograph (showing at least a 100 linear foot section of the waterbody) and two close-up photographs (of representative trash deposits) were required.

LOE ID: 5408 Pollutant: Trash

Pollutant-Nuisance Subgroup: Beneficial Use: Non-Contact Recreation

Matrix: Not Specified

None Fraction: Number of Exceedances: 12 Number of Samples:

**Ouality**:

Data Used to Assess Water Data available consist of photographic evidence of trash and interpretation of these photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was analyzed to establish the RTA score for the "level of trash" and "threat to aquatic life" parameters, which relate to impairment of REC2 and WILD, respectively. Only those photos clear enough to establish these RTA scores were relied on for the listing determination. These results are available for the following dates and

locations on Damon Slough:

Damon Slough on 12/20/02, 1/1/97, 3/10/99, 12/10/03, 12/16/04,

1/5/05, 12/19/05, 1/11/06, 3/29/06, 4/1/06, and 2/23/07 Coliseum on 12/19/05, 1/11/06, 3/29/06, 4/11/06, and 2/23/07

San Leandro Channel and Bay on 1/5/05 and 1/11/06

This waterbody had level of trash parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at three locations on nine different dates.

Data Reference(s): Report from Roger James and Larry Kolb containing Trash Photos submitted for

consideration in 2008 303(d) listing process

Assessment by Matt Cover of Trash Photos (submitted to Region 2 in response to

2008 Data Solicitation)

Archive of Trash Photos for Damon Slough submitted for 2008 303(d) list

consideration

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that

cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s): San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Level of Trash score.

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Threat to Aquatic Life score.

**Evaluation Guideline** 

Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation: Photographic evidence was analyzed using the RTA methodology for this

waterbody for three different locations spanning dates from 2001 through 2007.

Temporal Representation: Photographic evidence was collected for this waterbody on ten separate dates from

1997 through 2007.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information:

Assessments of the photographic evidence using the RTA were performed by Regional Water Board staff person who was a co-author of the Rapid Trash

Assessment methodology.

Assessments based on photographic evidence were only conducted when sufficient reach-scale and close-up photos were available for a site on a specific date. Photos used for the evaluation needed to be numerous enough and clear enough to document the level of trash at the site in a similar way as the assessor would experience during an actual site visit in the field. For example, at a minimum, one reach-scale photograph (showing at least a 100 linear foot section of the waterbody) and two close-up photographs (of representative trash deposits) were required.

## **Grayson Creek**

Trash

**Decision ID:** 7643

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed

based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. The line of evidence consists of inspection of photographic evidence by Regional Water Board staff trained to conduct the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology. The staff inspected these photos and applied the RTA methodology to develop Category 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) scores for each photograph.

Based on the readily available photographic evidence for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Photographic evidence has been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. Applying the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology to the photographic evidence suggests that this waterbody had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at two different locations on two different dates.
- 3. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guideline (poor condition category for the trash assessment metric) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 4. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 5. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 5409 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat
Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 2

Number of Samples:

Data Used to Assess Water Data available consist of photographic evidence of trash and interpretation of these

Quality:

photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was analyzed to establish the RTA score for the "level of trash" and "threat to aquatic life" parameters, which relate to impairment of REC2 and WILD, respectively. Only those photos clear enough to establish these RTA scores were relied on for the listing determination. This waterbody had threat to aquatic life parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at two different locations on two different dates.

two different locations on two different dates

Data Reference(s): Archive of Trash Photos for Alameda Creek submitted for 2008 303(d) list

consideration

Assessment by Matt Cover of Trash Photos (submitted to Region 2 in response to

2008 Data Solicitation)

Archive of Trash Photos for Grayson Creek submitted for 2008 303(d) list

consideration

Water Quality Objective/Criterion:

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion
Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline:

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Level of Trash score.

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Threat to Aquatic Life score.

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay Region: Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation: Photogra

Photographic evidence was analyzed using the RTA methodology for this

waterbody for five different locations spanning dates from 2006 through 2007. The assessments were conducted at the following locations: Elinora Drive Bridge, trail between Center Ave. and 2nd Ave., Center Ave. Bridge, Pacheco Blvd., and

Imhoff Drive Bridge.

Temporal Representation: Photographic evidence was collected for this waterbody on four separate dates

from 2006 and 2007 including:

Elinora Drive Bridge on 4/3/2006, 1/4/2007, 2/13/2007

Trail between Center Ave. and 2nd Ave. on 4/3/2006, 12/8/2006, 2/13/2007

Center Ave. Bridge on 2/13/2007 Pacheco Blvd. on 1/4/2007 Imhoff Drive Bridge on 4/3/2006

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: Assessments of the photographic evidence using the RTA were performed by

Regional Water Board staff person who was a co-author of the Rapid Trash

Assessment methodology.

Assessments based on photographic evidence were only conducted when sufficient reach-scale and close-up photos were available for a site on a specific date. Photos used for the evaluation needed to be numerous enough and clear enough to document the level of trash at the site in a similar way as the assessor would experience during an actual site visit in the field. For example, at a minimum, one reach-scale photograph (showing at least a 100 linear foot section of the waterbody) and two close-up photographs (of representative trash deposits) were required.

# **Guadalupe River**

Trash

**Decision ID:** 7660

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed

based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

Two lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. The first line of evidence concerns the non-contact recreation beneficial use, and the second line of evidence concerns the wildlife habit beneficial use.

Both lines of evidence make use of data from field visits/trash surveys conducted according to the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) methodology developed by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (SCVURPPP) as well as inspection of photographic evidence by Regional Water Board staff trained to conduct the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology. The staff inspected these photos and applied the RTA methodology to develop Category 1 (Level of Trash) and Category 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) scores for each photograph.

Based on the readily available photographic and trash assessment data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Data have been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. The Urban Rapid Trash Assessment methodology results showed that this waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at three locations and on three different dates. This waterbody also had "transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter" parameter scores in the marginal urban and poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at four locations and on four different dates.
- 3. Photographic evidence has been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 4. Applying the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology to the photographic evidence suggests that this waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at more than five locations on six different dates. This waterbody also had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at more than six different locations on seven different dates.
- 5. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guidelines (poor condition category for the trash assessment

metrics) in more than one location or on more than one date.

6. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.

7. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

#### Lines of Evidence:

LOE ID: 5478 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Non-Contact Recreation

Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None
Number of Exceedances: 5
Number of Samples: 8

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application of the Urban Rapid Trash

Quality:

Assessment (URTA) methodology, developed by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program. The URTA is a modification of the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) developed by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The URTA method documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in September 2004, an unknown date in 2005, and November 2006 according to the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) methodology.

This waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at three locations and on three different dates.

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Data Reference(s): Memo: Development of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment Protocol. March 13, 2006

Spreadsheet of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) data collected by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program, 2004-2007

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Reference(s):

Evaluation Guideline: If the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in

the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. The URTA defines poor condition for this parameter as a level of trash that "distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris. Evidence of site being used frequently by

people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing."

**Evaluation Guideline** 

Reference(s):

Memo: Development of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment Protocol. March 13, 2006

Spatial Representation: URTA data were collected for this waterbody in five locations in 2004 through

2006.

Temporal Representation: URTA data were collected for this waterbody on five separate dates from

September 2004 through November 2006.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: Data were collected by trained staff in accordance with URTA methodology

developed by SCVURPPP and are deemed reliable and of sufficient quality on

which to base listing determinations.

QAPP Information Reference(s):

LOE ID: 5480 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Non-Contact Recreation

Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 7 Number of Samples: 8

Data Used to Assess Water Data available consist of photographic evidence of trash and interpretation of these

Quality: photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was

analyzed to establish the RTA score for the "level of trash" and "threat to aquatic life" parameters, which relate to impairment of REC2 and WILD, respectively. Only those photos clear enough to establish these RTA scores were relied on for the listing determination. These results are available for the following Guadalupe

River locations:

Multiple locations on 2/1/2004, 2/18/2005, and 2/2/2006

San Jose Airport on 2/18/2005 Alma Ave. on 2/24/2007 Malone Ave. on 2/24/2007

Between Tasman and Trimble on 2/19/2007 75 yards upstream of I880 on 1/22/2007 At the Montague Expressway on 5/8/2006

This waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at five

locations on six different dates.

Data Reference(s): Report from Roger James and Larry Kolb containing Trash Photos submitted for

consideration in 2008 303(d) listing process

Assessment by Matt Cover of Trash Photos (submitted to Region 2 in response to 2008 Data Solicitation)

Archive of Trash Photos for Guadalupe River submitted for 2008 303(d) list consideration

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing."

Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Level of Trash score.

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation:

Photographic evidence was analyzed using the RTA methodology for this waterbody for more than seven different locations spanning dates from 2004 through 2007.

Temporal Representation: Photographic evidence was collected for this waterbody on seven separate dates from 2004 through 2007.

Environmental Conditions:

**OAPP** Information:

Assessments of the photographic evidence using the RTA were performed by Regional Water Board staff person who was a co-author of the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology.

Assessments based on photographic evidence were only conducted when sufficient reach-scale and close-up photos were available for a site on a specific date. Photos used for the evaluation needed to be numerous enough and clear enough to document the level of trash at the site in a similar way as the assessor would experience during an actual site visit in the field. For example, at a minimum, one reach-scale photograph (showing at least a 100 linear foot section of the waterbody) and two close-up photographs (of representative trash deposits) were required.

LOE ID: 5477 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: Number of Samples:

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application of the Urban Rapid Trash

Quality:

Assessment (URTA) methodology, developed by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program. The URTA is a modification of the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) developed by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The URTA method documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in September 2004, an unknown date in 2005, and November 2006 according to the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) methodology. This waterbody had "transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter" parameter scores in the marginal urban

and poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at four

locations and on four different dates.

Memo: Development of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment Protocol, March 13, 2006 Data Reference(s):

> Spreadsheet of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) data collected by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program, 2004-2007

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that

cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the URTA Parameter 3 (Transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter) is in the marginal urban or poor condition category (scores 0-10), then WILD is not supported. The URTA defines marginal urban or poor condition for this parameter as follows. this level of trash is a "medium prevalence (76-200 pieces)" or "large amount (>200 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, styrofoam, balloons, cigarette butts". These types of items are all detrimental to aquatic life.

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

Memo: Development of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment Protocol. March 13, 2006

Spatial Representation: URTA data were collected for this waterbody in five locations in 2004 through

2006.

Temporal Representation: URTA data were collected for this waterbody on five separate dates from

September 2004 through November 2006.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: Data were collected by trained staff in accordance with URTA methodology

developed by SCVURPPP and are deemed reliable and of sufficient quality on

which to base listing determinations.

LOE ID: 5479 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat
Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None
Number of Exceedances: 8
Number of Samples: 8

Data Used to Assess Water Data available consist of photographic evidence of trash and interpretation of these

Quality: photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was

analyzed to establish the RTA score for the "level of trash" and "threat to aquatic life" parameters, which relate to impairment of REC2 and WILD, respectively. Only those photos clear enough to establish these RTA scores were relied on for the listing determination. These results are available for the following Guadalupe

River locations:

Multiple locations on 2/1/2004, 2/18/2005, and 2/2/2006

San Jose Airport on 2/18/2005 Alma Ave. on 2/24/2007 Malone Ave. on 2/24/2007

Between Tasman and Trimble on 2/19/2007 75 yards upstream of I880 on 1/22/2007 At the Montague Expressway on 5/8/2006

This waterbody had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at more than six different least in a great different dates.

locations on seven different dates.

Data Reference(s): Report from Roger James and Larry Kolb containing Trash Photos submitted for

consideration in 2008 303(d) listing process

Assessment by Matt Cover of Trash Photos (submitted to Region 2 in response to

2008 Data Solicitation)

Archive of Trash Photos for Guadalupe River submitted for 2008 303(d) list

consideration

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s): San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline:

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal."

Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Threat to Aquatic Life score.

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

Spatial Representation:

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay Region: Trash Measurement in Streams

Photographic evidence was analyzed using the RTA methodology for this waterbody for more than seven different locations spanning dates from 2004

through 2007.

Temporal Representation:

Photographic evidence was collected for this waterbody on seven separate dates from 2004 through 2007.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

OAPP Information:

Assessments of the photographic evidence using the RTA were performed by Regional Water Board staff person who was a co-author of the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology.

Assessments based on photographic evidence were only conducted when sufficient reach-scale and close-up photos were available for a site on a specific date. Photos used for the evaluation needed to be numerous enough and clear enough to document the level of trash at the site in a similar way as the assessor would experience during an actual site visit in the field. For example, at a minimum, one reach-scale photograph (showing at least a 100 linear foot section of the waterbody) and two close-up photographs (of representative trash deposits) were required.

### Kirker Creek

Pyrethroids | Trash

**Decision ID:** 7583

**Pollutant:** Pyrethroids

**Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.6 of the Listing

Policy. Under section 3.6 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing status. Four lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. This water body experience sediment and water toxicity. It has been documented that high concentrations of pyrethroids contribute or are the most

likely cause of the toxic effect.

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of adding this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

1. The data concerning current conditions and supporting the listing decision satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.

- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Four sediment samples exhibited significant amphipod toxicity and the benthic community is considered to be degraded. The number of samples with detected significant sediment and water toxicity exceeds the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.1 of the Listing Policy. An additional analysis of toxicity units (TU) indicates that the likely cause of observed sediment toxicity is pyrethroid pesticides.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

#### **Lines of Evidence:**

Number of Samples:

LOE ID: 5341

Pollutant: Sediment Toxicity
Subgroup: Pollutant-Sediment

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

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Aquatic Life Use: Unknown
Matrix: Sediment
Fraction: None
Number of Exceedances: 1

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Data Used to Assess Water Data used to evaluate sediment toxicity comprise one sediment sample collected

Ouality:

by the SWAMP in 2003. The sample displayed statistically significant toxicity

during the 10-day Hyalella azteca test and exhibited 100% mortality.

Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Four San Francisco Bay Region Data Reference(s):

Watersheds in 2003-2004: Kirker Creek, Mt. Diablo Creek, Petaluma River, and San Mateo Creek. Surface Water Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay

Regional Water Quality Control Board, Oakland. CA

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

There shall be no chronic toxicity in ambient waters. Chronic toxicity is a detrimental biological effect on growth rate, reproduction, fertilization success, larval development, population abundance, community composition, or any other relevant measure of the health of an organism, population, or community.

Water Ouality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Sediment toxicity was evaluated according to the SWAMP methodology. Sample

> toxicity was determined by comparing mean organism response in samples and in negative controls. Statistical evaluation ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ) and a default threshold of 80% of the control value were used to establish whether the sediment exhibited

significant toxicity adversely impacting aquatic organisms.

**Evaluation Guideline** 

Reference(s):

Thursby, G.B., Heltshe, J. and K.J. Scott. 1997. Revised approach to toxicity test acceptability criteria using a statistical performance assessment. Environmental

Toxicology and Chemistry, vol. 16, No. 6, pp 1322-1329.

Spatial Representation: Sample was collected at the lower part of the Kirker Creek watershed.

Temporal Representation: Sample was collected during spring season of 2003.

Environmental Conditions: Data are representative of the lower watershed (floodway) with the monitoring site

located below predominantly residential and industrial areas.

Samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the OAPP Information:

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

**OAPP** Information

Reference(s):

Ouality Assurance Management Plan for the State of California's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program. Sacramento, CA. State Water Resources Control

Board. December 2002 (1st version)

5348 LOE ID:

Pollutant: **Pyrethroids** 

Pollutant-Sediment Subgroup:

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Aquatic Life Use: Unknown Matrix: Sediment None Fraction: Number of Exceedances: 3 Number of Samples:

Quality:

Data Used to Assess Water Amweg et al. (2006) interpreted results of toxicity testing and sediment pyrethroid concentrations of seven compounds in three samples from Kirker Creek. Total pyrethroid concentrations at Kirker Creek samples were more than 50% higher than the concentrations detected in other six East Bay area creeks that were studied. The pyrethroid concentrations in Kirker Creek samples ranged from 66.1 to 186.2 ng/g. Also the spring sample contained the highest concentration of any

single pyrethroid (deltamethrin) measured reaching the value of 57 ng/g.

The Kirker Creek samples had estimated TUs within the range of 5.67-7.2. Based on this analysis the study concluded that there was good evidence for the role of

pyrethroids in the observed toxicity.

Data Reference(s): Pyrethroid insecticides and sediment toxicity in urban creeks from California and

Tennessee. Environmental Science and Technology, 40(5): 1700-1706

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

There shall be no chronic toxicity in ambient waters. Chronic toxicity is a detrimental biological effect on growth rate, reproduction, fertilization success, larval development, population abundance, community composition, or any other relevant measure of the health of an organism, population, or community.

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** Pyrethroid oncentration data and analysis of toxicity units (TU) were used to

> determine whether pyrethroids could be linked to the observed toxicity to Hyalella azteca. Amweg et al. (2006) determined that samples with less than 1 TU were

nontoxic and those with TU grater than 2 were consistently toxic.

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

Pyrethroid insecticides and sediment toxicity in urban creeks from California and

Tennessee. Environmental Science and Technology, 40(5): 1700-1706

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at sampling locations at the lower part of Kirker Creek. Temporal Representation: Samples were collected during spring and summer seasons of 2004. The last

sampling event (late October 2004) occurred after the first rain of the season to

capture the potential effects of dry season pesticide use.

**Environmental Conditions:** Data are representative of the lower watershed (floodway) with the monitoring site

located below predominantly residential and industrial areas.

QAPP Information: Pyrethroid Insecticides and Sediment Toxicity in Urban Creeks from California

and Tennessee, (Amweg et al., 2006).

**QAPP** Information

Reference(s):

Pyrethroid insecticides and sediment toxicity in urban creeks from California and

Tennessee. Environmental Science and Technology, 40(5): 1700-1706

5345 LOE ID:

Pollutant: **Sediment Toxicity** Subgroup: Pollutant-Sediment

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Aquatic Life Use: Unknown Matrix: Sediment Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 3 Number of Samples:

Data Used to Assess Water Data used to evaluate sediment toxicity comprise three sediment samples collected

Quality:

in 2004 to determine pyrethroids toxicity in urban-dominated creeks as described in Amweg et al. (2006). All samples displayed statistically significant toxicity during the 10-day Hyalella azteca test and showed the highest mortality rates

among all seven creeks studied in the East Bay area.

Data Reference(s): Pyrethroid insecticides and sediment toxicity in urban creeks from California and Tennessee. Environmental Science and Technology, 40(5): 1700-1706

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

There shall be no chronic toxicity in ambient waters. Chronic toxicity is a detrimental biological effect on growth rate, reproduction, fertilization success, larval development, population abundance, community composition, or any other relevant measure of the health of an organism, population, or community.

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** Sample toxicity was determined by comparing mean organism response in

> samples and in negative controls. Statistical evaluation ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ) and a default threshold of 80% of the control value were used to establish whether the sediment

exhibited significant toxicity adversely impacting aquatic organisms.

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

Thursby, G.B., Heltshe, J. and K.J. Scott. 1997. Revised approach to toxicity test acceptability criteria using a statistical performance assessment. Environmental

Toxicology and Chemistry, vol. 16, No. 6, pp 1322-1329.

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at sampling locations at the lower part of Kirker Creek. Temporal Representation: Samples were collected during spring and summer seasons of 2004. The last

sampling event (late October 2004) occurred after the first rain of the season to

capture the potential effects of dry season pesticide use.

Environmental Conditions: Data are representative of the lower watershed (floodway) with the monitoring site

located below predominantly residential and industrial areas.

OAPP Information: Samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

OAPP Information

Reference(s):

Ouality Assurance Management Plan for the State of California's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program. Sacramento, CA. State Water Resources Control

Board. December 2002 (1st version)

LOE ID: 5340 Pollutant: **Toxicity** 

Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Matrix: Water Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 2 Number of Samples:

Data Used to Assess Water Five samples were collected in 2003 to evaluate water toxicity. Two samples

Quality: collected during winter wet season were acutely toxic to Ceridaphnia with one

sample causing 100% mortality. Selenastrum growth was significantly lower than the control in four out of five samples. On average all samples displayed

statistically significant water column toxicity at least to one of the test organisms.

Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Four San Francisco Bay Region Data Reference(s):

> Watersheds in 2003-2004: Kirker Creek, Mt. Diablo Creek, Petaluma River, and San Mateo Creek. Surface Water Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay

Regional Water Quality Control Board, Oakland. CA

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that Water Quality Objective/Criterion:

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

There shall be no chronic toxicity in ambient waters. Chronic toxicity is a detrimental biological effect on growth rate, reproduction, fertilization success, larval development, population abundance, community composition, or any other relevant measure of the health of an organism, population, or community.

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s): San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Water toxicity was evaluated according to the SWAMP methodology. The

U.S.EPA whole effluent toxicity protocol (U.S.EPA 1994) was used to test the effect of water samples on three freshwater test organisms. Statistical evaluation ( $\alpha$  = 0.05) and a default threshold of 80% of the control value were used to establish whether water exhibited significant toxicity adversely impacting aquatic

organisms.

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

Thursby, G.B., Heltshe, J. and K.J. Scott. 1997. Revised approach to toxicity test acceptability criteria using a statistical performance assessment. Environmental

Toxicology and Chemistry, vol. 16, No. 6, pp 1322-1329.

Short-Term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater Organisms. EPA/600/4-91/002. Third Edition.

July 1994

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at two sampling locations: 1) just below the grazed rangeland

in the upper reach of the Creek and 2) at the floodway area draining highly

urbanized and industrial parts of the Kirker Creek watershed.

Temporal Representation: Samples were collected during spring, summer and winter wet seasons of 2003.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: Samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

QAPP Information Reference(s):

Quality Assurance Management Plan for the State of California's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program. Sacramento, CA. State Water Resources Control

Board. December 2002 (1st version)

**Decision ID:** 7644

**Pollutant:** Trash

Status: Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under

section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed

based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. The line of evidence consists of data from field visits/trash surveys conducted according to the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology.

Based on the readily available trash assessment data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Data have been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. The Rapid Trash Assessment methodology results showed that this waterbody had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at two different locations on two different dates.
- 3. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guideline (poor condition category for the trash assessment metric) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 4. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 5. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

#### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 5410 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None 5 Number of Exceedances: Number of Samples:

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application the RTA methodology, developed

Ouality:

by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The RTA documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "threat to aquatic life" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in March and July 2003, and February 2004 according to the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology.

This waterbody had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at two different locations on two different dates.

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) data collected by the SF Bay Region Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program from 2002-2005 and method description

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

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Data Reference(s):

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that

cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s): San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large

amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal."

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in two different locations in 2003 and

2004.

Temporal Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in March and July in 2003 and

February 2004.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: For RTA trash assessment data to be considered, the data must have been collected

by field operators that have received a 2-hour training in the Rapid Trash

Assessment methodology.

### **Matadero Creek**

Trash

**Decision ID:** 7645

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status:** Decision in Progress

**Weight of Evidence:** This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under

section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed

based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. The line of evidence consists of data from field visits/trash surveys conducted according to the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) methodology developed by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (SCVURPPP).

Based on the readily available trash assessment data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Data have been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. The Urban Rapid Trash Assessment methodology results showed that this waterbody had "transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter" parameter scores in the marginal urban and poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at two locations and on two different dates in 2005 and 2006.

#### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 5481 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat
Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None
Number of Exceedances: 2
Number of Samples: 5

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application of the Urban Rapid Trash

Quality:

Assessment (URTA) methodology, developed by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program. The URTA is a modification of the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) developed by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The URTA method documents the total number and

characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in February 2005, May 2006, June 2006, and November 2006 according to the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) methodology

Data Reference(s):

Memo: Development of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment Protocol. March 13, 2006 Spreadsheet of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) data collected by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program, 2004-2007 Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid

Water Quality Objective/Criterion:

wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the URTA Parameter 3 (Transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter) is in the marginal urban or poor condition category (scores 0-10), then WILD is not supported. The URTA defines marginal urban or poor condition for this parameter as follows, this level of trash is a "medium prevalence (76-200 pieces)" or "large amount (>200 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, styrofoam, balloons, cigarette butts". These types of items are all detrimental to aquatic life.

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

Memo: Development of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment Protocol. March 13, 2006

Spatial Representation:

URTA data were collected for this waterbody in two locations in 2005 and 2006. Temporal Representation: URTA data were collected for this waterbody on five different dates in 2005 and

OAPP Information:

Data were collected by trained staff in accordance with URTA methodology developed by SCVURPPP and are deemed reliable and of sufficient quality on which to base listing determinations.

### Mt Diablo Creek

Toxicity

Decision ID: 9807

**Pollutant: Toxicity** 

**Decision in Progress Final Listing Decision:** 

**Last Listing Cycle's** 

New Decision **Final Listing Decision:** 

**Revision Status** Original

This pollutant is being considered for listing under section 3.6 of the Listing Weight of Evidence:

Policy. Under section 3.6 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing status. One line of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess this

pollutant. This water body experiences toxicity.

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of adding this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality

Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

1. The data concerning current conditions and supporting the listing decision satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.

2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.

3. Two out of 4 water samples exhibited significant chronic toxicity to Ceriodaphnia and two other test organisms showed diminished growth. The number of samples with detected significant water toxicity exceeds the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.1 of the Listing Policy and the sediment toxicity is also observed.

4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

Lines of Evidence:

LOE ID: 8541

Pollutant: **Toxicity** 

LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 4 Number of Exceedances: 2

Data and Information TOXICITY TESTING Type:

Data Used to Asses Water Four samples were collected in 2003 to evaluate water toxicity at two monitoring

Quality:

locations at the mouth of Mount Diablo Creek and at Mitchell Canyon, the upstream tributary. The toxicity tests included survival and reproduction of Ceriodaphnia, survival and growth of fathead minnow, and growth of Selenastrum.

Statistically significant chronic effects on Ceriodaphnia reproduction were observed in 2 out of 4 samples collected at both locations during winter wet season. In addition, one sample caused significant mortality and another caused a decrease in growth in fathead minnow. Selenastrum growth was also significantly

reduced in one sample collected during winter wet season.

Data Reference: Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Four San Francisco Bay Region

Watersheds in 2003-2004: Kirker Creek, Mt. Diablo Creek, Petaluma River, and San Mateo Creek. Surface Water Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay

Regional Water Quality Control Board, Oakland. CA

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

There shall be no chronic toxicity in ambient waters. Chronic toxicity is a detrimental biological effect on growth rate, reproduction, fertilization success, larval development, population abundance, community composition, or any other relevant measure of the health of an organism, population, or community.

Objective/Criterion Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Water toxicity was evaluated according to the SWAMP methodology. The

U.S.EPA whole effluent toxicity protocol (U.S.EPA 1994) was used to test the effect of water samples on three freshwater test organisms. Statistical evaluation ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ) and a default threshold of 80% of the control value were used to establish whether water exhibited significant toxicity adversely impacting aquatic

organisms.

Guideline Reference: Thursby, G.B., Heltshe, J. and K.J. Scott. 1997. Revised approach to toxicity test

acceptability criteria using a statistical performance assessment. Environmental

Toxicology and Chemistry, vol. 16, No. 6, pp 1322-1329.

Short-Term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater Organisms. EPA/600/4-91/002. Third Edition.

July 1994

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at two sampling locations representative of the lower reach of

the creek (2 samples) and the upstream tributary (2 samples).

Temporal Representation: SWAMP samples were collected during winter wet season (January) and spring

season (April) of 2003.

Environmental

Conditions:

The lower reach data are representative of heavily urbanized area dominated by the city of Concord. The tributary stream of Mitchell Canyon drains in its upper

portion the area within the Mt. Diablo State Park.

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB, 2002).

### **Permanente Creek**

### Selenium | Toxicity | Sediment Toxicity | Trash

**Decision ID:** 7651

**Pollutant:** Selenium, Total **Status:** Decision in Progress

**Weight of Evidence:** This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.1 of the Listing

Policy. Under section 3.1 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing status. Two lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess

this pollutant.

A sufficient number of samples exceed the NTR total selenium criterion for continuous concentration (chronic). Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of adding this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

1. The data concerning current conditions and supporting the listing decision were collected as part of the SWAMP and satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.

- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy. 3. Six of 12 samples exceeded the NTR criterion for total selenium and this exceeds the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.1 of the Listing Policy.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 4790

Pollutant: Selenium, Total Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Aquatic Life Use: Wildlife Habitat

Matrix: Water Fraction: Total Number of Exceedances: 3 Number of Samples: 6

Data Used to Assess Water Quality:

Water quality assessment was conducted at two sampling locations in the Permanente Creek watershed as part of SWAMP assessment. The aim of the monitoring was to determine patterns of water quality, protection of beneficial uses and potential impacts of land use and water management. Sampled

parameters included physical and biological indicators, conventional water quality,

water metals and toxicity as well as sediment metals and toxicity.

Three out of six samples collected at two monitoring locations during 2002

exceeded the NTR continuous total selenium concentration criterion.

Data Reference(s): Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Nine San Francisco Bay Region

Watersheds: Walker Creek, Lagunitas Creek, San Leandro Creek, Wildcat Creek/San Pablo Creek, Suisun Creek, Arroyo Las Positas, Pescadero

Creek/Butano Creek, San Gregorio Creek, and Stevens Creek/Permanente Creek. Oakland, CA: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay

Regional Water Quality Control Board

Water Quality NTR total selenium criterion for continuous concentration (chronic objective) in Objective/Criterion: water for the protection of aquatic life is  $5.0 \mu g/L$  (Water Quality Control Plan

(Basin Plan) 2007, Table 3-4). The criterion is linked and applicable in streams with waters that support cold water ecosystems, including preservation or enhancement of aquatic habitats, vegetation, fish, or wildlife, including

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

invertebrates.

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

Evaluation Guideline:

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at two sampling locations representative of upper reach of the

creek (3 samples) and the lower reach at the bottom of the watershed (3 samples).

Temporal Representation: Samples were collected during spring, dry and wet season of 2002.

Environmental Conditions:

The lower reach data are representative of the predominantly urbanized area with a

highly modified channel draining into South San Francisco Bay.

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

QAPP Information

Reference(s):

Quality Assurance Management Plan for the State of California's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program. Sacramento, CA. State Water Resources Control

Board. December 2002 (1st version)

LOE ID: 5765

Pollutant: Selenium, Total Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Aquatic Life Use: Wildlife Habitat

Matrix: Water
Fraction: Total
Number of Exceedances: 3
Number of Samples: 6

Data Used to Assess

Water Quality:

SCVURPPP (2007) monitoring program of Santa Clara Basin creeks collected water quality data at two monitoring locations corresponding to the SWAMP

sampling points. Three out of six samples collected in 2005, 2006 and 2007 exceeded the NTR continuous total selenium concentration criterion.

Data Reference(s): Monitoring and Assessment Summary Report: Santa Clara Basin Creeks (2002-

2007). Watershed Monitoring and Assessment Program

Water Quality

Objective/Criterion: water for the protection of aquatic life is 5.0 µg/L (Water Quality Control Plan

Water for the protection of aquatic life is 5.0 μg/L (Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) 2007, Table 3-4). The criterion is linked and applicable in streams with waters that support cold water ecosystems, including preservation or

NTR total selenium criterion for continuous concentration (chronic objective) in

enhancement of aquatic habitats, vegetation, fish, or wildlife, including

invertebrates.

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s): San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at two sampling locations representative of upper reach of the

creek (2 samples) and the lower reach at the bottom of the watershed (4 samples).

Temporal Representation: SCVURPPP samples were collected during dry and wet seasons from 2005

through 2007.

Environmental Conditions:

The lower reach data are representative of the predominantly urbanized area with a

highly modified channel draining into South San Francisco Bay.

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

**Decision ID:** 9171

**Pollutant:** Toxicity

**Status:** Decision in Progress

**Weight of Evidence:** This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.6 of the Listing Policy.

Under section 3.6 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing status.

Two lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant.

This water body experiences toxicity.

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of adding this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data concerning current conditions and supporting the listing decision satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Six out of 6 water samples exhibited significant chronic toxicity to Selenastrum and the benthic community was considered to be degraded. The number of samples with detected significant water toxicity exceeds the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.1 of the Listing Policy and the sediment toxicity is observed.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

#### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 8571
Pollutant: Toxicity

Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Beneficial Use: CO - Cold Freshwater Habitat

Aquatic Life Use:

Matrix: Water Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 6 Number of Samples:

Ouality:

Data Used to Asses Water Six samples were collected in 2002-2003 to evaluate water toxicity at two monitoring locations at the most downstream and upstream reaches of the creek. The toxicity tests included survival and reproduction of Ceriodaphnia, survival and growth of fathead minnow, and growth of Selenastrum.

> In all six samples at both locations, during all 3 seasons Selenastrum growth was significantly reduced. Selenastrum growth on average did not exceed 60.9% of the control with one sample from the downstream location exhibiting only 44.6% growth compared to control. At one station during winter Ceriodaphnia had significant

mortality.

Data Reference(s): Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Nine San Francisco Bay Region

> Watersheds: Walker Creek, Lagunitas Creek, San Leandro Creek, Wildcat Creek/San Pablo Creek, Suisun Creek, Arroyo Las Positas, Pescadero Creek/Butano Creek, San Gregorio Creek, and Stevens Creek/Permanente Creek. Oakland, CA: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control

Board.

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that produce

other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

There shall be no chronic toxicity in ambient waters. Chronic toxicity is a detrimental biological effect on growth rate, reproduction, fertilization success, larval development, population abundance, community composition, or any other relevant measure of the

health of an organism, population, or community.

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** Water toxicity was evaluated according to the SWAMP methodology. The U.S.EPA

whole effluent toxicity protocol (U.S.EPA 1994) was used to test the effect of water samples on three freshwater test organisms. Statistical evaluation ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ) and a default threshold of 80% of the control value were used to establish whether water

exhibited significant toxicity adversely impacting aquatic organisms.

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

Thursby, G.B., Heltshe, J. and K.J. Scott. 1997. Revised approach to toxicity test acceptability criteria using a statistical performance assessment. Environmental

Toxicology and Chemistry, vol. 16, No. 6, pp 1322-1329.

Short-Term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater Organisms. EPA/600/4-91/002. Third Edition. July 1994

Data were collected at two sampling locations representative of upper reach of the Spatial Representation:

creek (3 samples) and the lower reach at the bottom of the watershed (3 samples).

Temporal Representation: SWAMP samples were collected during spring, dry and wet season of 2002-2003.

Environmental

The lower reach data are representative of the predominantly urbanized area with a

Conditions: QAPP Information: highly modified channel draining into South San Francisco Bay.

Samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

**QAPP** Information

Quality Assurance Management Plan for the State of California's Surface Water

Reference(s):

Ambient Monitoring Program. Sacramento, CA. State Water Resources Control Board.

December 2002 (1st version)

LOE ID: 8574

Pollutant: Sediment Toxicity
Subgroup: Pollutant-Sediment
Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Matrix: Sediment Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 1 Number of Samples: 1

Data Used to Asses Water Data used to evaluate sediment toxicity comprise one sediment sample collected by the

**Ouality**:

SWAMP in 2002. The sample displayed statistically significant toxicity during the 10-day Hyalella azteca test and exhibited diminished growth at 72.1% of control.

In addition, many organic contaminants were found in the sediment above Threshold Effect Concentrations (TEC). Chlordane was particularly elevated above the Probable

Effects Concentration (PEC) of 17.6 ug/kg.

Data Reference(s): Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Nine San Francisco Bay Region

Watersheds: Walker Creek, Lagunitas Creek, San Leandro Creek, Wildcat Creek/San Pablo Creek, Suisun Creek, Arroyo Las Positas, Pescadero Creek/Butano Creek, San Gregorio Creek, and Stevens Creek/Permanente Creek. Oakland, CA: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control

Board.

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that produce

other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

There shall be no chronic toxicity in ambient waters. Chronic toxicity is a detrimental biological effect on growth rate, reproduction, fertilization success, larval development, population abundance, community composition, or any other relevant measure of the

health of an organism, population, or community.

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion
Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Sediment toxicity was evaluated according to the SWAMP methodology. Sample

toxicity was determined by comparing mean organism response in samples and in negative controls. Statistical evaluation ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ) and a default threshold of 80% of the control value were used to establish whether the sediment exhibited significant toxicity

adversely impacting aquatic organisms.

**Evaluation Guideline** 

Reference(s):

Thursby, G.B., Heltshe, J. and K.J. Scott. 1997. Revised approach to toxicity test acceptability criteria using a statistical performance assessment. Environmental

Toxicology and Chemistry, vol. 16, No. 6, pp 1322-1329.

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at one sampling location at the lower part of Permanente Creek.

Temporal Representation: Sample was collected during the dry summer season of 2002.

Environmental The lower reach data are representative of the predominantly urbanized area with a

Conditions: highly modified channel draining into South San Francisco Bay.

QAPP Information: Samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the SWAMP

Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

**Decision ID:** 7646

**Pollutant:** Trash

Status: Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under

section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed

based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. The line of evidence consists of data from field visits/trash surveys conducted according to the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology.

Based on the readily available trash assessment data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Data have been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. The Rapid Trash Assessment methodology results showed that this waterbody had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at the only location surveyed in this waterbody on four different dates.
- 3. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guideline (poor condition category for the trash assessment metric) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 4. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 5. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

### Lines of Evidence:

LOE ID: 5368 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat
Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 4 Number of Samples: 4

Data Used to Assess Water Quality:

Data results were obtained through application the RTA methodology, developed by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The RTA documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "threat to aquatic life" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing

determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in March, July, and October 2003, and March 2004 according to the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology. There were exceedances of the evaluation guideline (poor condition category for the trash assessment metric) in more than one location or on more than one date.

Data Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) data collected by the SF Bay Region Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program from 2002-2005 and method description

Water Ouality Objective/Criterion:

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eve on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing."

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal."

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation:

RTA data were collected for this waterbody at one location in 2003 and 2004. This location scored in the "poor condition" category for the "threat to aquatic life" parameter.

Temporal Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in March, July, and October in 2003 and March 2004. Data from all four months scored in the poor condition category for the threat to aquatic life parameter.

QAPP Information:

For RTA trash assessment data to be considered, the data must have been collected by field operators that have received a 2-hour training in the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology.

### **Petaluma River**

Trash

**Decision ID:** 7647

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed

based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

Two lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. Both lines of evidence consist of data from field visits/trash surveys conducted according to the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology. These data have been compared to evaluation guidelines to assess protection of the non-contact recreation beneficial use and the wildlife habitat beneficial use.

Based on the readily available trash assessment data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Data have been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. The Rapid Trash Assessment methodology results showed that this waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at a single location on three different dates. This waterbody had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at four different locations on three different dates.
- 3. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guidelines (poor condition category for the trash assessment metrics) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 4. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 5. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 5482 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat
Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 10

Number of Samples: 16

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application the RTA methodology, developed

Quality:

by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The RTA documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "threat to aquatic life" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in March, July, and November 2003, and January and February of 2004 according to the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology.

This waterbody had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at four different locations on three different dates.

Data Reference(s): A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region: Trash Measurement in Streams

Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) data collected by the SF Bay Region Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program from 2002-2005 and method description

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid Water Quality Objective/Criterion: wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

> Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that

cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category

(scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal."

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region: Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in four different locations in 2003 and

2004.

Temporal Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in March, July, and November in

2003, and January, February 2004.

QAPP Information: For RTA trash assessment data to be considered, the data must have been collected

by field operators that have received a 2-hour training in the Rapid Trash

Assessment methodology.

LOE ID: 5483 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance Beneficial Use: Non-Contact Recreation

Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 3 Number of Samples: 16

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application the RTA methodology, developed

Quality:

by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The RTA documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "threat to aquatic life" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in March, July, and November 2003, and January and February of 2004 according to the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology. This waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water

recreational beneficial uses) at a single location on three different dates.

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay Data Reference(s):

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) data collected by the SF Bay Region Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program from 2002-2005 and method description

Water Quality Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid Objective/Criterion: wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they

would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that

cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Ouality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor

> condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing."

**Evaluation Guideline** 

Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

RTA data were collected for this waterbody in four different locations in 2003 and Spatial Representation:

2004.

Temporal Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in March, July, and November in

2003, and January, February 2004.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

**OAPP** Information: For RTA trash assessment data to be considered, the data must have been collected

by field operators that have received a 2-hour training in the Rapid Trash

Assessment methodology.

### **Rindler Creek**

Trash

**Decision ID:** 7648

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This

This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

Two lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant in this waterbody. One line of evidence concerns the non-contact recreation beneficial use, and the second concerns the wildlife habitat beneficial use. Both lines of evidence rely on inspection of photographic evidence by Regional Water Board staff trained to conduct the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology. The staff inspected these photos and applied the RTA methodology to develop Category 1 (Level of Trash) and Category 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) scores for each photograph.

Based on the readily available photographic evidence for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Photographic evidence has been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. Applying the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology to the photographic evidence suggests that this waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at three locations on three different dates. This waterbody also had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at three different locations on three different dates.
- 3. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guidelines (poor condition category for the trash assessment metrics) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 4. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 5. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 5504 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat
Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: Number of Samples:

Data Used to Assess Water Data available consist of photographic evidence of trash and interpretation of these

Quality:

photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was analyzed to establish the RTA score for the "level of trash" and "threat to aquatic life" parameters, which relate to impairment of REC2 and WILD, respectively. Only those photos clear enough to establish these RTA scores were relied on for the listing determination. These results are available for the following dates and locations on Rindler Creek:

Rindler Creek Headwaters (Benicia Road and Columbus Parkway) on 5/14/2003 and 4/1/2006

At Marine World Parkway on 5/14/2003 and 4/1/2006

At Lemon Street Ditch on 5/14/2003

At Austin Creek Pump station on 5/14/2003 At White Slough, Sonoma Blvd. on 5/14/2003

At Lake Dalwigk and 1 km upstream on 4/18/2005 and 5/14/2003.

This waterbody had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at three different locations on three different dates.

Data Reference(s): Report from Roger James and Larry Kolb containing Trash Photos submitted for

consideration in 2008 303(d) listing process

Assessment by Matt Cover of Trash Photos (submitted to Region 2 in response to

2008 Data Solicitation)

Archive of Trash Photos for Rindler Creek submitted for 2008 303(d) list

consideration

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available

photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Level

of Trash score.

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Threat to Aquatic Life score.

**Evaluation Guideline** 

Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation:

Photographic evidence was analyzed using the RTA methodology for this waterbody for seven different locations spanning dates from 2003 through 2006.

Temporal Representation: Photographic evidence was collected for this waterbody on three separate dates

from 2003 through 2006.

Environmental Conditions:

OAPP Information:

Assessments of the photographic evidence using the RTA were performed by Regional Water Board staff person who was a co-author of the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology.

Assessments based on photographic evidence were only conducted when sufficient reach-scale and close-up photos were available for a site on a specific date. Photos used for the evaluation needed to be numerous enough and clear enough to document the level of trash at the site in a similar way as the assessor would experience during an actual site visit in the field. For example, at a minimum, one reach-scale photograph (showing at least a 100 linear foot section of the waterbody) and two close-up photographs (of representative trash deposits) were required.

LOE ID: 5506 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance Beneficial Use: Non-Contact Recreation

Not Specified Matrix:

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 4 Number of Samples:

Quality:

Data Used to Assess Water Data available consist of photographic evidence of trash and interpretation of these photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was analyzed to establish the RTA score for the "level of trash" and "threat to aquatic life" parameters, which relate to impairment of REC2 and WILD, respectively. Only those photos clear enough to establish these RTA scores were relied on for the listing determination. These results are available for the following dates and locations on Rindler Creek:

> Rindler Creek Headwaters (Benicia Road and Columbus Parkway) on 5/14/2003 and 4/1/2006

At Marine World Parkway on 5/14/2003 and 4/1/2006

At Lemon Street Ditch on 5/14/2003

At Austin Creek Pump station on 5/14/2003 At White Slough, Sonoma Blvd. on 5/14/2003

At Lake Dalwigk and 1 km upstream on 4/18/2005 and 5/14/2003.

This waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at three locations on three different dates.

Data Reference(s):

Report from Roger James and Larry Kolb containing Trash Photos submitted for consideration in 2008 303(d) listing process

Assessment by Matt Cover of Trash Photos (submitted to Region 2 in response to 2008 Data Solicitation)

Archive of Trash Photos for Rindler Creek submitted for 2008 303(d) list consideration

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s): San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Level of Trash score.

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Threat to Aquatic Life score.

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay Region: Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation:

Photographic evidence was analyzed using the RTA methodology for this waterbody for seven different locations spanning dates from 2003 through 2006.

Temporal Representation: Photographic evidence was collected for this waterbody on three separate dates

from 2003 through 2006.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: Assessments of the photographic evidence using the RTA were performed by

Regional Water Board staff person who was a co-author of the Rapid Trash

Assessment methodology.

Assessments based on photographic evidence were only conducted when sufficient reach-scale and close-up photos were available for a site on a specific date. Photos used for the evaluation needed to be numerous enough and clear enough to document the level of trash at the site in a similar way as the assessor would experience during an actual site visit in the field. For example, at a minimum, one reach-scale photograph (showing at least a 100 linear foot section of the waterbody) and two close-up photographs (of representative trash deposits)

were required.

## San Francisco Bay, Central (shoreline)

Trash

**Decision ID:** 7654

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed

based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

Two lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. Both lines of evidence rely on inspection of photographic evidence by Regional Water Board staff trained to conduct the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology. The staff inspected these photos and applied the RTA methodology to develop Category 1 (Level of Trash) and Category 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) scores for each photograph.

Based on the readily available photographic evidence for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Photographic evidence has been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. Applying the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology to the photographic evidence suggests that this waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at two locations on two different dates. This waterbody also had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at eight different locations on three different dates.
- 3. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guidelines (poor condition category for the trash assessment metrics) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 4. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 5. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

#### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 5509 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Non-Contact Recreation

Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None
Number of Exceedances: 2
Number of Samples: 8

Data Used to Assess Water Data available consist of photographic evidence of trash and interpretation of these Quality:

photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was

analyzed to establish the RTA score for the "level of trash" and "threat to aquatic life" parameters, which relate to impairment of REC2 and WILD, respectively. Only those photos clear enough to establish these RTA scores were relied on for the listing determination. These results are available for the following dates and locations along the Bay shoreline:

Virginia St., Eastshore State Park on 12/15/2006

Mouth of Strawberry Creek, Berkeley on 12/15/2006

Mouth Temescal Creek, 12/15/06

Powell St., Emeryville on 12/15/2006

Frontage Road Beach, north of Ashby St. on 12/15/2006

Bayfront Park in Richardson Bay on 1/24/2003

Enchanted Knolls Park on 1/24/2003

Richmond Field Station unknown date in 2007

This waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at two locations on two different dates.

Data Reference(s):

Report from Roger James and Larry Kolb containing Trash Photos submitted for consideration in 2008 303(d) listing process

Assessment by Matt Cover of Trash Photos (submitted to Region 2 in response to 2008 Data Solicitation)

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Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s): San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Level of Trash score.

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category

(scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Threat to Aquatic Life score.

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation:

Photographic evidence was analyzed using the RTA methodology for this waterbody for 8 different locations spanning dates from 2003 through 2007.

Temporal Representation:

The photographic evidence inspected spans dates between January 2003 through

February 2007.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

OAPP Information:

Assessments of the photographic evidence using the RTA were performed by Regional Water Board staff person who was a co-author of the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology.

Assessments based on photographic evidence were only conducted when sufficient reach-scale and close-up photos were available for a site on a specific date. Photos used for the evaluation needed to be numerous enough and clear enough to document the level of trash at the site in a similar way as the assessor would experience during an actual site visit in the field. For example, at a minimum, one reach-scale photograph (showing at least a 100 linear foot section of the waterbody) and two close-up photographs (of representative trash deposits) were required.

LOE ID: 5508 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat Matrix: Not Specified

None Fraction: Number of Exceedances: Number of Samples:

Quality:

Data Used to Assess Water Data available consist of photographic evidence of trash and interpretation of these photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was analyzed to establish the RTA score for the "level of trash" and "threat to aquatic life" parameters, which relate to impairment of REC2 and WILD, respectively. Only those photos clear enough to establish these RTA scores were relied on for the listing determination. These results are available for the following dates and locations along the Bay shoreline:

> Virginia St., Eastshore State Park on 12/15/2006 Mouth of Strawberry Creek, Berkeley on 12/15/2006

Mouth Temescal Creek, 12/15/06 Powell St., Emeryville on 12/15/2006

Frontage Road Beach, north of Ashby St. on 12/15/2006

Bayfront Park in Richardson Bay on 1/24/2003

Enchanted Knolls Park on 1/24/2003

Richmond Field Station unknown date in 2007

This waterbody had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at eight different locations on three different dates.

Data Reference(s):

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Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

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Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s): San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Level of Trash score.

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Threat to Aquatic Life score.

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay Region: Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation:

Photographic evidence was analyzed using the RTA methodology for this waterbody for 8 different locations spanning dates from 2003 through 2007.

Temporal Representation: The photographic evidence inspected spans dates between January 2003 through

February 2007.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: Assessments of the photographic evidence using the RTA were performed by

Regional Water Board staff person who was a co-author of the Rapid Trash

Assessment methodology.

Assessments based on photographic evidence were only conducted when sufficient reach-scale and close-up photos were available for a site on a specific date. Photos used for the evaluation needed to be numerous enough and clear enough to document the level of trash at the site in a similar way as the assessor would experience during an actual site visit in the field. For example, at a minimum, one reach-scale photograph (showing at least a 100 linear foot section of the waterbody) and two close-up photographs (of representative trash deposits)

were required.

## San Francisco Bay, Lower (shoreline)

Trash

**Decision ID:** 7652

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under

section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

Two lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess this

Two lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. Both lines of evidence rely on inspection of photographic evidence by Regional Water Board staff trained to conduct the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology. The staff inspected these photos and applied the RTA methodology to develop Category 1 (Level of Trash) and Category 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) scores for each photograph.

Based on the readily available photographic evidence for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Photographic evidence has been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. Applying the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology to the photographic evidence suggests that this waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at two locations on two different dates. This waterbody also had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at two location on four different dates.
- 3. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guidelines (poor condition category for the trash assessment metrics) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 4. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 5. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

#### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 5511 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Non-Contact Recreation

Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None
Number of Exceedances: 3
Number of Samples: 5

Data Used to Assess Water Data available consist of photographic evidence of trash and interpretation of these Ouality:

photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was

analyzed to establish the RTA score for the "level of trash" and "threat to aquatic life" parameters, which relate to impairment of REC2 and WILD, respectively. Only those photos clear enough to establish these RTA scores were relied on for the listing determination. These results are available for the following dates and locations along the Bay shoreline:

Mouth of Ryder Ct. Park on 12/10/2003 and 4/1/2006

Tidal Area, near mouth at Oakport on 12/10/2003, 12/16/2004, 1/5/2005, 12/19/2005, 3/29/2006, 2/23/2007

This waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at two locations on two different dates.

Data Reference(s):

Report from Roger James and Larry Kolb containing Trash Photos submitted for consideration in 2008 303(d) listing process

Assessment by Matt Cover of Trash Photos (submitted to Region 2 in response to 2008 Data Solicitation)

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Water Quality Objective/Criterion:

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s): San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline:

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Level of Trash score.

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the

assessment method to determine the Threat to Aquatic Life score.

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation:

Photographic evidence was analyzed using the RTA methodology for this

waterbody for 2 different locations spanning dates from 2003 through 2007.

Temporal Representation: The photographic evidence inspected spans dates between January 2003 through

February 2007.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

OAPP Information:

Assessments of the photographic evidence using the RTA were performed by Regional Water Board staff person who was a co-author of the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology.

Assessments based on photographic evidence were only conducted when sufficient reach-scale and close-up photos were available for a site on a specific date. Photos used for the evaluation needed to be numerous enough and clear enough to document the level of trash at the site in a similar way as the assessor would experience during an actual site visit in the field. For example, at a minimum, one reach-scale photograph (showing at least a 100 linear foot section of the waterbody) and two close-up photographs (of representative trash deposits) were required.

LOE ID: 5510 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 5 5 Number of Samples:

Data Used to Assess Water Data available consist of photographic evidence of trash and interpretation of these

Quality:

photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was analyzed to establish the RTA score for the "level of trash" and "threat to aquatic life" parameters, which relate to impairment of REC2 and WILD, respectively. Only those photos clear enough to establish these RTA scores were relied on for the listing determination. These results are available for the following dates and

locations along the Bay shoreline:

Mouth of Ryder Ct. Park on 12/10/2003 and 4/1/2006

Tidal Area, near mouth at Oakport on 12/10/2003, 12/16/2004, 1/5/2005,

12/19/2005, 3/29/2006, 2/23/2007

This waterbody had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at two location on four

different dates.

Data Reference(s):

Report from Roger James and Larry Kolb containing Trash Photos submitted for

consideration in 2008 303(d) listing process

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Water Quality Objective/Criterion: Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s): San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline:

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Level of Trash score.

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Threat to Aquatic Life score.

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay Region: Trash Measurement in Streams

Region. Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation:

Photographic evidence was analyzed using the RTA methodology for this waterbody for 2 different locations spanning dates from 2003 through 2007.

Temporal Representation:

The photographic evidence inspected spans dates between January 2003 through February 2007.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

OAPP Information:

Assessments of the photographic evidence using the RTA were performed by Regional Water Board staff person who was a co-author of the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology.

Assessments based on photographic evidence were only conducted when sufficient reach-scale and close-up photos were available for a site on a specific date. Photos used for the evaluation needed to be numerous enough and clear enough to document the level of trash at the site in a similar way as the assessor would experience during an actual site visit in the field. For example, at a minimum, one reach-scale photograph (showing at least a 100 linear foot section of the waterbody) and two close-up photographs (of representative trash deposits) were required.

# San Francisquito Creek

Trash

**Decision ID:** 7655

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status:** Decision in Progress

**Weight of Evidence:** This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under

section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed

based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

Two lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. Both lines of evidence rely on data from field visits/trash surveys conducted according to the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) methodology developed by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (SCVURPPP).

Based on the readily available trash assessment data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Data have been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. The Urban Rapid Trash Assessment methodology results showed that this waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at different four locations and on four different dates. This waterbody also had "transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter" parameter scores in the marginal urban and poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at four different locations and on three different dates.
- 3. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guidelines (poor condition category for the trash assessment metrics) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 4. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 5. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

#### Lines of Evidence:

LOE ID: 5537
Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat
Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 5 Number of Samples: 23

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application of the Urban Rapid Trash

Quality: Assessment (URTA) methodology, developed by the Santa Clara Valley Urban

Runoff Pollution Prevention Program. The URTA is a modification of the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) developed by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The URTA method documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in February 2005, July 2005, May 2006, October 2006, May 2007, September 2007, and October 2007 according to the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) methodology. This waterbody had "transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter" parameter scores in the marginal urban and poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at four different locations and on three different dates.

Data Reference(s):

Memo: Development of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment Protocol. March 13, 2006 Spreadsheet of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) data collected by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program, 2004-2007

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the URTA Parameter 3 (Transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter) is in the marginal urban or poor condition category (scores 0-10), then WILD is not supported. The URTA defines marginal urban or poor condition for this parameter as follows. this level of trash is a "medium prevalence (76-200 pieces)" or "large amount (>200 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, styrofoam, balloons, cigarette butts". These types of items are all detrimental to aquatic life.

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

Memo: Development of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment Protocol. March 13, 2006

Spatial Representation:

URTA data were collected for this waterbody in six locations from 2004 through

2006.

Temporal Representation: URTA data were collected for this waterbody on seven separate dates, 2004

through 2006.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information:

Data were collected by trained staff in accordance with URTA methodology developed by SCVURPPP and are deemed reliable and of sufficient quality on

which to base listing determinations.

LOE ID: 5538 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance Beneficial Use: Non-Contact Recreation

Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 7 Number of Samples: 23

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application of the Urban Rapid Trash

Quality:

Assessment (URTA) methodology, developed by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program. The URTA is a modification of the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) developed by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The URTA method documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in February 2005, July 2005, May 2006, October 2006, May 2007, September 2007, and October 2007 according to the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) methodology. This waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses)

at different four locations and on four different dates.

Data Reference(s): Memo: Development of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment Protocol. March 13, 2006

> Spreadsheet of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) data collected by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program, 2004-2007

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas." Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not

contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that

cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** If the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. The URTA

defines poor condition for this parameter as a level of trash that "distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris. Evidence of site being used frequently by

people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing."

**Evaluation Guideline** 

Reference(s):

Memo: Development of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment Protocol. March 13, 2006

URTA data were collected for this waterbody in six locations from 2004 through Spatial Representation:

2006.

Temporal Representation: URTA data were collected for this waterbody on seven separate dates, 2004

through 2006.

OAPP Information: Data were collected by trained staff in accordance with URTA methodology

developed by SCVURPPP and are deemed reliable and of sufficient quality on

which to base listing determinations.

# San Leandro Creek, Lower

Chromium | Trash

**Decision ID:** 7573

**Pollutant:** Chromium, hexavalent **Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.1 of the Listing

Policy. Under section 3.1 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing status. One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. A sufficient number of samples exceed the CTR dissolved chromium VI

criterion for continuous concentration (chronic).

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of adding this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality

Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

1. The data concerning current conditions and supporting the listing decision were collected as part of the SWAMP and satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.

- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Two samples exceeded the CTR criterion for dissolved chromium VI and this exceeds the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.1 of the Listing Policy.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

#### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 4792

Pollutant: Chromium, hexavalent

Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Aguatic Life Use: Wildlife Habitat

Matrix: Water Fraction: Dissolved

Number of Exceedances: 2 Number of Samples: 2

Data Used to Assess Water Comprehensive water quality assessment was conducted at the confluence of the

**Ouality**:

Lower San Leandro Creek watershed as part of SWAMP assessment. The aim of the monitoring was to determine patterns of water quality, protection of beneficial uses and potential impacts of land use and water management. Sampled

parameters included physical and biological indicators, conventional water quality,

water metals and toxicity as well as sediment metals and toxicity.

Two samples collected during 2001 monitoring exceeded the CTR continuous dissolved chromium VI concentration criterion and one of these samples exceeded the maximum concentration criterion of 16µg/L. Dissolved chromium levels for these samples were at least an order of magnitude higher than at all other sites that

were monitored and the site received an overall poor bioassessment score.

Data Reference(s): Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Nine San Francisco Bay Region

> Watersheds: Walker Creek, Lagunitas Creek, San Leandro Creek, Wildcat Creek/San Pablo Creek, Suisun Creek, Arroyo Las Positas, Pescadero

Creek/Butano Creek, San Gregorio Creek, and Stevens Creek/Permanente Creek. Oakland, CA: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay

Regional Water Quality Control Board

Water Ouality CTR chromium criterion for continuous concentration (chronic objective) in Objective/Criterion:

water for the protection of aquatic life is 11.0µg/L. The criterion is linked and applicable in streams with waters that support warm water ecosystems, including preservation or enhancement of aquatic habitats, vegetation, fish, or wildlife,

including invertebrates.

Water Ouality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline** 

Reference(s):

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at a sampling location at the bottom of the watershed.

Temporal Representation: Samples were collected during spring and dry season of 2001.

Environmental Conditions: Data are representative of a channelized creek flowing through residential and

urban industrial areas that predominate in the Lower San Leandro Creek watershed. Lake Chabot forms a strong hydrologic divide between this part of the watershed and the upper portion of San Leandro Creek and delineates land uses

and beneficial uses within the watershed.

**QAPP** Information: SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

**OAPP** Information Reference(s):

Quality Assurance Management Plan for the State of California's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program. Sacramento, CA. State Water Resources Control

Board. December 2002 (1st version)

**Decision ID:** 7656

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status: Decision in Progress** 

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under

section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed

based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

Two lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. Both lines of evidence rely on inspection of photographic evidence by Regional Water Board staff trained to conduct the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology. The staff inspected these photos and applied the RTA methodology to develop Category 1 (Level of Trash) and Category 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life)

scores for each photograph.

Based on the readily available photographic evidence for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Photographic evidence has been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. Applying the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology to the photographic evidence suggests that this waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at three locations on four different dates. This waterbody also had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at three different locations on six different dates.
- 3. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guidelines (poor condition category for the trash assessment metrics) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 4. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 5. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

#### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 5668
Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Non-Contact Recreation

Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None
Number of Exceedances: 7
Number of Samples: 9

Data Used to Assess Water Data available consist of photographic evidence of trash and interpretation of these Quality:

photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was

analyzed to establish the RTA score for the "level of trash" and "threat to aquatic life" parameters, which relate to impairment of REC2 and WILD, respectively. Only those photos clear enough to establish these RTA scores were relied on for the listing determination. These results are available for the following dates and

locations on Lower San Leandro Creek:

98th Ave. on 4/11/2001, 12/20/2002, 12/10/2003, 12/16/2004, 12/26/2004,

1/5/2005, 1/11/2006, and 2/23/2007

Hegenberger Road on 4/11/2001, and 2/23/2007

Leet Drive on 12/10/2003, and 1/11/2006

This waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at three

locations on four different dates.

Data Reference(s): Report from Roger James and Larry Kolb containing Trash Photos submitted for

consideration in 2008 303(d) listing process

Assessment by Matt Cover of Trash Photos (submitted to Region 2 in response to 2008 Data Solicitation)

Archive of Trash Photos for Lower San Leandro Creek submitted for 2008 303(d) list consideration

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eve on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Level of Trash score.

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Threat to Aquatic Life score.

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation:

Photographic evidence was analyzed using the RTA methodology for this waterbody for three different locations spanning dates from 2001 through 2007.

Temporal Representation: Photographic evidence was collected for this waterbody on six separate dates from

2001 through 2007.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

**QAPP** Information:

Assessments of the photographic evidence using the RTA were performed by Regional Water Board staff person who was a co-author of the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology.

Assessments based on photographic evidence were only conducted when sufficient reach-scale and close-up photos were available for a site on a specific date. Photos used for the evaluation needed to be numerous enough and clear enough to document the level of trash at the site in a similar way as the assessor would experience during an actual site visit in the field. For example, at a minimum, one reach-scale photograph (showing at least a 100 linear foot section of the waterbody) and two close-up photographs (of representative trash deposits) were required.

LOE ID: 5667 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat
Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None
Number of Exceedances: 9
Number of Samples: 9

Data Used to Assess Water Data available consist of photographic evidence of trash and interpretation of these Quality:

photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was

analyzed to establish the RTA score for the "level of trash" and "threat to aquatic life" parameters, which relate to impairment of REC2 and WILD, respectively. Only those photos clear enough to establish these RTA scores were relied on for the listing determination. These results are available for the following dates and

locations on Lower San Leandro Creek:

98th Ave. on 4/11/2001, 12/20/2002, 12/10/2003, 12/16/2004, 12/26/2004,

1/5/2005, 1/11/2006, and 2/23/2007

Hegenberger Road on 4/11/2001, and 2/23/2007

Leet Drive on 12/10/2003, and 1/11/2006

This waterbody had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at three different locations on

six different dates.

Data Reference(s): Report from Roger James and Larry Kolb containing Trash Photos submitted for

consideration in 2008 303(d) listing process

Assessment by Matt Cover of Trash Photos (submitted to Region 2 in response to

2008 Data Solicitation)

Archive of Trash Photos for Lower San Leandro Creek submitted for 2008 303(d)

list consideration

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that

cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Reference(s):

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Level of Trash score.

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Threat to Aquatic Life score.

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region: Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation:

Photographic evidence was analyzed using the RTA methodology for this waterbody for three different locations spanning dates from 2001 through 2007.

Temporal Representation:

Photographic evidence was collected for this waterbody on six separate dates from

2001 through 2007.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

**QAPP** Information:

Assessments of the photographic evidence using the RTA were performed by Regional Water Board staff person who was a co-author of the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology.

Assessments based on photographic evidence were only conducted when sufficient reach-scale and close-up photos were available for a site on a specific date. Photos used for the evaluation needed to be numerous enough and clear enough to document the level of trash at the site in a similar way as the assessor would experience during an actual site visit in the field. For example, at a minimum, one reach-scale photograph (showing at least a 100 linear foot section of the waterbody) and two close-up photographs (of representative trash deposits) were required.

# San Mateo Creek

# Sediment Toxicity | Trash

**Decision ID:** 7574

**Pollutant:** Sediment Toxicity **Status: Decision in Progress** 

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.6 of the Listing

Policy. Under section 3.6 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing status. Two lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. Amphipod toxicity samples exhibit significant toxicity with

Hyalella mean survival below 19%.

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of adding this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality

Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

1. The data concerning current conditions and supporting the listing decision satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.

- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. All five sediment samples exhibited significant amphipod toxicity and the benthic community is considered to be degraded. The number of samples with detected significant toxicity exceeds the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.1 of the Listing Policy.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 4797

Pollutant: **Sediment Toxicity** 

Subgroup: **Toxicity** 

Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat

Matrix: Sediment Fraction: None 4 Number of Exceedances: Number of Samples:

Data Used to Assess Water Data used to evaluate sediment toxicity comprise four sediment samples collected

Quality:

as part of a PRISM grant (Lowe et al., 2007) in 2004-2005. All samples were toxic to both freshwater and estuarine amphipods during sampling events and exhibited the lowest per cent survival and highest contaminant concentrations compared to

other six tributaries studied.

The PRISM project samples were collected at both tidally influenced and

freshwater segments of the creek.

Data Reference(s): Final Project Report: Investigations of Sources and Effects of Pyrethroid

Pesticides in Watersheds of the San Francisco Bay Estuary. Proposition 13 PRISM Grant # 041355520. SFEI Contribution #523. San Francisco Estuary Institute,

Oakland, CA

Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Four San Francisco Bay Region Watersheds in 2003-2004: Kirker Creek, Mt. Diablo Creek, Petaluma River, and San Mateo Creek. Surface Water Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay

Regional Water Quality Control Board, Oakland. CA

Water Quality Objective/Criterion:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

There shall be no chronic toxicity in ambient waters. Chronic toxicity is a detrimental biological effect on growth rate, reproduction, fertilization success, larval development, population abundance, community composition, or any other relevant measure of the health of an organism, population, or community.

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s): San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Sediment toxicity data were evaluated according to the SWAMP methodology.

Sample toxicity was determined by comparing mean organism response in samples and in negative controls. Statistical evaluation and a default threshold of 80% of the control value were used to establish whether the sediment exhibited

significant toxicity adversely impacting aquatic organisms.

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

Thursby, G.B., Heltshe, J. and K.J. Scott. 1997. Revised approach to toxicity test acceptability criteria using a statistical performance assessment. Environmental

Toxicology and Chemistry, vol. 16, No. 6, pp 1322-1329.

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at a sampling location at the lower part of San Mateo Creek

within tidal reach (2 samples) and at the upper location in the freshwater reach just

above the head of tide (2 samples).

Temporal Representation: Samples were collected during winter season of 2004 (tidal and freshwater reach)

and late spring of 2005 (tidal and freshwater reach). The winter sampling

(November 2004) occurred after the first rain of the season to capture the potential

effects of dry season pesticide use. The late spring sampling (April 2005) coincided with the presumption of increased pesticide application in urban and

agricultural areas.

Environmental Conditions: Data are representative of the lower watershed downstream from Mud Dam with

the monitoring site located in the densely urbanized areas.

QAPP Information: Data were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the SWAMP

Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

LOE ID: 4809

Pollutant: Sediment Toxicity

Subgroup: Toxicity

Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat

Matrix: Sediment
Fraction: None
Number of Exceedances: 1
Number of Samples: 1

Data Used to Assess Water Data used to evaluate sediment toxicity comprise one sediment sample collected

Quality: by the SWAMP in 2003. The sample was toxic to both freshwater and estuarine

amphipods and exhibited the lowest per cent survival and highest contaminant concentrations compared to other six tributaries studied.

Comprehensive water quality assessment was conducted at seven monitoring sites in the San Mateo Creek watershed as part of SWAMP assessment. The aim of the monitoring was to determine patterns of water quality, protection of beneficial uses and potential impacts of land use and water management. Sampled parameters included physical and biological indicators, conventional water quality,

water metals and toxicity as well as sediment metals and toxicity.

SWAMP sediment sample was collected at the tidally influenced urban segment of

San Mateo Creek.

Data Reference(s): Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Four San Francisco Bay Region

Watersheds in 2003-2004: Kirker Creek, Mt. Diablo Creek, Petaluma River, and San Mateo Creek. Surface Water Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay

Regional Water Quality Control Board, Oakland. CA

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

There shall be no chronic toxicity in ambient waters. Chronic toxicity is a detrimental biological effect on growth rate, reproduction, fertilization success, larval development, population abundance, community composition, or any other relevant measure of the health of an organism, population, or community

relevant measure of the health of an organism, population, or community.

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion
Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Sediment toxicity data were evaluated according to the SWAMP methodology.

Sample toxicity was determined by comparing mean organism response in samples and in negative controls. Statistical evaluation and a default threshold of 80% of the control value were used to establish whether the sediment exhibited

significant toxicity adversely impacting aquatic organisms.

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

Thursby, G.B., Heltshe, J. and K.J. Scott. 1997. Revised approach to toxicity test acceptability criteria using a statistical performance assessment. Environmental

Toxicology and Chemistry, vol. 16, No. 6, pp 1322-1329.

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at a sampling location at the lower part of San Mateo Creek

within tidal reach.

Temporal Representation: Sample was collected during spring season of 2003.

Environmental Conditions: Data are representative of the lower watershed downstream from Mud Dam with

the monitoring site located in the densely urbanized areas.

QAPP Information: Data were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the SWAMP

Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

QAPP Information Reference(s):

Quality Assurance Management Plan for the State of California's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program. Sacramento, CA. State Water Resources Control

Board. December 2002 (1st version)

**Decision ID:** 7661

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under

section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed

based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

There are four lines of evidence available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. Two of these lines of evidence rely on inspection of photographic evidence by Regional Water Board staff trained to conduct the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology. The staff inspected these photos and applied the RTA methodology to develop Category 1 (Level of Trash) and Category 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) scores for each photograph.

The other two lines of evidence rely on data from field visits/trash surveys conducted according to the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology.

Based on the readily available photographic and trash assessment data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Data have been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. The Rapid Trash Assessment methodology results showed that this waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at two locations. This waterbody also had "transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at three locations and on two different dates.
- 3. Photographic evidence has been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 4. Applying the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology to the photographic evidence suggests that this waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at location on two different dates. This waterbody also had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at one location on two different dates.
- 5. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guidelines (poor condition category for the trash assessment metrics) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 6. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 7. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

## **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 5664 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Non-Contact Recreation

Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None
Number of Exceedances: 4
Number of Samples: 15

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application the RTA methodology, developed Quality:

by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The RTA

documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred

feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "threat to aquatic life" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in October 2004 and November 2006 according to the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology. This waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at location on two different dates.

Data Reference(s):

Archive of Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) data for San Mateo Creek submitted for 2008 303(d) list consideration

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing."

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal."

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation:

RTA data were collected for this waterbody in three locations in 2004 and 2006. Temporal Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in October 2004 and November 2006.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

OAPP Information:

San Mateo program staff performed the initial October 2004 assessment jointly with Water Board staff to ensure that the assessment site was identical to the SWAMP location and that San Mateo program staff applied the protocol consistently to the SWAMP protocol.

LOE ID:

5666

Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance Beneficial Use: Non-Contact Recreation

Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: Number of Samples:

Data Used to Assess Water Data available consist of photographic evidence of trash and interpretation of these

Quality:

photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was analyzed to establish the RTA score for the "level of trash" and "threat to aquatic life" parameters, which relate to impairment of REC2 and WILD, respectively. Only those photos clear enough to establish these RTA scores were relied on for the listing determination. These results are available for the following locations on San Mateo Creek:

This waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at one location on two different dates.

Data Reference(s):

Report from Roger James and Larry Kolb containing Trash Photos submitted for consideration in 2008 303(d) listing process

Assessment by Matt Cover of Trash Photos (submitted to Region 2 in response to 2008 Data Solicitation)

Archive of Trash Photos for San Mateo Creek submitted for 2008 303(d) list consideration

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Ouality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Level

of Trash score.

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to

aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons. Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries. lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Threat to Aquatic Life score.

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation:

Photographic evidence was analyzed using the RTA methodology for this

waterbody for a single location in 2003 and 2006.

Temporal Representation:

Photographic evidence was collected for this waterbody on two separate dates in

2003 and 2006.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

**QAPP** Information:

Assessments of the photographic evidence using the RTA were performed by Regional Water Board staff person who was a co-author of the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology.

Assessments based on photographic evidence were only conducted when sufficient reach-scale and close-up photos were available for a site on a specific date. Photos used for the evaluation needed to be numerous enough and clear enough to document the level of trash at the site in a similar way as the assessor would experience during an actual site visit in the field. For example, at a minimum, one reach-scale photograph (showing at least a 100 linear foot section of the waterbody) and two close-up photographs (of representative trash deposits) were required.

LOE ID: 5665 Pollutant: Trash

Pollutant-Nuisance Subgroup: Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat Matrix: Not Specified

None Fraction: Number of Exceedances: 2 Number of Samples:

**Ouality**:

Data Used to Assess Water Data available consist of photographic evidence of trash and interpretation of these photos by an experienced trash assessment specialist. Each photograph was analyzed to establish the RTA score for the "level of trash" and "threat to aquatic

life" parameters, which relate to impairment of REC2 and WILD, respectively. Only those photos clear enough to establish these RTA scores were relied on for the listing determination. These results are available for one location on San

Mateo Creek:

This waterbody had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at one location on two

different dates.

Report from Roger James and Larry Kolb containing Trash Photos submitted for Data Reference(s):

consideration in 2008 303(d) listing process

Assessment by Matt Cover of Trash Photos (submitted to Region 2 in response to

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Water Quality Objective/Criterion:

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s): San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Level of Trash score.

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal." Regional Water Board staff trained in the RTA inspected the available photographic evidence and applied the assessment method to determine the Threat to Aquatic Life score.

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

Spatial Representation:

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay Region: Trash Measurement in Streams

Photographic evidence was analyzed using the RTA methodology for this

waterbody for a single location in 2003 and 2006.

Temporal Representation: Photographic evidence was collected for this waterbody on two separate dates in

2003 and 2006.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information:

Assessments of the photographic evidence using the RTA were performed by Regional Water Board staff person who was a co-author of the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology.

Assessments based on photographic evidence were only conducted when sufficient reach-scale and close-up photos were available for a site on a specific date. Photos used for the evaluation needed to be numerous enough and clear enough to document the level of trash at the site in a similar way as the assessor would experience during an actual site visit in the field. For example, at a minimum, one reach-scale photograph (showing at least a 100 linear foot section

of the waterbody) and two close-up photographs (of representative trash deposits) were required.

LOE ID: 5663 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 7 Number of Samples: 15

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application the RTA methodology, developed

Ouality:

by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The RTA documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "threat to aquatic life" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in October 2004 and November 2006 according to the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology.

This waterbody had "transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at three locations and on two different dates.

Data Reference(s):

Archive of Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) data for San Mateo Creek submitted for 2008 303(d) list consideration

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing."

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category

(scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal."

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

**QAPP** Information:

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in three locations in 2004 and 2006. Temporal Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in October 2004 and November 2006.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

San Mateo program staff performed the initial October 2004 assessment jointly with Water Board staff to ensure that the assessment site was identical to the SWAMP location and that San Mateo program staff applied the protocol

consistently to the SWAMP protocol.

# San Pablo Creek

Trash

**Decision ID:** 7657

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed

based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. The line of evidence consists of data from field visits/trash surveys conducted according to the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology.

Based on the readily available trash assessment data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Data have been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. The Rapid Trash Assessment methodology results showed that this waterbody had "level of trash" scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of noncontact water recreational beneficial use) at two different locations and on two different dates.
- 3. The temporal and spatial extent of this poor condition affords a substantial basis in fact from which the listing decision can be reasonably inferred. Namely, this waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guideline (poor condition category for the trash assessment metric) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 4. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 5. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 5661 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Non-Contact Recreation

Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None
Number of Exceedances: 3
Number of Samples: 3

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application the RTA methodology, developed

Quality:

by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The RTA documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "threat to aquatic life" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in July 2002 according to the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology.

This waterbody had "level of trash" scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial use) at two different locations and on two different dates.

Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) data collected by the SF Bay Region Surface

Data Reference(s):

Water Ambient Monitoring Program from 2002-2005 and method description Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material including solids liquids foams and soum in

contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s): San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing."

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation:

RTA data were collected for this waterbody in two different locations in July 2002 and both locations scored in the "poor condition" category for the "Level of Trash" parameter.

Temporal Representation:

RTA data were collected on two different dates, July 18, and 30 2002, and data from both dates were in the "poor condition" category for the "Level of Trash"

parameter.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information:

For RTA trash assessment data to be considered, the data must have been collected by field operators that have received a 2-hour training in the Rapid Trash

Assessment methodology.

# San Tomas Aquinas Creek

Trash

**Decision ID:** 7658

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed

based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. The line of evidence consists of data from field visits/trash surveys conducted according to the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) methodology developed by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (SCVURPPP).

Based on the readily available trash assessment data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Data have been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. The Urban Rapid Trash Assessment methodology results showed that this waterbody had "transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter" parameter scores in the marginal urban and poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at three locations on two different dates in 2004 and 2006.
- 3. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guideline (poor condition category for the trash assessment metric) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 4. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 5. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 5536 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat
Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None
Number of Exceedances: 5
Number of Samples: 5

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application of the Urban Rapid Trash

Quality:

Assessment (URTA) methodology, developed by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program. The URTA is a modification of the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) developed by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The URTA method documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for visits/trash surveys conducted in December 2004 and October 2006 according to the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) methodology. This waterbody had "transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter" parameter scores in the marginal urban and poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at three locations on two different dates in 2004 and 2006

Data Reference(s):

Memo: Development of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment Protocol. March 13, 2006 Spreadsheet of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) data collected by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program, 2004-2007 Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

If the URTA Parameter 3 (Transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter) is in the marginal urban or poor condition category (scores 0-10), then WILD is not supported. The URTA defines marginal urban or poor condition for this parameter as follows. this level of trash is a "medium prevalence (76-200 pieces)" or "large amount (>200 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, styrofoam, balloons, cigarette butts". These types of items are all

detrimental to aquatic life.

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

Memo: Development of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment Protocol. March 13, 2006

Spatial Representation: URTA data were collected for this waterbody in three locations in December 2004

and October 2006.

Temporal Representation: URTA data were collected for this waterbody on two dates in December 2004 and

October 2006.

QAPP Information: Data were collected by trained staff in accordance with URTA methodology

developed by SCVURPPP and are deemed reliable and of sufficient quality on

which to base listing determinations.

# Saratoga Creek

Trash

**Decision ID:** 7662

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed

based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. The line of evidence consists of data from field visits/trash surveys conducted according to the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) methodology developed by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (SCVURPPP).

Based on the readily available trash assessment data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Data have been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. The Urban Rapid Trash Assessment methodology results showed that this waterbody had "transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter" parameter scores in the marginal urban and poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at one location on two different dates in 2004 and 2006.
- 3. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guideline (poor condition category for the trash assessment metric) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 4. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 5. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

## Lines of Evidence:

LOE ID: 5662 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat
Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None
Number of Exceedances: 2
Number of Samples: 2

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application of the Urban Rapid Trash

Quality:

Assessment (URTA) methodology, developed by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program. The URTA is a modification of the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) developed by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The URTA method documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in December 2004 and October 2006 according to the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) methodology. This waterbody had "transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter" parameter scores in the marginal urban and poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at one location on two different dates in 2004 and 2006.

Data Reference(s):

Spreadsheet of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) data collected by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program, 2004-2007

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that

cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

If the URTA Parameter 3 (Transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter) is in the marginal urban or poor condition category (scores 0-10), then WILD is not supported. The URTA defines marginal urban or poor condition for this parameter as follows. this level of trash is a "medium prevalence (76-200 pieces)" or "large amount (>200 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, styrofoam, balloons, cigarette butts". These types of items are all

detrimental to aquatic life.

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

Memo: Development of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment Protocol. March 13, 2006

Spatial Representation: URTA data were collected for this waterbody at one location in December 2004

and October 2006.

Temporal Representation: URTA data were collected for this waterbody on two dates in December 2004 and

October 2006.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: Data were collected by trained staff in accordance with URTA methodology

developed by SCVURPPP and are deemed reliable and of sufficient quality on

which to base listing determinations.

Sausal Creek Trash

**Decision ID:** 7663

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status: Decision in Progress** 

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed

based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. The line of evidence consists of data from field visits/trash surveys conducted according to the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology.

Based on the readily available trash assessment data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

1. Data have been evaluated that supports this decision.

- 2. The Rapid Trash Assessment methodology results showed that this waterbody had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) on three different dates.
- 3. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guideline (poor condition category for the trash assessment metric) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 4. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 5. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

#### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 5369 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 3 Number of Samples:

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application the RTA methodology, developed Ouality:

by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The RTA

documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "threat to aquatic life" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in August and December 2004 and June 2005 according to the Rapid Trash Assessment methodology. This waterbody had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) on three different dates.

Data Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) data collected by the SF Bay Region Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program from 2002-2005 and method description

Water Quality Objective/Criterion:

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s): San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline:

If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing."

If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category (scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal."

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in one location in 2004 and 2005.

This location scored in the "poor condition" category for the "threat to aquatic

life" parameter.

Temporal Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in August and December 2004 and

June 2005. Data from all three months scored in the "poor condition" category for

the "threat to aquatic life" parameter.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: For RTA trash assessment data to be considered, the data must have been collected

by field operators that have received a 2-hour training in the Rapid Trash

Assessment methodology.

# **Silver Creek (Santa Clara County)**

Trash

**Decision ID:** 7668

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed

based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. The line of evidence consists of data from field visits/trash surveys conducted according to the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) methodology developed by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (SCVURPPP).

Based on the readily available trash assessment data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Data have been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. The Urban Rapid Trash Assessment methodology results showed that this waterbody had "transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter" parameter scores in the marginal urban and poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at two different locations on the only date monitored.
- 3. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guideline (poor condition category for the trash assessment metric) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 4. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 5. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 5539 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat
Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None
Number of Exceedances: 2
Number of Samples: 3

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application of the Urban Rapid Trash

Quality:

Assessment (URTA) methodology, developed by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program. The URTA is a modification of the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) developed by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The URTA method documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in March 2005, according to the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) methodology. This waterbody had "transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter" parameter scores in the marginal urban and poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at two different locations on the only date monitored.

Data Reference(s):

Memo: Development of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment Protocol. March 13, 2006 Spreadsheet of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) data collected by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program, 2004-2007

Water Ouality Objective/Criterion: Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

If the URTA Parameter 3 (Transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter) is in the marginal urban or poor condition category (scores 0-10), then WILD is not supported. The URTA defines marginal urban or poor condition for this parameter as follows. this level of trash is a "medium prevalence (76-200 pieces)" or "large amount (>200 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, styrofoam, balloons, cigarette butts". These types of items are all detrimental to aquatic life.

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

Memo: Development of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment Protocol. March 13, 2006

Spatial Representation:

URTA data were collected for this waterbody in three locations in March 2005. Temporal Representation: URTA data were collected for this waterbody on only one date in March 2005.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

OAPP Information:

Data were collected by trained staff in accordance with URTA methodology developed by SCVURPPP and are deemed reliable and of sufficient quality on which to base listing determinations.

# **Stevens Creek**

Temperature | Trash

**Decision ID:** 9162

**Pollutant:** Temperature, water **Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.2 of the Listing

Policy. Under section 3.2 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing status. One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. A sufficient number of samples exceed the water quality objective.

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of adding this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality

Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

1. The data concerning current conditions and supporting the listing decision were collected as part of the SWAMP and satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.

- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Temperature measurements at 6 out of 11 continuous deployments exceeded the 17 °C evaluation guideline used to interpret the water quality objective for waters designated as cold water habitat and this exceeds the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.2 of the Listing Policy.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

### **Lines of Evidence:**

LOE ID: 8543

Pollutant: Temperature, water Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Aquatic Life Use: Wildlife Habitat

Matrix: Water Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 6 Number of Samples: 11

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Water quality assessment was conducted at the Stevens Creek watershed as part of SWAMP assessment. Continuous field monitoring at 15 minute increments of

temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH and specific conductance was conducted to determine temporal variability in basic water quality at five locations throughout the watershed.

The measured temperatures ranged from 9.3°C to 25.5 °C and varied with season and location. The 17 °C criterion for steelhead was exceeded in 6 out of 11 deployments. Five exceedances were recorded in the dry season and 1 was measured in the wet season.

High water temperature exceeding 24 °C, that is a maximum short exposure temperature for survival of salmonids (EPA 1977) was also measured at one monitoring location at lower reach of the Creek during summer dry season. At this monitoring site the leathal temperature for salmonids (< 24°C) persisted for 4.25 hours.

Data Reference(s):

Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Nine San Francisco Bay Region Watersheds: Walker Creek, Lagunitas Creek, San Leandro Creek, Wildcat Creek/San Pablo Creek, Suisun Creek, Arroyo Las Positas, Pescadero Creek/Butano Creek, San Gregorio Creek, and Stevens Creek/Permanente Creek. Oakland, CA: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Temperature criteria for freshwater fish: protocol and procedures. Ecological Research Series. EPA-600/3-77-061 (NTIS PB270032). Prepared by W.A. Brungs and B.R. Jones. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

Temperature objectives for enclosed bays and estuaries are specified in the "Water Quality Control Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Waters and Enclosed Bays of California" including any revisions to the plan. In addition, the following temperature objectives apply to surface waters: The natural receiving water temperature of intrastate waters shall not be altered unless it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Regional Water Board that such alteration in temperature does not adversely affect beneficial uses.

The temperature of any cold or warm freshwater habitat shall not be increased by more than 5°F (2.8° C) above natural receiving water temperature.

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s): San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline:

Sullivan et al. (2000) reviewed a wide range of studies incorporating information from laboratory-based research, field observations, and risk assessment approaches and developed criteria for assessing temperature risk to aquatic life. The 7-day mean temperature (maximum value of the 7-day moving average of the daily mean temperature) of 14.8°C was established as the upper threshold criterion for coho salmon and 17.0°C for steelhead trout. The risk assessment approach used by Sullivan et al. (2000) suggests that temperatures exceeding the above thresholds will cause 10% reduction in average growth compared to optimal conditions.

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

An Analysis of the Effects of Temperature on Salmonids of the Pacific Northwest with Implications for Selecting Temperature Criteria

Spatial Representation:

Temperature was measured at four sites located on the mainstem of Stevens Creek. The highest temperatures were recorded at the most downstream location in July 2003. High temperatures exceeding the threshold for steelhead were measured in most parts of the creek with the exception of the upper reach.

Temporal Representation:

In 2002 and 2003 the SWAMP Program performed continuous monitoring of temperature at 15 minute intervals for periods of 1-2 weeks in each of three different seasons: winter wet season (3 sites), spring runoff season (1 site), and summer dry season (7 sites).

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**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

QAPP Information Reference(s):

Quality Assurance Management Plan for the State of California's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program. Sacramento, CA. State Water Resources Control

Board. December 2002 (1st version)

**Decision ID:** 7669

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under

section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed

based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. The line of evidence consists of data from field visits/trash surveys conducted according to the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) methodology developed by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program

(SCVURPPP).

Based on the readily available trash assessment data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Data have been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. The Urban Rapid Trash Assessment methodology results showed that this waterbody had "transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter" parameter scores in the marginal urban and poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at three locations on three different dates in 2004, 2006 and 2007.
- 3. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guideline (poor condition category for the trash assessment metric) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 4. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 5. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

## Lines of Evidence:

LOE ID: 5540 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat
Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 4 Number of Samples: 11

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application of the Urban Rapid Trash

Quality:

Assessment (URTA) methodology, developed by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program. The URTA is a modification of the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) developed by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The URTA method documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in 2004 through 2007 according to the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) methodology. This waterbody had "transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter" parameter scores in the marginal urban and poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at three locations on three different dates in 2004, 2006 and 2007.

Data Reference(s): Memo: Development of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment Protocol. March 13, 2006

Spreadsheet of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment (URTA) data collected by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program, 2004-2007

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that

cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s): San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: If the URTA Parameter 3 (Transportable, Persistent, Buoyant Litter) is in the marginal urban or poor condition category (scores 0-10), then WILD is not

supported. The URTA defines marginal urban or poor condition for this parameter as follows. this level of trash is a "medium prevalence (76-200 pieces)" or "large amount (>200 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, styrofoam, balloons, cigarette butts". These types of items are all

detrimental to aquatic life.

Evaluation Guideline Reference(s):

Memo: Development of Urban Rapid Trash Assessment Protocol. March 13, 2006

Spatial Representation: URTA data were collected for this waterbody in six locations in 2004 through

2007.

Temporal Representation: URTA data were collected for this waterbody on seven dates in 2004 through

2007.

Environmental Conditions:

QAPP Information: Data were collected by trained staff in accordance with URTA methodology

developed by SCVURPPP and are deemed reliable and of sufficient quality on

which to base listing determinations.

# **Strawberry Creek (Alameda County)**

Trash

**Decision ID:** 7670

**Pollutant:** Trash

**Status:** Decision in Progress

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for placement on the section 303(d) list under section 3.11 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.11, listing may be proposed

based on the situation-specific weight of evidence.

Two lines of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. Both lines of evidence rely on data from field visits/trash surveys conducted according to the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology.

Based on the readily available trash assessment data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of placing this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. Data have been evaluated that supports this decision.
- 2. The Rapid Trash Assessment methodology results showed that this waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at one location on three different dates. This waterbody also had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at one location on three different dates.
- 3. This waterbody is considered impaired by trash because there were exceedances of the evaluation guidelines (poor condition category for the trash assessment metrics) in more than one location or on more than one date.
- 4. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 5. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1 of the Policy.

## Lines of Evidence:

LOE ID: 5411 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Wildlife Habitat
Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None
Number of Exceedances: 3
Number of Samples: 3

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application the RTA methodology, developed

Quality: by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The RTA

documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "threat to aquatic life" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in March, August, and December 2004 according to the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology. This waterbody had "threat to aquatic life" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating threat to Wildlife Habitat beneficial uses) at one

location on three different dates.

Data Reference(s): A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) data collected by the SF Bay Region Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program from 2002-2005 and method description

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that

cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion
Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: If the RTA Parameter 3 (Threat to Aquatic Life) is in the poor condition category

(scores 0-5), then WILD is not supported. This level of trash is a "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter" that is detrimental to aquatic life. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "large amount (>50 pieces) of transportable, persistent, buoyant litter such as: hard or soft plastics, balloons, Styrofoam, cigarette butts; toxic items such as batteries, lighters, or spray cans; large clumps of yard waste or dumped leaf litter; or large

amount (>50 pieces) of settleable glass or metal."

Evaluation Guideline

Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in one location in 2004.

Temporal Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in March, August, and December in

2004.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

OAPP Information: For RTA trash assessment data to be considered, the data must have been collected

by field operators that have received a 2-hour training in the Rapid Trash

Assessment methodology.

LOE ID: 5412 Pollutant: Trash

Subgroup: Pollutant-Nuisance
Beneficial Use: Non-Contact Recreation

Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 2 Number of Samples: 3

Data Used to Assess Water Data results were obtained through application the RTA methodology, developed

Ouality:

by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The RTA documents the total number and characteristics of pieces of trash per one hundred feet of stream or shoreline. The trash assessment protocol involves picking up and tallying all of the trash items found within the defined boundaries of a site. The tally results for "level of trash" (relating to REC2) and "threat to aquatic life" (relating to WILD) assessment parameters were considered for the listing determination. These results are available for field visits/trash surveys conducted in March, August, and December 2004 according to the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) methodology. This waterbody had "level of trash" parameter scores in the poor category (indicating impairment of non-contact water recreational beneficial uses) at one location on three different dates.

Data Reference(s): A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) data collected by the SF Bay Region Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program from 2002-2005 and method description

Water Quality

Objective/Criterion:

Basin Plan prohibits discharge of "Rubbish, refuse, bark, sawdust, or other solid wastes into surface waters or at any place where they would contact or where they would be eventually transported to surface waters, including flood plain areas."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for floating material, "Waters shall not contain floating material, including solids, liquids, foams, and scum, in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Basin Plan has a narrative objective for settleable material, "Waters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that

cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses."

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s): San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: If the Rapid Trash Assessment (RTA) Parameter 1 (Level of Trash) is in the "poor

condition category" (scores 0-5), REC2 is not supported. This level of trash "distracts the eye on first glance," making the site unsuitable for recreation. The RTA defines poor condition for this parameter as follows, "trash distracts the eye on first glance. Stream, bank surfaces, and immediate riparian zone contain substantial levels of litter and debris (>100 pieces). Evidence of site being used frequently by people: many cans, bottles, and food wrappers, blankets, clothing."

**Evaluation Guideline** 

Reference(s):

A Rapid Trash Assessment Method Applied to Waters of the San Francisco Bay

Region:Trash Measurement in Streams

Spatial Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in one location in 2004.

Temporal Representation: RTA data were collected for this waterbody in March, August, and December in

2004.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: For RTA trash assessment data to be considered, the data must have been collected

by field operators that have received a 2-hour training in the Rapid Trash

Assessment methodology.

# **Suisun Creek**

## Low Dissolved Oxygen | Temperature

**Decision ID:** 7580

Pollutant: Low Dissolved Oxygen
Status: Decision in Progress

**Weight of Evidence:** This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.2 of the Listing

Policy. Under section 3.2 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing

status.

One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. A sufficient number of samples exceeds the water quality objective. Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of adding this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

Limited Segments category.

1. The data concerning current conditions and supporting the listing decision were collected as part of the SWAMP and satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.

- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. DO measurements at 5 of all 20 continuous deployments were below the Basin Plan objective for waters designated as cold water habitat and this exceeds the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.2 of the Listing Policy.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

#### Lines of Evidence:

LOE ID: 5179

Pollutant: Low Dissolved Oxygen

Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Aquatic Life Use: Wildlife Habitat

Matrix: Water Fraction: None Number of Exceedances: 5 Number of Samples: 20

Data Used to Assess Water Water quality assessment was conducted at the Suisun Creek watershed as part of

Quality:

SWAMP assessment. Continuous field monitoring of temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH and specific conductance was conducted to determine temporal variability in basic water quality at six locations. The detected concentrations of

dissolved oxygen ranged from 3.9 to 14.08 mg/L and varied with season and location.

Minimum dissolved oxygen concentrations in spring fell below 9 mg/L at all six monitoring sites. In 5 out of 20 deployments, minimum dissolved oxygen levels fell below the objective of 7 mg/L. Minimum values of DO ranging from 3.9 to 6.62 mg/L occurred during summer dry season of 2002. The median percent saturation also fell below 80 percent in the dry season measurements.

Data Reference(s):

Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Nine San Francisco Bay Region Watersheds: Walker Creek, Lagunitas Creek, San Leandro Creek, Wildcat Creek/San Pablo Creek, Suisun Creek, Arroyo Las Positas, Pescadero Creek/Butano Creek, San Gregorio Creek, and Stevens Creek/Permanente Creek.

Oakland, CA: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay

Regional Water Quality Control Board

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: The numeric water quality objective for dissolved oxygen is 7.0 mg/L minimum for waters designated as cold water habitat. The median dissolved oxygen concentration for any three consecutive months shall not be less than 80 percent of

the dissolved oxygen content at saturation.

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline: Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

Spatial Representation: Dissolved oxygen was measured at six sites. Four of these sites were located on

> the mainstem of Suisun Creek, with the two remaining sites located on Wooden Valley Creek the major tributary. The lowest dissolved oxygen levels were measured at the confluence of Wooden Valley Creek and Suisun Creek. Low dissolved oxygen levels also occurred in the lower reach of Suisun Creek during

the summer dry season.

Temporal Representation: In 2002 the SWAMP Program performed continuous monitoring of dissolved

oxygen at 15 minute intervals for periods of 1-2 weeks in each of four different seasons: winter (2 sites), spring (7 sites), summer dry season (6 sites), and late

summer (5 sites).

Environmental Conditions: Suisun Creek supports steelhead trout and is considered an anchor watershed and

essential creek for steelhead population.

**QAPP** Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

OAPP Information Reference(s):

Quality Assurance Management Plan for the State of California's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program. Sacramento, CA. State Water Resources Control

Board. December 2002 (1st version)

**Decision ID:** 7581

**Pollutant:** Temperature, water **Decision in Progress Status:** 

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.2 of the Listing

Policy. Under section 3.2 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing

status.

One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant. A sufficient number of samples exceed the water quality objective. Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available in favor of adding this water segment-pollutant combination to the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data concerning current conditions and supporting the listing decision were collected as part of the SWAMP and satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Temperature measurements at 6 out of 15 continuous deployments exceeded the 17°C evaluation guideline used to interpret the water quality objective for waters designated as cold water habitat and this exceeds the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.2 of the Listing Policy.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

#### Lines of Evidence:

LOE ID: 5180

Pollutant: Temperature, water Pollutant-Water Subgroup:

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Aquatic Life Use: Wildlife Habitat

Matrix: Water Fraction: None 6 Number of Exceedances: Number of Samples: 15

Quality:

Data Used to Assess Water Comprehensive water quality assessment was conducted at the Suisun Creek watershed as part of SWAMP assessment. Continuous field monitoring at 15 minute increments of temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH and specific conductance was conducted to determine temporal variability in basic water quality at seven locations.

> The measured temperatures ranged from 5.73°C to 29.32 °C and varied with season and location. The 14.8 °C criterion for coho salmon was exceeded in 10 out of 15 continuous temperature deployments. Suisun Creek supports steelhead trout and the 17°C criterion for steelhead was exceeded in 6 out of 15 deployments.

> High water temperatures exceeding 24 °C, that is a maximum short exposure temperature for survival of salmonids (EPA 1977) were also measured at two monitoring locations at the mainstem of Suisun Creek and at two locations at the Wooden Valley Creek, the main tributary. At the monitoring site in the lower reach of the Suisun Creek high temperature persisted for up to 11 hours while at the confluence of Wooden Valley Creek with Suisun Creek the high temperatures lasted for over 12 hours.

Data Reference(s): Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Nine San Francisco Bay Region

Watersheds: Walker Creek, Lagunitas Creek, San Leandro Creek, Wildcat Creek/San Pablo Creek, Suisun Creek, Arroyo Las Positas, Pescadero

Creek/Butano Creek, San Gregorio Creek, and Stevens Creek/Permanente Creek. Oakland, CA: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay

Regional Water Quality Control Board

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: Temperature objectives for enclosed bays and estuaries are specified in the "Water Quality Control Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Waters and Enclosed Bays of California" including any revisions to the plan. In addition, the following temperature objectives apply to surface waters: The natural receiving water temperature of intrastate waters shall not be altered unless it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Regional Water Board that such alteration in temperature does not adversely affect beneficial uses. The temperature of any cold or warm freshwater habitat shall not be increased by

more than 5°F (2.8° C) above natural receiving water temperature.

Water Quality Objective/Criterion Reference(s):

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline:

Sullivan et al. (2000) reviewed a wide range of studies incorporating information from laboratory-based research, field observations, and risk assessment approaches and developed criteria for assessing temperature risk to aquatic life. The 7-day mean temperature (maximum value of the 7-day moving average of the daily mean temperature) of 14.8°C was established as the upper threshold criterion for coho salmon and 17.0°C for steelhead trout. The risk assessment approach used by Sullivan et al. (2000) suggests that temperatures exceeding the above thresholds will cause 10% reduction in average growth compared to

optimal conditions.

**Evaluation Guideline** Reference(s):

An Analysis of the Effects of Temperature on Salmonids of the Pacific Northwest with Implications for Selecting Temperature Criteria

Spatial Representation:

Temperature was measured at seven sites. Four of these sites were located on the mainstem of Suisun Creek, with the three remaining sites located on Wooden Valley Creek the major tributary. The highest temperatures were measured at the confluence of Wooden Valley Creek and Suisun Creek. High temperatures also occurred in the lower reach of Suisun Creek during the summer dry season.

Temporal Representation:

In 2002 the SWAMP Program performed continuous monitoring of temperature at 15 minute intervals for periods of 1-2 weeks in each of four different seasons: winter (2 sites), spring (7 sites), summer dry season (6 sites), and late summer (5 sites).

Environmental Conditions: Suisun Creek supports steelhead trout and is considered an anchor watershed and

essential creek for steelhead population.

OAPP Information:

All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

OAPP Information

Reference(s):

Quality Assurance Management Plan for the State of California's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program. Sacramento, CA. State Water Resources Control

Board. December 2002 (1st version)

# **Proposed Delistings**

Water Body	Pollutant(s)
Sacramento San Joaquin Delta	Nickel
San Pablo Bay	Nickel
Suisun Bay	Nickel

#### Sacramento San Joaquin Delta

**Nickel** 

DECISION ID 6132

Pollutant: Nickel

Final Listing Decision: Delist from 303(d) list (TMDL required list)

Last Listing Cycle's Final List on 303(d) list (TMDL required list)(2006)

**Listing Decision:** 

**Revision Status** Revised

Sources: Source Unknown

**Reason for Delisting:** State Determines water quality standard is being met

Impairment from Pollutant

**Pollutant or Pollution:** 

Weight of Evidence: None of the 59 samples from the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta exceeded the

water quality objective from the Basin Plan.

RWQCB Board Decision After review of the available data and information, Water Board staff concludes

/ Staff Recommendation: that the water body-pollutant combination should be removed from the section

303(d) list because applicable water quality standards have not been exceeded.

#### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 6132

LOE ID: 5188

Pollutant: Nickel

LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Matrix: Water Fraction: Dissolved

Beneficial Use: Estuarine Habitat Aquatic Life Use: Estuarine Habitat

Number of Samples: 59 Number of Exceedances: 0

Data and Information Highest quality fixed-station P/C (conventional plus toxicants)

Type:

Data Used to Asses Water Data are dissolved nickel measurements of grab samples collected through two

Quality: monitoring programs. The first is the ongoing Regional Monitoring Program

(RMP) in San Francisco Bay. The second set of data was from a special discharger-funded study to develop copper and nickel site-specific objectives (SSOs) that began in 2001. These data were taken throughout San Francisco Bay, but the bulk

of the data are from the deepwater portion of the Bay. None of the 59

measurements exceeded the criterion.

Data Reference: Spreadsheet of nickel data for San Francisco Bay from Regional Monitoring

Program and Special copper/nickel study (1993-2005)

Water Quality The Regional Water Board Basin Plan contains water quality objectives of 8.2

Objective/Criterion: microgram/Liter as a 4-day average and, 74 microgram/Liter as a 1-hour average.

These objectives were approved by USEPA in January 2005 and are contained in

the Regional Board Basin Plan in Table 3-3.

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Guideline Reference:

Spatial Representation: 2 sampling locations for Sacramento San Joaquin Delta. Temporal Representation: Samples were taken from 1993 to 2005 in all seasons.

Environmental Conditions:

QAPP Information: Regional Monitoring Program QA/QC program is documented at

http://sfei.org/rmp/rmp data index.html

San Pablo Bay Nickel

DECISION ID 6142

Pollutant: Nickel

Final Listing Decision: Delist from 303(d) list (TMDL required list)
Last Listing Cycle's Final List on 303(d) list (TMDL required list)(2006)

**Listing Decision:** 

**Revision Status** Original

Sources: Source Unknown

**Reason for Delisting:** State determines water quality standard is being met

Impairment from

Pollutant

**Pollutant or Pollution:** 

Weight of Evidence: None of the 107 samples from San Pablo Bay exceeded the water quality

objective.

RWQCB Board Decision After review of the available data and information, Water Board staff concludes

/ Staff Recommendation: that the water body-pollutant combination should be removed from the section

303(d) list because applicable water quality standards have not been exceeded.

Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 6142

LOE ID: 5193

Pollutant: Nickel

LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Matrix: Water Fraction: Dissolved

Beneficial Use: Estuarine Habitat Aquatic Life Use: Estuarine Habitat

Number of Samples: 107 Number of Exceedances: 0

Data and Information Highest quality fixed-station P/C (conventional plus toxicants)

Type:

Data Used to Asses Water Data are dissolved nickel measurements of grab samples collected through two

Quality: monitoring programs. The first is the ongoing Regional Monitoring Program

(RMP) in San Francisco Bay. The second set of data was from a special discharger-funded study to develop copper and nickel site-specific objectives (SSOs) that began in 2001. These data were taken throughout San Francisco Bay, but the bulk of the data are from the deepwater portion of the Bay. There were 107 individual dissolved nickel measurements from water samples taken in San Pablo Bay, and

none of these measurements exceeded the objective.

Data Reference: Spreadsheet of nickel data for San Francesco Bay from Regional Monitoring

Program and Special copper/nickel study (1993-2005)

Water Quality The Regional Water Board Basin Plan contains water quality objectives of 8.2 Objective/Criterion:

microgram/Liter as a 4-day average and, 74 microgram/Liter as a 1-hour average. These objectives were approved by USEPA in January 2005 and are contained in

the Regional Board Basin Plan in Table 3-3.

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** Guideline Reference:

Twenty-two sampling locations in San Pablo Bay. Spatial Representation: Temporal Representation: Samples were taken from 1993 to 2005 in all seasons.

Environmental Conditions:

QAPP Information: Regional Monitoring Program QA/QC program is documented at

http://sfei.org/rmp/rmp data index.html

Suisun Bay Nickel

DECISION ID 6076

Pollutant: Nickel

**Final Listing Decision:** Delist from 303(d) list (TMDL required list) Last Listing Cycle's Final List on 303(d) list (TMDL required list)(2006)

**Listing Decision:** 

**Revision Status** 

Revised

Sources: Source Unknown

State Determines water quality standard is being met **Reason for Delisting:** 

**Pollutant** Impairment from

**Pollutant or Pollution:** 

None of the 96 samples from Suisun Bay exceeded the objective. Weight of Evidence:

**Staff Recommendation:** 

**RWOCB Board Decision** / After review of the available data and information. Water Board staff concludes that the water body-pollutant combination should be removed from the section 303(d) list

because applicable water quality standards have not been exceeded.

#### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 6076

LOE ID: 5195

Pollutant: Nickel

LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Matrix: Water Fraction: Dissolved

Beneficial Use: Estuarine Habitat Aquatic Life Use: Estuarine Habitat

Number of Samples: 96 Number of Exceedances: 0

Data and Information Type: Highest quality fixed-station P/C (conventional plus toxicants)

Quality:

Data Used to Asses Water Data are dissolved nickel measurements of grab samples collected through two monitoring programs. The first is the ongoing Regional Monitoring Program (RMP) in San Francisco Bay. The second set of data was from a special discharger-funded study

to develop copper and nickel site-specific objectives (SSOs) that began in 2001. These data were taken throughout San Francisco Bay, but the bulk of the data are from the

deepwater "spine" of the Bay.

Data Reference: Spreadsheet of nickel data for San Franicsco Bay from Regional Monitoring Program

and Special copper/nickel study (1993-2005)

Water Quality The Regional Water Board Basin Plan contains water quality objectives of 8.2

Objective/Criterion: microgram/Liter as a 4-day average and, 74 microgram/Liter as a 1-hour average. These

objectives were approved by USEPA in January 2005 and are contained in the Regional

Board Basin Plan in Table 3-3.

Objective/Criterion San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) Reference:

Evaluation Guideline: Guideline Reference:

Spatial Representation: 21 sampling locations for Suisun Bay.

Temporal Representation: Samples were taken from 1993 to 2005 in all seasons.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: Regional Monitoring Program QA/QC program is documented at

http://sfei.org/rmp/rmp\_data\_index.html

# **APPENDIX D**

# WATERBODY FACT SHEETS

Proposed – Do Not List Recommendations Some beneficial uses supported



### **List of Creeks**

#### **Easkoot Creek**

Benthic macroinvertebrate | Temperature | Dissolved Oxygen

#### **Pine Gulch Creek**

Benthic macroinvertebrate | Temperature | Dissolved Oxygen

#### **Redwood Creek**

Benthic macroinvertebrate | Temperature | Dissolved Oxygen

#### Rodeo Creek

Benthic macroinvertebrate | Temperature | Dissolved Oxygen

#### **Tennessee Valley Creek**

Benthic macroinvertebrate | Temperature | Dissolved Oxygen

#### Webb Creek

Benthic macroinvertebrate | Temperature | Dissolved Oxygen

Easkoot Creek **Water Body Name:** 

Water Body ID: CAR2013001220080626140517

Water Body Type: **River & Stream** 

DECISION ID 7744

**Pollutant:** Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments | Oxygen, Dissolved | Temperature,

water

**Final Listing Decision: Decision in Progress** 

Last Listing Cycle's Final New Decision

**Listing Decision:** 

Original

**Revision Status Impairment from** 

**Pollutant** 

**Pollutant or Pollution:** 

Weight of Evidence:

This waterbody is being considered for listing under sections 3.2 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.2 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing status. Three lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess this water body.

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification against placing this water segmentpollutant combination on the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Dissolved oxygen and temperature measurements exceeded the Basin Plan objectives for waters designated as cold water habitat at 1 of 6 continuous deployments and this does not exceed the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.2 of the Listing Policy. In addition, the macroinvertebrate data indicated good water quality conditions.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

# **Staff Recommendation:**

**RWOCB Board Decision** / After review of the available data and information, Water Board staff concludes that this waterbody supports the beneficial use of aquatic life and meets applicable water quality standards for dissolved oxygen and temperature. Therefore, the water bodypollutant combination should not be placed on the section 303(d) list.

#### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 7744

LOE ID: 5722

Pollutant: Temperature, water LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Matrix: Water Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 6 Number of Exceedances: 1

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

**Ouality:** 

Water quality assessment was conducted at the Easkoot Creek watershed as part of SWAMP study in 2005. Continuous field monitoring at 15 minute increments of temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH and specific conductance was conducted to determine temporal variability in basic water quality at two locations.

The estimated 7-day mean temperatures ranged from 10.64°C to 15.81 °C and varied with season and location. The 14.8 °C criterion for coho salmon was exceeded in 1 out of 6 continuous temperature deployments during the dry summer season at the downstream reach of the creek. The 17 °C criterion for steelhead was

never exceeded.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

Temperature objectives for enclosed bays and estuaries are specified in the "Water Quality Control Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Waters and Enclosed Bays of California" including any revisions to the plan. In addition, the following temperature objectives apply to surface waters: The natural receiving water temperature of intrastate waters shall not be altered unless it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Regional Water Board that such alteration in temperature does not adversely affect beneficial uses.

The temperature of any cold or warm freshwater habitat shall not be increased by

more than 5°F (2.8° C) above natural receiving water temperature.

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Sullivan et al. (2000) reviewed a wide range of studies incorporating information

from laboratory-based research, field observations, and risk assessment approaches and developed criteria for assessing temperature risk to aquatic life. The 7-day mean temperature (maximum value of the 7-day moving average of the daily mean temperature) of  $14.8^{\circ}$ C was established as the upper threshold criterion for coho salmon and  $17.0^{\circ}$ C for steelhead trout. The risk assessment approach used by Sullivan et al. (2000) suggests that temperatures exceeding the above thresholds will cause 10% reduction in average growth compared to optimal conditions.

Guideline Reference: An Analysis of the Effects of Temperature on Salmonids of the Pacific Northwest

with Implications for Selecting Temperature Criteria

Spatial Representation: Temperature was measured at two sites. One site was located on the mainstem of

Easkoot Creek just above the tidal influence and one on Fitzhenry Creek a small tributary. The high temperatures were detected at the downstream location in

Easkoot Creek.

Temporal Representation: Concurrent continuous measurements were conducted at both monitoring

locations. Temperature was recorded at 15 minute intervals over 6 to 7 days during spring (April 2005), summer dry season (August 2005), and winter wet season

(January 2006).

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

LOE ID: 5852

Pollutant: Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments

LOE Subgroup: Population/Community Degradation

Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 2 Number of Exceedances: 0

Data and Information Type: Benthic macroinvertebrate surveys

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Benthic macroinvertebrates were sampled from two sites in the Easkoot Creek watershed in April 2005 by the SWAMP program. Benthic macroinvertebrate assemblage metrics were similar to values observed at reference sites in perennial creeks and indicated good conditions. Taxa richness score was 26 and % sensitive

EPT was 14.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality

Objective/Criterion:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that are lethal to or that produce significant alterations in population or community ecology or receiving water biota. In addition, the health and life history characteristics of aquatic organisms in waters affected by controllable water quality factors shall not differ significantly from those for the same waters in areas unaffected by

controllable water quality factors.

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Benthic macroinvertebrate assemblage metric scores that are within the range of

scores for minimally disturbed reference sites indicate no substantial alterations in community ecology. Taxa richness values at reference sites sampled by the SFBRWQCB SWAMP program between 2001 and 2003 ranged from 28 to 59. Reference conditions determined for perennial streams such as Easkoot Creek, usually exhibit taxa richness > 38 and % sensitive EPT > 44. A perennial stream could be described as in - excellent condition - if there is no difference between the metrics measured at the site and those established for reference sites. A perennial stream will be described as in - good condition - if the site metrics indicate minor loss of bio-integrity but still a good structure and function, and sensitive species

are present in abundance.

Guideline Reference: Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Nine San Francisco Bay Region

Watersheds: Walker Creek, Lagunitas Creek, San Leandro Creek, Wildcat Creek/San Pablo Creek, Suisun Creek, Arroyo Las Positas, Pescadero

Creek/Butano Creek, San Gregorio Creek, and Stevens Creek/Permanente Creek. Oakland, CA: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay

Regional Water Quality Control Board

Spatial Representation: Benthic macroinvertebrates were measured at two sites. One site was located on

the mainstem of Easkoot Creek just above the tidal influence and one on Fitzhenry

Creek - a small tributary.

Temporal Representation:

Benthic macroinvertebrates were sampled in April, 2005.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

QAPP Information Reference(s):

LOE ID: 5723

Pollutant: Oxygen, Dissolved LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Matrix: Water Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 6 Number of Exceedances: 1

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Comprehensive water quality assessment was conducted at the Easkoot Creek watershed as part of SWAMP assessment in 2005. Continuous field monitoring of temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH and specific conductance was conducted to determine temporal variability in basic water quality at two locations. The 7 day average minimum concentrations of dissolved oxygen ranged from 6.33 to 11.15

mg/L and varied with season.

Minimum dissolved oxygen levels fell below the objective of 7 mg/L only once during the dry season in August 2005. During that period minimum values of DO

ranged from 5.1 to 6.94 mg/L.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality

Objective/Criterion:

The numeric water quality objective for dissolved oxygen is 7.0 mg/L minimum for waters designated as cold water habitat. The median dissolved oxygen

concentration for any three consecutive months shall not be less than 80 percent of

the dissolved oxygen content at saturation.

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Spatial Representation: Dissolved oxygen was measured at two sites. One site was located on the

mainstem of Easkoot Creek just above the tidal influence and one on Fitzhenry Creek a small tributary. The lowest dissolved oxygen levels were measured at the

downstream location in Easkoot Creek.

Temporal Representation: At both locations the SWAMP Program performed continuous monitoring of

dissolved oxygen at 15 minute intervals lasting 6 to 7 days during spring (April 2005), summer dry season (August 2005), and winter wet season (January 2006).

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

**Pine Gulch Creek** Water Body Name:

CAR2013001120080624164835 Water Body ID:

Water Body Type: River & Stream

DECISION ID 7745

**Pollutant:** Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments | Oxygen, Dissolved | Temperature,

**Final Listing Decision: Decision in Progress** 

Last Listing Cycle's Final New Decision

**Listing Decision:** 

**Revision Status** Original **Pollutant Impairment from** 

**Pollutant or Pollution:** 

Weight of Evidence: This waterbody is being considered for listing under sections 3.2 of the Listing

> Policy. Under section 3.2 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing status. Three lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess

this water body.

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification against placing this water segmentpollutant combination on the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited

Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Dissolved oxygen measurements did not exceeded the Basin Plan objectives for waters designated as cold water habitat. Temperature measurements at 1 out of 6 continuous deployments exceeded the 14.8 °C at and this does not exceed the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.2 of the Listing Policy. In addition, the macroinvertebrate data indicated good water quality conditions.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

**Staff Recommendation:** 

**RWOCB Board Decision** / After review of the available data and information, Water Board staff concludes that this waterbody supports the beneficial use of aquatic life and meets applicable water quality standards for dissolved oxygen and temperature. Therefore, the water bodypollutant combination should not be placed on the section 303(d) list.

#### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 7745

LOE ID: 5719

Pollutant: Oxygen, Dissolved Pollutant-Water LOE Subgroup:

Matrix: Water Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 6 Number of Exceedances: 0

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Water quality assessment was conducted at the Pine Gulch watershed as part of SWAMP study in 2005. Continuous field monitoring at 15 minute increments of temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH and specific conductance was conducted to determine temporal variability in basic water quality at two locations. The 7 day average minimum concentrations of dissolved oxygen were between 9.01 and 9.87 mg/L during dry season, 10.0 - 10.48 mg/L during spring season, and 11.24 - 11.58 mg/L during winter wet season. All DO measurements met the water quality

objective of 7 mg/L.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality

Objective/Criterion:

The numeric water quality objective for dissolved oxygen is 7.0 mg/L minimum for waters designated as cold water habitat. The median dissolved oxygen

concentration for any three consecutive months shall not be less than 80 percent of

the dissolved oxygen content at saturation.

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Spatial Representation: Dissolved oxygen was measured at two sites located on the mainstem of Pine

Gulch Creek.

Temporal Representation: At all monitoring locations the SWAMP Program performed concurrent

continuous measurements of dissolved oxygen at 15 minute intervals lasting 6 to 7 days. The measurements were conducted during spring (April 2005), summer dry

season (August 2005), and winter wet season (January/February 2006).

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

LOE ID: 5853

Pollutant: Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments

LOE Subgroup: Population/Community Degradation

Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 2 Number of Exceedances: 0

Data and Information Type: Benthic macroinvertebrate surveys

Data Used to Asses Water Benthic macroinvertebrates were sampled from two sites in the Pine Gulch Creek

Quality: watershed in April 2005 by the SFBRWQCB SWAMP program. Benthic

macroinvertebrate assemblage metrics were similar to values observed at reference sites in perennial creeks and indicated good conditions. Taxa richness score ranged

from 34 to 36 and % sensitive EPT were 30 to 33.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that are lethal to or that produce significant alterations in population or community ecology or receiving water biota. In addition, the health and life history characteristics of aquatic organisms in waters affected by controllable water quality factors shall not differ significantly from those for the same waters in areas unaffected by

controllable water quality factors.

Objective/Criterion Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Benthic macroinvertebrate assemblage metric scores that are within the range of

scores for minimally disturbed reference sites indicate no substantial alterations in community ecology. Taxa richness values at reference sites sampled by the SFBRWQCB SWAMP program between 2001 and 2003 ranged from 28 to 59. Reference conditions determined for perennial streams such as Pine Gulch Creek, usually exhibit taxa richness > 38 and % sensitive EPT > 44. A perennial stream could be described as in - excellent condition - if there is no difference between the metrics measured at the site and those established for reference sites. A perennial stream will be described as in - good condition - if the site metrics indicate minor loss of bio-integrity but still a good structure and function, and sensitive species

are present in abundance.

Guideline Reference: Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Nine San Francisco Bay Region

Watersheds: Walker Creek, Lagunitas Creek, San Leandro Creek, Wildcat Creek/San Pablo Creek, Suisun Creek, Arroyo Las Positas, Pescadero

Creek/Butano Creek, San Gregorio Creek, and Stevens Creek/Permanente Creek. Oakland, CA: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay

Regional Water Quality Control Board

Spatial Representation: Benthic macroinvertebrates were measured at two sites located on the mainstem of

Pine Gulch Creek.

Temporal Representation: Benthic r

**Environmental Conditions:** 

Benthic macroinvertebrates were sampled once in April 2005.

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

LOE ID: 5720

Pollutant: Temperature, water LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Matrix: Water Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 6 Number of Exceedances:

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water Quality:

Water quality assessment was conducted at the Pine Gulch watershed as part of SWAMP study in 2005. Continuous field monitoring at 15 minute increments of temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH and specific conductance was conducted to determine temporal variability in basic water quality at two locations.

The measured temperatures ranged from 5.73°C to 29.32 °C and varied with season and location. The 14.8 °C criterion for coho salmon was exceeded in 1 out of 6 continuous temperature deployments and the 17 °C criterion for steelhead was

never exceeded.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Ouality Objective/Criterion: Temperature objectives for enclosed bays and estuaries are specified in the "Water Quality Control Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Waters and Enclosed Bays of California" including any revisions to the plan. In addition, the following temperature objectives apply to surface waters: The natural receiving water temperature of intrastate waters shall not be altered unless it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Regional Water Board that such alteration in temperature does not adversely affect beneficial uses.

The temperature of any cold or warm freshwater habitat shall not be increased by

more than 5°F (2.8° C) above natural receiving water temperature.

Objective/Criterion Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** Sullivan et al. (2000) reviewed a wide range of studies incorporating information

> from laboratory-based research, field observations, and risk assessment approaches and developed criteria for assessing temperature risk to aquatic life. The 7-day mean temperature (maximum value of the 7-day moving average of the daily mean temperature) of 14.8°C was established as the upper threshold criterion for coho salmon and 17.0°C for steelhead trout. The risk assessment approach used by Sullivan et al. (2000) suggests that temperatures exceeding the above thresholds will cause 10% reduction in average growth compared to optimal conditions.

Guideline Reference: An Analysis of the Effects of Temperature on Salmonids of the Pacific Northwest

with Implications for Selecting Temperature Criteria

Spatial Representation: Temperature was measured at two sites.

Temporal Representation: Concurrent continuous measurements were conducted at both monitoring

> locations. Temperature was recorded at 15 minute intervals over 2 to 11 days during spring (April 2005), summer dry season (August 2005), and winter wet

season (January/February 2006).

**Environmental Conditions:** 

**QAPP** Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

Water Body Name: **Redwood Creek (Marin County)** 

CAR2013001320080714110732 Water Body ID:

Water Body Type: River & Stream

DECISION ID 7746

**Pollutant:** Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments | Oxygen, Dissolved | Temperature,

**Final Listing Decision: Decision in Progress** 

Last Listing Cycle's Final New Decision

**Listing Decision:** 

**Revision Status** Original **Pollutant Impairment from Pollutant or Pollution:** 

Weight of Evidence:

This waterbody is being considered for listing under sections 3.2 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.2 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing status. Three lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess this water body.

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification against placing this water segmentpollutant combination on the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Dissolved oxygen and temperature measurements exceeded the Basin Plan objectives for waters designated as cold water habitat at 1 of 12 continuous deployments and this does not exceed the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.2 of the Listing Policy. In addition, the macroinvertebrate data indicated excellent to good water quality conditions.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

RWOCB Board Decision / After review of the available data and information, Water Board staff concludes that this waterbody supports the beneficial use of aquatic life and meets applicable water quality standards for dissolved oxygen and temperature. Therefore, the water bodypollutant combination should not be placed on the section 303(d) list.

#### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 7746

LOE ID: 5752

Pollutant: Temperature, water LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Matrix: Water Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 12 Number of Exceedances: 1

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

**Ouality:** 

Comprehensive water quality assessment was conducted at the Redwood Creek watershed as part of SWAMP assessment in 2005. Continuous field monitoring at 15 minute increments of temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH and specific conductance was conducted to determine temporal variability in basic water quality at four locations.

The estimated 7-day mean temperatures ranged from 12.08°C to 15.47 °C and varied with season and location. The 14.8 °C criterion for coho salmon was exceeded in 1 out of 12 continuous temperature deployments during the dry summer season at the downstream reach of the creek. The 17 °C criterion for

steelhead was never exceeded.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: Temperature objectives for enclosed bays and estuaries are specified in the "Water Quality Control Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Waters and Enclosed Bays of California" including any revisions to the plan. In addition, the following temperature objectives apply to surface waters: The natural receiving water temperature of intrastate waters shall not be altered unless it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Regional Water Board that such alteration in temperature does not adversely affect beneficial uses.

The temperature of any cold or warm freshwater habitat shall not be increased by

more than 5°F (2.8° C) above natural receiving water temperature.

Objective/Criterion Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

Sullivan et al. (2000) reviewed a wide range of studies incorporating information from laboratory-based research, field observations, and risk assessment approaches and developed criteria for assessing temperature risk to aquatic life. The 7-day mean temperature (maximum value of the 7-day moving average of the daily mean temperature) of 14.8°C was established as the upper threshold criterion for coho salmon and 17.0°C for steelhead trout. The risk assessment approach used by Sullivan et al. (2000) suggests that temperatures exceeding the above thresholds will cause 10% reduction in average growth compared to optimal conditions.

Guideline Reference: An Analysis of the Effects of Temperature on Salmonids of the Pacific Northwest

with Implications for Selecting Temperature Criteria

Spatial Representation: Temperature was measured at four sites. Three of these sites were located on the

mainstem of Redwood Creek, with the remaining site located on Green Gulch - a

small tributary.

Temporal Representation: Concurrent continuous measurements were conducted at both monitoring

locations. Temperature was recorded at 15 minute intervals over 6 to 12 days during late spring (May 2005), summer dry season (August 2005), and winter wet

season (January/February 2006).

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

LOE ID: 5854

Pollutant: Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments

LOE Subgroup: Population/Community Degradation

Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 4 Number of Exceedances: 0

Data and Information Type: Benthic macroinvertebrate surveys

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Benthic macroinvertebrates were sampled from four sites in the Redwood Creek watershed in April 2005 by the SFBRWQCB SWAMP program. Benthic

macroinvertebrate assemblage metrics were similar to values observed at reference sites in perennial creeks and indicated excellent to good conditions. Taxa richness

score ranged from 32 to 36 and % sensitive EPT were 30 to 33.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that are lethal to or that produce significant alterations in population or community ecology or receiving water biota. In addition, the health and life history characteristics of aquatic organisms in waters affected by controllable water quality factors shall not differ significantly from those for the same waters in areas unaffected by

controllable water quality factors.

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Benthic macroinvertebrate assemblage metric scores that are within the range of

scores for minimally disturbed reference sites indicate no substantial alterations in community ecology. Taxa richness values at reference sites sampled by the SFBRWQCB SWAMP program between 2001 and 2003 ranged from 28 to 59. Reference conditions determined for perennial streams such as Redwood Creek, usually exhibit taxa richness > 38 and % sensitive EPT > 44. A perennial stream could be described as in - excellent condition - if there is no difference between the metrics measured at the site and those established for reference sites. A perennial stream will be described as in - good condition - if the site metrics indicate minor loss of bio-integrity but still a good structure and function, and sensitive species

are present in abundance.

Guideline Reference: Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Nine San Francisco Bay Region

Watersheds: Walker Creek, Lagunitas Creek, San Leandro Creek, Wildcat Creek/San Pablo Creek, Suisun Creek, Arroyo Las Positas, Pescadero

Creek/Butano Creek, San Gregorio Creek, and Stevens Creek/Permanente Creek. Oakland, CA: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay

Regional Water Quality Control Board

Spatial Representation: Benthic macroinvertebrates were sampled from four sites. Three of these sites

were located on the mainstem of Redwood Creek, with the remaining site located

on Green Gulch - a small tributary.

Temporal Representation:

All four sites were sampled for benthic macroinvertebrates in April 2005.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

LOE ID: 5755

Pollutant: Oxygen, Dissolved LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Matrix: Water Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 12 Number of Exceedances: 1

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Comprehensive water quality assessment was conducted at the Redwood Creek watershed as part of SWAMP assessment in 2005. Continuous field monitoring of temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH and specific conductance was conducted to determine temporal variability in basic water quality at four locations. The 7 day average minimum concentrations of dissolved oxygen were between 6.74 and 9.81 mg/L during dry season, 9.03 - 10.72 during spring season, and 10.38 - 11.8 during winter wet season.

Minimum dissolved oxygen levels fell below the objective of 7 mg/L only once during the dry season in August 2005. The below objective concentrations were detected in Green Gulch, one out of 4 monitoring points in the Redwood Creek watershed, located just upstream from the confluence with Redwood Creek. During that period minimum values of DO ranged from 4.74 to 7.95 mg/L.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

The numeric water quality objective for dissolved oxygen is 7.0 mg/L minimum for waters designated as cold water habitat. The median dissolved oxygen

concentration for any three consecutive months shall not be less than 80 percent of

the dissolved oxygen content at saturation.

Objective/Criterion Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Spatial Representation: Dissolved oxygen was measured at four sites. Three of these sites were located on

the mainstem of Redwood Creek, with the remaining site located on Green Gulch -

a small tributary.

Temporal Representation: At all monitoring locations the SWAMP Program performed concurrent

continuous measurements of dissolved oxygen at 15 minute intervals lasting 6 to 12 days. The measurements were conducted during late spring (May 2005), summer dry season (August 2005), and winter wet season (February 2006).

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

Water Body Name: Rodeo Creek (Marin County)

CAR2013001420080714111405 Water Body ID:

Water Body Type: River & Stream

DECISION ID 7749

**Pollutant:** Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments | Oxygen, Dissolved | Temperature,

**Final Listing Decision:** Do Not List on 303(d) list (TMDL required list)

Last Listing Cycle's Final New Decision

**Listing Decision:** 

Original **Revision Status Pollutant Impairment from** 

**Pollutant or Pollution:** 

Weight of Evidence: This waterbody is being considered for listing under sections 3.2 of the Listing

Policy. Under section 3.2 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing status. Three lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess

this water body.

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification against placing this water segmentpollutant combination on the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited

Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Temperature and dissolved oxygen measurements at all 3 continuous deployments did not exceed the applicable water quality objectives for waters designated as cold water habitat and this does not exceed the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.2 of the Listing Policy. In addition, the macroinvertebrate data indicated good water quality conditions.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

**Staff Recommendation:** 

RWOCB Board Decision / After review of the available data and information, Water Board staff concludes that this waterbody supports the beneficial use of aquatic life and meets applicable water quality standards for dissolved oxygen and temperature. Therefore, the water bodypollutant combination should not be placed on the section 303(d) list.

#### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 7749

LOE ID: 5759

Pollutant: Temperature, water LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Matrix: Water Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 3 Number of Exceedances: 0

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

A water quality assessment was conducted at Rodeo Creek as part of SWAMP study in 2005. Continuous field monitoring at 15 minute increments of temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH and specific conductance was conducted to determine temporal variability in basic water quality at one location.

The estimated 7-day mean temperature was 13.43 in spring, 13.27°C during dry summer season, and 10.47 °C during wet season. The 14.8 °C criterion for coho

salmon and the 17 °C criterion for steelhead were never exceeded.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality

Objective/Criterion:

Temperature objectives for enclosed bays and estuaries are specified in the "Water Quality Control Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Waters and Enclosed Bays of California" including any revisions to the plan. In addition, the following temperature objectives apply to surface waters: The natural receiving water temperature of intrastate waters shall not be altered unless it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Regional Water Board that such alteration in temperature does not adversely affect beneficial uses.

The temperature of any cold or warm freshwater habitat shall not be increased by

more than 5°F (2.8° C) above natural receiving water temperature.

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** Sullivan et al. (2000) reviewed a wide range of studies incorporating information

> from laboratory-based research, field observations, and risk assessment approaches and developed criteria for assessing temperature risk to aquatic life. The 7-day mean temperature (maximum value of the 7-day moving average of the daily mean temperature) of 14.8°C was established as the upper threshold criterion for coho salmon and 17.0°C for steelhead trout. The risk assessment approach used by Sullivan et al. (2000) suggests that temperatures exceeding the above thresholds will cause 10% reduction in average growth compared to optimal conditions.

An Analysis of the Effects of Temperature on Salmonids of the Pacific Northwest Guideline Reference:

with Implications for Selecting Temperature Criteria

Spatial Representation: Temperature was measured at one site located in the Golden Gate National

Recreation Area upstream from Rodeo Lake.

Temporal Representation: Temperature was recorded at 15 minute intervals over 9 to 21 days during late

spring (June 2005), summer dry season (September 2005), and winter wet season

(February 2006).

**Environmental Conditions:** 

**OAPP** Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

LOE ID: 5857

Pollutant: Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments

LOE Subgroup: Population/Community Degradation

Matrix: Water Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 2 Number of Exceedances: 0

Data and Information Type: Benthic macroinvertebrate surveys

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Benthic macroinvertebrates were sampled from two sites in the Rodeo Creek watershed in May 2005 by the SFBRWQCB SWAMP program. Benthic

macroinvertebrate assemblage metrics were similar to values observed at reference sites in perennial creeks and indicated good conditions. Taxa richness score ranged

from 22 to 28 and % sensitive EPT were 37 to 38.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that are lethal to or that produce significant alterations in population or community ecology or receiving water biota. In addition, the health and life history characteristics of aquatic organisms in waters affected by controllable water quality factors shall not differ significantly from those for the same waters in areas unaffected by

controllable water quality factors.

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Benthic macroinvertebrate assemblage metric scores that are within the range of

scores for minimally disturbed reference sites indicate no substantial alterations in community ecology. Taxa richness values at reference sites sampled by the SFBRWQCB SWAMP program between 2001 and 2003 ranged from 28 to 59 (SFBRWQCB 2007). Reference conditions determined for perennial streams such as Rodeo Creek, usually exhibit taxa richness > 38 and % sensitive EPT > 44. A perennial stream could be described as in - excellent condition - if there is no difference between the metrics measured at the site and those established for reference sites. A perennial stream will be described as in - good condition - if the site metrics indicate minor loss of bio-integrity but still a good structure and

function, and sensitive species are present in abundance.

Guideline Reference: Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Nine San Francisco Bay Region

Watersheds: Walker Creek, Lagunitas Creek, San Leandro Creek, Wildcat Creek/San Pablo Creek, Suisun Creek, Arroyo Las Positas, Pescadero

Creek/Butano Creek, San Gregorio Creek, and Stevens Creek/Permanente Creek. Oakland, CA: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay

Regional Water Quality Control Board

Spatial Representation: Benthic macroinvertebrates were sampled from two sites. One site was located on

the mainstem of Rodeo Creek upstream from the confluence with Gerbode Creek,

a tributary that was also sampled.

Temporal Representation:

Benthic macroinvertebrates were sampled in May 2005.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

LOE ID: 5760

Pollutant: Oxygen, Dissolved LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Matrix: Water

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 3 Number of Exceedances: 0

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Water quality assessment was conducted at Rodeo Creek as part of SWAMP study in 2005. Continuous field monitoring at 15 minute increments of temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH and specific conductance was conducted to determine

temporal variability in basic water quality at one location.

The 7 day average minimum concentration of dissolved oxygen was 8.83~mg/L during dry season, 9.08~mg/L during spring season, and 11.03~mg/L during winter wet season. All DO measurements met the water quality objective of 7~mg/L.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality

Objective/Criterion:

The numeric water quality objective for dissolved oxygen is  $7.0~\mathrm{mg/L}$  minimum

for waters designated as cold water habitat. The median dissolved oxygen concentration for any three consecutive months shall not be less than 80 percent of

the first and the consecutive months shall not be less than 60 per

the dissolved oxygen content at saturation.

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Spatial Representation: Dissolved oxygen concentrations were measured at one site located in the Golden

Gate National Recreation Area upstream from Rodeo Lake.

Temporal Representation: DO was recorded at 15 minute intervals over 9 to 21 days during late spring (June

2005), summer dry season (September 2005), and winter wet season (February

2006).

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

Water Body Name: **Tennessee Valley Creek** CAR2013001420080626103904 Water Body ID:

Water Body Type: River & Stream

DECISION ID 7747

**Pollutant:** Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments | Oxygen, Dissolved | Temperature,

**Final Listing Decision: Decision in Progress** 

Last Listing Cycle's Final New Decision

**Listing Decision:** 

Original **Revision Status Pollutant Impairment from** 

**Pollutant or Pollution:** 

Weight of Evidence: This waterbody is being considered for listing under sections 3.2 of the Listing

> Policy. Under section 3.2 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing status. Three lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess

this water body.

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification against placing this water segmentpollutant combination on the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the
- 3. Dissolved oxygen and temperature measurements did not exceed the Basin Plan objectives for waters designated as cold water habitat and this does not exceed the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.2 of the Listing Policy. In addition, the macroinvertebrate data indicated excellent water quality conditions.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

## **Staff Recommendation:**

RWQCB Board Decision / After review of the available data and information, Water Board staff concludes that this waterbody supports the beneficial use of aquatic life and meets applicable water quality standards for dissolved oxygen and temperature. Therefore, the water bodypollutant combination should not be placed on the section 303(d) list.

#### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 7747

LOE ID: 5717

Oxygen, Dissolved Pollutant: Pollutant-Water LOE Subgroup:

Matrix: Water Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

3 Number of Samples: Number of Exceedances: 0

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

**Ouality:** 

Water quality assessment was conducted at Tennessee Valley Creek as part of SWAMP study in 2005. Continuous field monitoring at 15 minute increments of temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH and specific conductance was conducted to

determine temporal variability in basic water quality at one location.

The 7 day average minimum concentration of dissolved oxygen was 8 mg/L during dry season, 10.26 mg/L during spring season, and 10.77 mg/L during winter wet

season. All DO measurements met the water quality objective of 7 mg/L.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality The numeric water quality objective for dissolved oxygen is 7.0 mg/L minimum

Objective/Criterion: for waters designated as cold water habitat. The median dissolved oxygen

concentration for any three consecutive months shall not be less than 80 percent of

the dissolved oxygen content at saturation.

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Spatial Representation: Dissolved oxygen concentrations were measured at one site located in the NW part

of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Temporal Representation: DO was recorded at 15 minute intervals over 6 to 7 days during spring (April

2005), summer dry season (August 2005), and winter wet season (January 2006).

**Environmental Conditions:** 

**QAPP** Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

LOE ID: 5855

Pollutant: Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments

LOE Subgroup: Population/Community Degradation

Matrix: Not Specified

Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 1 Number of Exceedances: 0

Data and Information Type: Benthic macroinvertebrate surveys

Data Used to Asses Water Benthic macroinvertebrates were sampled from one site in the Tennessee Valley

Quality: Creek watershed in April 2005 by the SFBRWQCB SWAMP program. The flow

in the creek is intermittent. Benthic macroinvertebrate assemblage metrics were no different to values observed at reference sites in ephemeral creeks and indicated excellent conditions. Taxa richness score and % sensitive EPT were both 27 and

the combined Human Disturbance Index was 0.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that are lethal to or that produce significant alterations in population or community ecology or receiving water biota. In addition, the health and life history characteristics of aquatic organisms in waters affected by controllable water quality factors shall not differ significantly from those for the same waters in areas unaffected by

controllable water quality factors.

Objective/Criterion Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Benthic macroinvertebrate assemblage metric scores that are within the range of

scores for minimally disturbed reference sites indicate no substantial alterations in community ecology. Taxa richness values at reference sites sampled by the SFBRWQCB SWAMP program between 2001 and 2003 ranged from 28 to 59. Reference conditions determined for ephemeral streams, such as Tennessee Valley Creek, usually exhibit taxa richness > 28 and % sensitive EPT > 21. An ephemeral stream could be described as in - excellent condition - if there is no difference between the metrics measured at the site and those established for reference sites. An ephemeral stream will be described as in - good condition - if the site metrics indicate minor loss of bio-integrity but still a good structure and function, and

sensitive species are present in abundance.

Guideline Reference: Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Nine San Francisco Bay Region

Watersheds: Walker Creek, Lagunitas Creek, San Leandro Creek, Wildcat Creek/San Pablo Creek, Suisun Creek, Arroyo Las Positas, Pescadero

Creek/Butano Creek, San Gregorio Creek, and Stevens Creek/Permanente Creek. Oakland, CA: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay

Regional Water Quality Control Board

Spatial Representation: Benthic macroinvertebrates were sampled from one site located in the NW part of

the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Temporal Representation: Benthic macroinvertebrates were sampled once in April, 2005.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

LOE ID: 5718

Pollutant: Temperature, water LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Matrix: Water Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 3 Number of Exceedances: 0

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Water quality assessment was conducted at Tennessee Valley Creek as part of SWAMP study in 2005. Continuous field monitoring at 15 minute increments of temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH and specific conductance was conducted to determine temporal variability in basic water quality at one location.

The estimated 7-day mean temperature was  $12.52^{\circ}$ C in spring,  $14.18^{\circ}$ C during dry summer season, and  $10.3^{\circ}$ C during wet season. The  $14.8^{\circ}$ C criterion for coho

salmon and the 17 °C criterion for steelhead were never exceeded.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

Temperature objectives for enclosed bays and estuaries are specified in the "Water Quality Control Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Waters and Enclosed Bays of California" including any revisions to the plan. In addition, the following temperature objectives apply to surface waters: The natural receiving water temperature of intrastate waters shall not be altered unless it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Regional Water Board that such alteration in temperature does not adversely affect beneficial uses.

The temperature of any cold or warm freshwater habitat shall not be increased by

more than 5°F (2.8° C) above natural receiving water temperature.

Objective/Criterion Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Sullivan et al. (2000) reviewed a wide range of studies incorporating information

from laboratory-based research, field observations, and risk assessment approaches and developed criteria for assessing temperature risk to aquatic life. The 7-day mean temperature (maximum value of the 7-day moving average of the daily mean temperature) of  $14.8^{\circ}$ C was established as the upper threshold criterion for coho salmon and  $17.0^{\circ}$ C for steelhead trout. The risk assessment approach used by Sullivan et al. (2000) suggests that temperatures exceeding the above thresholds will cause 10% reduction in average growth compared to optimal conditions.

Guideline Reference: An Analysis of the Effects of Temperature on Salmonids of the Pacific Northwest

with Implications for Selecting Temperature Criteria

Spatial Representation: Temperature was measured at one site located in the NW part of the Golden Gate

National Recreation Area.

Temporal Representation: Temperature was recorded at 15 minute intervals over 6 to 7 days during spring

(April 2005), summer dry season (August 2005), and winter wet season (January

2006).

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

Water Body Name: Webb Creek

CAR2013001220080626103512 Water Body ID:

Water Body Type: River & Stream

DECISION ID 7748

**Pollutant:** Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments | Oxygen, Dissolved |

Temperature, water

**Final Listing Decision: Decision in Progress** 

Last Listing Cycle's Final New Decision

**Listing Decision:** 

**Revision Status** Original **Impairment from** 

**Pollutant** 

**Pollutant or Pollution:** 

Weight of Evidence:

This waterbody is being considered for listing under sections 3.2 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.2 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing status. Three lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess this water body.

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification against placing this water segmentpollutant combination on the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Temperature and dissolved oxygen measurements at all 3 continuous deployments did not exceed the applicable water quality objectives for waters designated as cold water habitat and this does not exceed the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.2 of the Listing Policy. In addition, the macroinvertebrate data indicated excellent water quality conditions.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

## **Staff Recommendation:**

RWOCB Board Decision / After review of the available data and information, Water Board staff concludes that this waterbody supports the beneficial use of aquatic life and meets applicable water quality standards for dissolved oxygen and temperature. Therefore, the water body-pollutant combination should not be placed on the section 303(d) list.

#### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 7748

LOE ID: 5715

Pollutant: Temperature, water LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Matrix: Water Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 3 Number of Exceedances: 0

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Water quality assessment was conducted at Webb Creek as part of SWAMP study in 2005. Continuous field monitoring at 15 minute increments of temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH and specific conductance was conducted to determine temporal variability in basic water quality at one location.

The estimated 7-day mean temperature was  $11.79^{\circ}$ C in spring,  $13.69^{\circ}$ C during dry summer season, and  $10.51^{\circ}$ C during wet season. The  $14.8^{\circ}$ C criterion for coho

salmon and the 17 °C criterion for steelhead were never exceeded.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

Temperature objectives for enclosed bays and estuaries are specified in the "Water Quality Control Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Waters and Enclosed Bays of California" including any revisions to the plan. In addition, the following temperature objectives apply to surface waters: The natural receiving water temperature of intrastate waters shall not be altered unless it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Regional Water Board that such alteration in temperature does not adversely affect beneficial uses.

The temperature of any cold or warm freshwater habitat shall not be increased by

more than 5°F (2.8°C) above natural receiving water temperature.

Objective/Criterion Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Sullivan et al. (2000) reviewed a wide range of studies incorporating information

from laboratory-based research, field observations, and risk assessment approaches and developed criteria for assessing temperature risk to aquatic life. The 7-day mean temperature (maximum value of the 7-day moving average of the daily mean temperature) of  $14.8^{\circ}$ C was established as the upper threshold criterion for coho salmon and  $17.0^{\circ}$ C for steelhead trout. The risk assessment approach used by Sullivan et al. (2000) suggests that temperatures exceeding the above thresholds will cause 10% reduction in average growth compared to optimal conditions.

Guideline Reference: An Analysis of the Effects of Temperature on Salmonids of the Pacific Northwest

with Implications for Selecting Temperature Criteria

Spatial Representation: Temperature was measured at one site located just upstream from Hwy 1.

Temporal Representation: Temperature was recorded at 15 minute intervals over 6 to 7 days during spring

(April 2005), summer dry season (August 2005), and winter wet season (January

2006).

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

LOE ID: 5856

Pollutant: Benthic-Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments

LOE Subgroup: Population/Community Degradation

Matrix: Water Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 1 0 Number of Exceedances:

Data and Information Type: Benthic macroinvertebrate surveys

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Benthic macroinvertebrates were sampled from one site in the Webb Creek watershed in April 2005 by the SFBRWQCB SWAMP program. Benthic macroinvertebrate assemblage metrics were no different to values observed at reference sites in perennial creeks and indicated excellent conditions. Taxa

richness score was 39 and % sensitive EPT was 26.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that are Objective/Criterion: lethal to or that produce significant alterations in population or community ecology or receiving water biota. In addition, the health and life history characteristics of aquatic organisms in waters affected by controllable water quality factors shall not

differ significantly from those for the same waters in areas unaffected by

controllable water quality factors.

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Benthic macroinvertebrate assemblage metric scores that are within the range of

scores for minimally disturbed reference sites indicate no substantial alterations in community ecology. Taxa richness values at reference sites sampled by the SFBRWQCB SWAMP program between 2001 and 2003 ranged from 28 to 59. Reference conditions determined for perennial streams such as Webb Creek, usually exhibit taxa richness > 38 and % sensitive EPT > 44. A perennial stream could be described as in - excellent condition - if there is no difference between the metrics measured at the site and those established for reference sites. A perennial stream will be described as in - good condition - if the site metrics indicate minor loss of bio-integrity but still a good structure and function, and sensitive species

are present in abundance.

Guideline Reference: Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Nine San Francisco Bay Region

Watersheds: Walker Creek, Lagunitas Creek, San Leandro Creek, Wildcat Creek/San Pablo Creek, Suisun Creek, Arroyo Las Positas, Pescadero

Creek/Butano Creek, San Gregorio Creek, and Stevens Creek/Permanente Creek. Oakland, CA: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay

Regional Water Quality Control Board

Benthic macroinvertebrates were sampled from one site located upstream from Spatial Representation:

Hwy 1.

Temporal Representation: Benthic macroinvertebrates were sampled once in April, 2005.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

**QAPP** Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

LOE ID: 5716

Pollutant: Oxygen, Dissolved LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Matrix: Water Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 3 Number of Exceedances: 0

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Water quality assessment was conducted at Webb Creek as part of SWAMP study in 2005. Continuous field monitoring at 15 minute increments of temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH and specific conductance was conducted to determine

temporal variability in basic water quality at one location.

The 7 day average minimum concentration of dissolved oxygen was 10.72 mg/L during dry season, 11.66 mg/L during spring season, and 11.4 mg/L during winter wet season. All DO measurements met the water quality objective of 7 mg/L.

Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Data Reference:

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality

Objective/Criterion:

The numeric water quality objective for dissolved oxygen is 7.0 mg/L minimum for waters designated as cold water habitat. The median dissolved oxygen

concentration for any three consecutive months shall not be less than 80 percent of

the dissolved oxygen content at saturation.

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Spatial Representation: Dissolved oxygen concentrations were measured at one site located just upstream

from Hwy 1.

Temporal Representation: DO was recorded at 15 minute intervals over 6 to 7 days during spring (April

2005), summer dry season (August 2005), and winter wet season (January 2006).

**Environmental Conditions:** 

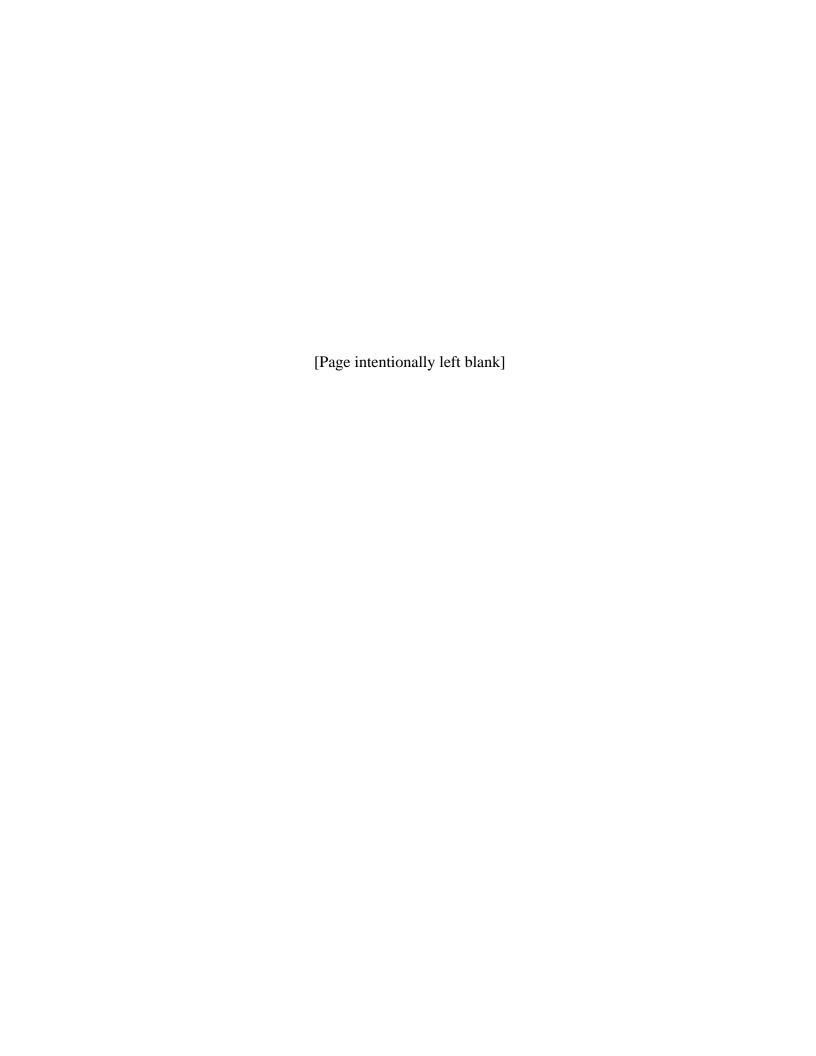
**QAPP** Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

# **APPENDIX E**

# WATERBODY FACT SHEETS Proposed – Do Not List Recommendations

Insufficient Information



### **List of Creeks**

Arroyo Viejo Creek

Sediment Toxicity | Sediment: Cr, Cu, As, Ni

**Audubon Canyon Creek** 

Nitrate

**Codornices Creek** 

Low Dissolved Oxygen

Glen Echo Creek

Sediment Toxicity | Sediment: Cr, Cu, Pb, Zn | Water: Cu, Pb, Ni, Zn

**Lion Creek** 

Low Dissolved Oxygen

**Lobos Creek** 

Water Toxicity | Sediment Toxicity

Mt. Diablo Creek

Low Dissolved Oxygen | Sediment Toxicity

Peralta Creek

Diazinon | Pyrethroids | Sediment Toxicity

**Stevens Creek** 

Low Dissolved Oxygen

**Temescal Creek** 

Water Toxicity | Water: Cu, Pb, Ni, Zn

Walker Creek

Temperature, Water

Water Body Name: Arroyo Viejo Creek CAR2042004020080817193604 Water Body ID:

Water Body Type: River & Stream

DECISION ID

9910

**Pollutant: Sediment Toxicity Final Listing Decision: Decision in Progress** 

Last Listing Cycle's Final New Decision

**Listing Decision:** 

Original **Revision Status Pollutant Impairment from** 

**Pollutant or Pollution:** 

Weight of Evidence:

This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.1 and 3.6 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.6 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing status.

Multiple lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess toxicity in Arroyo Viejo Creek. Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available against placing this water segment-pollutant combination on the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data concerning current conditions and supporting the listing decision satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the
- 3. Amphipod toxicity has been observed in the sample analyzed and one sample has shown exceedances of threshold effect concentrations for arsenic, chromium, copper and nickel but the number of exceedances does not meet the requirements listed in Table 3.1 of the Listing Policy.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

**Staff Recommendation:** 

RWOCB Board Decision / After review of the available data and information, Water Board staff concludes that the water body-pollutant combination should not be placed on the section 303(d) list because there is insufficient information to confirm toxicity and to determine that the standards are not met.

### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 9910

LOE ID: 21287

Pollutant: Sediment Toxicity LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Sediment

Matrix: Sediment Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: Number of Exceedances: 1

Data and Information Type: TOXICITY TESTING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Data used to evaluate sediment toxicity comprise one sediment sample collected by the SWAMP in spring 2005. This sample displayed statistically significant toxicity during the Hyalella azteca test. Hyalella azteca growth was only 64% of

the control.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality

Objective/Criterion:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

There shall be no chronic toxicity in ambient waters. Chronic toxicity is a detrimental biological effect on growth rate, reproduction, fertilization success, larval development, population abundance, community composition, or any other

relevant measure of the health of an organism, population, or community.

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** Sediment toxicity data were evaluated according to the SWAMP methodology.

> Sample toxicity was determined by comparing mean organism response in samples and in negative controls. Statistical evaluation and a default threshold of 80% of the control value were used to establish whether the sediment exhibited significant

toxicity adversely impacting aquatic organisms.

Guideline Reference: Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Four San Francisco Bay Region

> Watersheds in 2003-2004: Kirker Creek, Mt. Diablo Creek, Petaluma River, and San Mateo Creek. Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, Oakland, CA

Data were collected at a sampling location at the lower part of Arroyo Viejo Creek Spatial Representation:

upstream from the confluence with Lion Creek in south-east Oakland.

Temporal Representation:

**Environmental Conditions:** 

Sample was collected in April 2005.

**QAPP** Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB, 2002).

LOE ID: 21288

Pollutant: Chromium (sediment) LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Sediment

Matrix: Sediment Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 1 Number of Exceedances: 1

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Chromium concentration in sediment sample collected in spring 2005 was 101 mg/kg and exceeded the sediment quality guideline.

Quality:

Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality

Data Reference:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

Objective/Criterion:

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

Objective/Criterion Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

Sediment Quality Guidelines (MacDonald et al., 2000): TEC (threshold effect

concentration) for chromium - 43.4 mg/kg

Guideline Reference:

Development and evaluation of consensus-based sediment quality guidelines for freshwater ecosystems. Environmental Contamination and Toxicology. 39: 20-31

Spatial Representation:

Data were collected at a sampling location at the lower part of Arroyo Viejo Creek

upstream from the confluence with Lion Creek in south-east Oakland.

Temporal Representation:

Sample was collected in spring April 2005.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB, 2002).

LOE ID: 21293

Pollutant: Nickel (sediment)

LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Sediment

Matrix: Sediment Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 1 Number of Exceedances: 1

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Nickel concentration in sediment sample collected in spring 2005 was 95.5 mg/kg and exceeded the sediment quality guideline.

Quality:
Data Reference:

Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

Objective/Criterion Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

Sediment Quality Guidelines (MacDonald et al., 2000): TEC (threshold effect

concentration) for nickel - 48.6 mg/kg

Guideline Reference:

Development and evaluation of consensus-based sediment quality guidelines for freshwater ecosystems. Environmental Contamination and Toxicology. 39: 20-31

Spatial Representation:

Data were collected at a sampling location at the lower part of Arroyo Viejo Creek

upstream from the confluence with Lion Creek in south-east Oakland.

Temporal Representation:

Sample was collected in spring April 2005.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

**QAPP** Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB, 2002).

LOE ID:

21292

Pollutant:

Arsenic

LOE Subgroup:

Pollutant-Sediment

Matrix:

Sediment

Fraction:

None

Beneficial Use:

Warm Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples:

1 1

Number of Exceedances:

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water Quality:

Arsenic concentration in sediment sample collected in spring 2005 was 12 mg/kg

and exceeded the sediment quality guideline.

Data Reference:

Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality Objective/Criterion:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Sediment Quality Guidelines (MacDonald et al., 2000): TEC (threshold effect **Evaluation Guideline:** 

concentration) for arsenic - 9.79 mg/kg

Guideline Reference: Development and evaluation of consensus-based sediment quality guidelines for

freshwater ecosystems. Environmental Contamination and Toxicology. 39: 20-31

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at a sampling location at the lower part of Arroyo Viejo Creek

upstream from the confluence with Lion Creek in south-east Oakland.

Temporal Representation: Sample was collected in spring April 2005.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

**QAPP** Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB, 2002).

LOE ID: 21291

Pollutant: Copper (sediment) LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Sediment

Sediment Matrix: Fraction: None

Warm Freshwater Habitat Beneficial Use:

Number of Samples: 1 Number of Exceedances: 1

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Copper concentration in sediment sample collected in spring 2005 was 40 mg/kg

and exceeded the sediment quality guideline.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality

Objective/Criterion:

Objective/Criterion

**Evaluation Guideline:** 

Reference:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

Sediment Quality Guidelines (MacDonald et al., 2000): TEC (threshold effect

concentration) for copper - 31.6 mg/kg

Guideline Reference: Development and evaluation of consensus-based sediment quality guidelines for

freshwater ecosystems. Environmental Contamination and Toxicology. 39: 20-31

Data were collected at a sampling location at the lower part of Arroyo Viejo Creek Spatial Representation:

upstream from the confluence with Lion Creek in south-east Oakland.

Temporal Representation:

**Environmental Conditions:** 

Sample was collected in spring April 2005.

**QAPP** Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB, 2002).

**Audubon Canyon Water Body Name:** 

CAR2013001220080626101412 Water Body ID:

Water Body Type: River & Stream

DECISION ID 10792

**Pollutant: Nitrate** 

**Final Listing Decision: Decision in Progress** 

Last Listing Cycle's Final New Decision

**Listing Decision:** 

**Revision Status** Original **Pollutant Impairment from** 

**Pollutant or Pollution:** 

Weight of Evidence:

This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.1 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.1, water segments shall be evaluated to determine whether the weight of evidence demonstrates that a water quality standard is not attained. One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this water body.

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification against placing this water segmentpollutant combination on the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. None of three available concentrations exceeded the water quality guideline and this does not exceed the allowable frequency using Table 3.1 of the Listing Policy.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

## **Staff Recommendation:**

RWOCB Board Decision / After review of the available data and information, Water Board staff concludes that there is insufficient information to demonstrate that this waterbody is not meeting applicable water quality standards to support the cold freshwater habitat beneficial use. Therefore, the water body-pollutant combination should not be placed on the section 303(d) list.

#### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 10792

LOE ID: 23464

Pollutant: **Nitrate** 

Pollutant-Water LOE Subgroup:

Matrix: Water Fraction: Dissolved

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 3 Number of Exceedances:

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Water quality assessment in Audubon Canyon Creek was conducted by SWAMP in 2005-2006. Nitrate concentrations (NO3-N) were analyzed three times and ranged from 0.08 to 0.17mg/L. The measured nitrate levels did not exceed the guideline threshold indicative of conditions leading to excessive algal growth, however, no data on algae or macrophytes are available to ensure compliance with

the water quality objective.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

Waters shall not contain biostimulatory substances in concentrations that promote aquatic growths to the extent that such growths cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses.

Objective/Criterion S

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Total nitrogen levels greater than 0.5 mg/L can result in large masses of nuisance

algae unless other factors limit algae growth (Bowie et al. 1985; Biggs 2000). Since nitrate is one component of total nitrogen in water, nitrate levels should also

be less than 0.5 mg/L.

Guideline Reference: Eutrophication of streams and rivers: dissolved nutrient-chlorophyll relationships

for benthic algae. J. N. Am. Benthol. Soc. 19:17-31

Rates, Constant, and Kinetics Formulations in Surface Water Quality Modeling, 2nd Edition. EPA/600/3-85/040. USEPA Environmental Research Laboratory,

Athens, GA

Spatial Representation: Nitrate was sampled at one monitoring location in the lower reach of Audubon

Canyon Creek in the close proximity to Bolinas Lagoon.

Temporal Representation: Water samples were collected for nitrate analyses during spring (April 2005),

summer dry season (June 2005) and winter wet season (February 2006).

Environmental Conditions: Audubon Canyon is a small intermittent creek draining to Bolinas Lagoon in West

Marin County.

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB, 2002).

**QAPP** Information

Reference(s):

Quality Assurance Management Plan for the State of California's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program. Sacramento, CA. State Water Resources Control

Board. SWAMP. December 2002 (1st version).

**Codornices Creek** Water Body Name:

CAR2033001120080624162950 Water Body ID:

River & Stream Water Body Type:

DECISION ID 9437

**Pollutant:** Low Dissolved Oxygen **Final Listing Decision: Decision in Progress** 

**Last Listing Cycle's Final** 

**Listing Decision:** 

**New Decision** 

**Revision Status** Original **Impairment from Pollutant** Pollutant

or Pollution:

Weight of Evidence:

One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this water body. Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification against placing this water segment-pollutant combination on the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the
- 3. Dissolved oxygen measurements at 11 continuous deployments exceeded the applicable water quality objectives on three occasions for waters designated as warm water habitat and this does not exceed the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.2 of the Listing Policy.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

**RWOCB Board Decision / Staff Recommendation:** 

After review of the available data and information, Water Board staff concludes that there is insufficient information to demonstrate that this waterbody is not meeting applicable water quality standards for dissolved oxygen to support the warm freshwater habitat beneficial use. Therefore, the water body-pollutant combination should not be placed on the section 303(d) list.

#### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 9437

LOE ID: 8687

Pollutant: Low Dissolved Oxygen

LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Matrix: Water Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Wildlife Habitat Aquatic Life Use:

Number of Samples: 11 Number of Exceedances: 3

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Data used to evaluate dissolved oxygen was collected by SWAMP in 2004. In 3 out of 11 seasonal deployments, minimum dissolved oxygen levels fell below the objective of 5 mg/L. The three deployments where this occurred were dry

season deployments in the lower and mid-watershed.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San

Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Year 5 Assessment

Water Quality The numeric water quality objective for dissolved oxygen is 5.0 mg/L minimum

Objective/Criterion: for waters designated as warm freshwater habitat. The median dissolved oxygen

concentration for any three consecutive months shall not be less than 80 percent of the dissolved oxygen content at saturation.

Objective/Criterion Reference: San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Spatial Representation: Dissolved oxygen was measured at three sites spanning lower to upper

watershed locations on this creek.

Temporal Representation: The SWAMP Program performed continuous monitoring of dissolved oxygen at

15 minute intervals for periods of 1-2 weeks in two dry seasons and one wet

season in 2004.

Environmental Conditions: The Codornices Creek watershed is highly urbanized, and large portions of the

original waterways have been altered or placed in culverts. The creek flows from headwaters in the western slopes of the East Bay ridge, through East Bay cities, into the eastern side of the SF Bay. Sites monitored represent mostly urban land use. The creek is spring fed to a limited extent. However, the adjacent cities often contribute dry weather flows, rendering the creek wet year round.

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

Glen Echo Creek Water Body Name:

CAR2042004020080817194904 Water Body ID:

Water Body Type: River & Stream

DECISION ID 9454

**Pollutant:** Copper | Lead | Nickel | Zinc

**Decision in Progress Final Listing Decision:** 

Last Listing Cycle's Final New Decision

**Listing Decision:** 

Original **Revision Status Impairment from Pollutant** 

**Pollutant or Pollution:** 

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for listing under section 3.1 of the Listing

Policy. Under section 3.1 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing

status. A single line of evidence is available for each pollutant in the

administrative record. Concentrations of dissolved zinc, copper, lead and nickel do

not exceed water quality standards.

Based on the limited available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is insufficient justification for placing this water segmentpollutant combination on the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited

Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the
- 3. Concentrations of dissolved zinc, copper, lead and nickel do not exceed water quality standards.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

**Staff Recommendation:** 

RWOCB Board Decision / After review of the available data and information, Water Board staff concludes that the water body-pollutant combination should not be placed on the section 303(d) list because there is insufficient information to determine that the standards are not met.

#### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 9454

LOE ID: 8966

Pollutant: Copper | Lead | Nickel | Zinc

Pollutant-Water LOE Subgroup:

Matrix: Water Fraction: Dissolved Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: Number of Exceedances: 0

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

The Glen Echo Creek watershed was monitored as part of SWAMP assessment. None of the three samples exceeded the water quality objectives for copper, lead,

nickel and zinc.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality

Objective/Criterion:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

Table 3-4 in the Basin Plan (2007) lists freshwater water quality objectives for toxic pollutants: copper - 9.0 ug/L; lead - 2.5 ug/L; nickel - 52 ug/L and zinc - 120

ug/L.

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** Guideline Reference:

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at a sampling location at the lower part of Glen Echo Creek

upstream from the confluence with Lake Merritt.

Temporal Representation: Samples were collected during spring, dry and wet season of 2004-2005.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

**OAPP** Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB, 2002).

#### DECISION ID 9453

Pollutant: **Sediment Toxicity Final Listing Decision: Decision in Progress** 

Last Listing Cycle's Final New Decision

**Listing Decision:** 

**Revision Status** Original Impairment from **Pollutant** 

**Pollutant or Pollution:** 

Weight of Evidence:

This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.1 and 3.6 of the

Listing Policy. Under section 3.6 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing status. Multiple lines of evidence are available in the administrative record

to assess toxicity in Glen Echo Creek.

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available against placing this water segment-pollutant combination on the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality

Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data concerning current conditions and supporting the listing decision satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Amphipod toxicity has not been observed in the sample analyzed but concentrations of chromium, copper, lead and zinc in one sediment sample exceed sediment quality guidelines.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

RWOCB Board Decision / After review of the available data and information, Water Board staff concludes that the water body-pollutant combination should not be placed on the section 303(d) list because there is insufficient information to confirm toxicity and to determine that the standards are not met.

#### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 9453

LOE ID: 8962

Pollutant: Chromium (sediment) LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Sediment

Matrix: Sediment Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 1 Number of Exceedances:

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

**Ouality:** 

Chromium concentration in sediment sample collected in spring 2005 was 69.6

mg/kg and exceeded the sediment quality guideline.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** Sediment Quality Guidelines (MacDonald et al., 2000): TEC (threshold effect

concentration) for chromium - 43.4 mg/kg

Development and evaluation of consensus-based sediment quality guidelines for Guideline Reference:

freshwater ecosystems. Environmental Contamination and Toxicology, 39: 20-31

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at a sampling location at the lower part of Glen Echo Creek upstream from the confluence with Lake Merritt.

Temporal Representation:

Sample was collected in spring 2005.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information:

All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB, 2002).

LOE ID: 8964

Pollutant: Lead (sediment)
LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Sediment

Matrix: Sediment Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 1 Number of Exceedances: 1

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Lead concentration in sediment sample collected in spring 2005 was 94.1 mg/kg

and exceeded the sediment quality guideline.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality

Objective/Criterion:

Objective/Criterion Reference:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

Evaluation Guideline:

Sediment Quality Guidelines (MacDonald et al., 2000): TEC (threshold effect

concentration) for lead - 35.8 mg/kg

Guideline Reference:

Development and evaluation of consensus-based sediment quality guidelines for freshwater ecosystems. Environmental Contamination and Toxicology. 39: 20-31

Spatial Representation:

Data were collected at a sampling location at the lower part of Glen Echo Creek

upstream from the confluence with Lake Merritt.

Temporal Representation:

Sample was collected in spring 2005.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

OAPP Information:

All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB, 2002).

LOE ID: 8965

Pollutant: Zinc (sediment)

LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Sediment

Matrix: Sediment Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: Number of Exceedances: 1

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

and exceeded the sediment quality guideline.

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality

Objective/Criterion:

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

Zinc concentration in sediment sample collected in spring 2005 was 241 mg/kg

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** Sediment Quality Guidelines (MacDonald et al., 2000): TEC (threshold effect

concentration) for zinc - 121 mg/kg

Sample was collected in spring 2005.

Guideline Reference: Development and evaluation of consensus-based sediment quality guidelines for

freshwater ecosystems. Environmental Contamination and Toxicology. 39: 20-31

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at a sampling location at the lower part of Glen Echo Creek

upstream from the confluence with Lake Merritt.

Temporal Representation:

**Environmental Conditions:** 

**QAPP** Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB, 2002).

LOE ID: 8960

**Sediment Toxicity** Pollutant: LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Sediment

Matrix: Sediment Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 1 Number of Exceedances:

Data and Information Type: TOXICITY TESTING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Data used to evaluate sediment toxicity comprise one sediment sample collected

by the SWAMP in 2005. The sample did not exhibit amphipod toxicity.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality

Objective/Criterion:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

There shall be no chronic toxicity in ambient waters. Chronic toxicity is a detrimental biological effect on growth rate, reproduction, fertilization success, larval development, population abundance, community composition, or any other relevant measure of the health of an organism, population, or community.

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Sediment toxicity data were evaluated according to the SWAMP methodology.

Sample toxicity was determined by comparing mean organism response in samples and in negative controls. Statistical evaluation and a default threshold of 80% of the control value were used to establish whether the sediment exhibited significant

toxicity adversely impacting aquatic organisms.

Guideline Reference: Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Four San Francisco Bay Region

Watersheds in 2003-2004: Kirker Creek, Mt. Diablo Creek, Petaluma River, and San Mateo Creek. Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, Oakland, CA

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at a sampling location at the lower part of Glen Echo Creek

upstream from the confluence with Lake Merritt.

Temporal Representation:

**Environmental Conditions:** 

Sample was collected in spring 2005.

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB, 2002).

LOE ID: 8963

Pollutant: Copper (sediment)
LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Sediment

Matrix: Sediment Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 1 Number of Exceedances: 1

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Copper concentration in sediment sample collected in spring 2005 was 49.4 mg/kg

and exceeded the sediment quality guideline.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

Objective/Criterion Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Sediment Quality Guidelines (MacDonald et al., 2000): TEC (threshold effect

concentration) for copper - 31.6 mg/kg

Guideline Reference: Development and evaluation of consensus-based sediment quality guidelines for

freshwater ecosystems. Environmental Contamination and Toxicology. 39: 20-31

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at a sampling location at the lower part of Glen Echo Creek

upstream from the confluence with Lake Merritt.

Temporal Representation:

Sample was collected in spring 2005.

Environmental Conditions:

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB, 2002).

Lion Creek Water Body Name:

Water Body ID: CAR2042004020081028144719

Water Body Type: River & Stream

DECISION ID 10872

**Pollutant:** Low Dissolved Oxygen **Final Listing Decision: Decision in Progress** 

**Last Listing Cycle's Final** 

**Listing Decision:** 

**New Decision** 

**Revision Status Impairment from Pollutant** Pollutant

Original

or Pollution:

Weight of Evidence:

This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.2 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.2 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing status. One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this pollutant.

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available against placing this water segment-pollutant combination on the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Dissolved oxygen measurements at seven continuous deployments did not exceed the applicable water quality objectives for waters designated as warm water habitat and this does not exceed the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.2 of the Listing Policy.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

**RWQCB Board Decision / Staff Recommendation:** 

After review of the available data and information, Water Board staff concludes that the water body-pollutant combination should not be placed on the section 303(d) list because there is insufficient number of exceedances to determine that the standards are not met.

### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 10872

LOE ID: 23498

Pollutant: Dissolved Oxygen Pollutant-Water LOE Subgroup:

Matrix: Water Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Aquatic Life Use:

Number of Samples: 7 Number of Exceedances: 0

Data and Information Type:

PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

A water quality assessment was conducted in Lion Creek as part of SWAMP study in 2004- 2005. Continuous field monitoring at 15 minute increments of temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH and specific conductance was conducted to determine temporal variability in basic water quality at three locations.

The 7 day average minimum concentration of dissolved oxygen was 5.3 mg/L during summer dry season, 8.8 mg/L during spring season, and 10.7 mg/L during winter wet season. Dissolved oxygen measurements during 7

deployments met the water quality objective of 5 mg/L.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San

Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Year 4&5 Assessment

Water Quality

The numeric water quality objective for dissolved oxygen is 5.0 mg/L minimum
Objective/Criterion: for waters designated as warm freshwater habitat. The median dissolved oxygen

for waters designated as warm freshwater habitat. The median dissolved oxygen concentration for any three consecutive months shall not be less than 80 percent

of the dissolved oxygen content at saturation.

Objective/Criterion Reference: San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Spatial Representation: Dissolved oxygen concentrations were measured at three monitoring sites. Two

of these sites are located just below the western slopes of the East Bay ridge and one site is located at the lower reach of the creek which is adjacent to urban area

just west of Hwy 185.

Temporal Representation: Dissolved oxygen was recorded at 15 minute intervals over 6 to 7 days during

spring (May 2004), summer dry season (August 2004), and winter wet season

(February 2005).

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

**Lobos Creek** Water Body Name:

Water Body ID: CAR2034001020080626104718

Water Body Type: River & Stream

DECISION ID 9912

**Pollutant: Sediment Toxicity Final Listing Decision: Decision in Progress** 

Last Listing Cycle's Final New Decision

**Listing Decision:** 

**Revision Status** Original **Impairment from Pollutant** 

**Pollutant or Pollution:** 

Weight of Evidence:

This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.6 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.6 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing status.

One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess toxicity in Lobos Creek. Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available against placing this water segment-pollutant combination on the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality

Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data concerning current conditions and supporting the listing decision satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Sediment toxicity was detected in one sample.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

**RWOCB Board Decision** / After review of the available data and information, Water Board staff concludes that the water body-pollutant combination should not be placed on the section 303(d) list because there is insufficient number of exceedances to confirm toxicity and to determine that the standards are not met.

### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 9912

LOE ID: 21284

Pollutant: **Sediment Toxicity** LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Sediment

Matrix: Sediment Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat Number of Samples: 1 1 Number of Exceedances:

Data and Information Type: TOXICITY TESTING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Data used to evaluate sediment toxicity comprise one sediment sample collected by the SWAMP in spring 2005. This sample displayed statistically significant toxicity during the Hyalella azteca test. Hyalella azteca growth was only 76% of

the control.

Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Data Reference:

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality

Objective/Criterion:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

There shall be no chronic toxicity in ambient waters. Chronic toxicity is a detrimental biological effect on growth rate, reproduction, fertilization success, larval development, population abundance, community composition, or any other

relevant measure of the health of an organism, population, or community.

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** Sediment toxicity was evaluated according to the SWAMP methodology. Sample

> toxicity was determined by comparing mean organism response in samples and in negative controls. Statistical evaluation (alpha = 0.05) and a default threshold of 80% of the control value were used to establish whether the sediment exhibited

significant toxicity adversely impacting aquatic organisms.

Guideline Reference: Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Four San Francisco Bay Region

> Watersheds in 2003-2004: Kirker Creek, Mt. Diablo Creek, Petaluma River, and San Mateo Creek. Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, Oakland, CA

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at one sampling location at the lower part of Lobos Creek.

Temporal Representation: A sample was collected in spring season (April 2005).

**Environmental Conditions:** 

**QAPP** Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB, 2002).

#### DECISION ID 9911

**Pollutant: Toxicity** 

**Final Listing Decision: Decision in Progress** 

Last Listing Cycle's Final New Decision

**Listing Decision:** 

**Revision Status** Original **Impairment from** 

**Pollutant or Pollution:** 

**Pollutant** 

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.6 of the Listing

Policy. Under section 3.6 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing

status. One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess toxicity in Lobos Creek. One of three water samples exhibit limited toxicity.

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available against placing this water segment-pollutant combination on the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data concerning current conditions and supporting the listing decision satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the
- 3. Water toxicity was observed in one of three samples.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

**RWOCB Board Decision** / After review of the available data and information. Water Board staff concludes that the water body-pollutant combination should not be placed on the section 303(d) list because there is insufficient number of exceedances to confirm toxicity and to determine that the standards are not met.

### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 9911

LOE ID: 21282

Pollutant: **Toxicity** 

LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Matrix: Water Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: Number of Exceedances: 1

Data and Information Type: TOXICITY TESTING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Three samples were collected to evaluate water toxicity. Selenastrum growth was significantly lower (64.8%) than the control in one sample collected during winter wet season in February 2006. This sample displayed statistically significant water

column toxicity.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

There shall be no chronic toxicity in ambient waters. Chronic toxicity is a detrimental biological effect on growth rate, reproduction, fertilization success, larval development, population abundance, community composition, or any other relevant measure of the health of an organism, population, or community.

Objective/Criterion Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Water toxicity was evaluated according to the SWAMP methodology. The

U.S.EPA whole effluent toxicity protocol (U.S.EPA 1994) was used to test the effect of water samples on three freshwater test organisms. Statistical evaluation (alpha = 0.05) and a default threshold of 80% of the control value were used to establish whether water exhibited significant toxicity adversely impacting aquatic

organisms.

Guideline Reference: Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Four San Francisco Bay Region

Watersheds in 2003-2004: Kirker Creek, Mt. Diablo Creek, Petaluma River, and San Mateo Creek. Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, Oakland, CA

Short-Term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater Organisms. EPA/600/4-91/002. Third Edition.

July 1994

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at one sampling location at the lower part of Lobos Creek.

Temporal Representation: Samples were collected in spring season (April 2005), dry season (June 2005) and

winter wet season (February 2006).

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB, 2002).

Water Body Name: **Morses Gulch Creek** CAR2013001220080624164407 Water Body ID:

Water Body Type: River & Stream

DECISION ID 10793

**Pollutant: Nitrate** 

**Final Listing Decision: Decision in Progress** 

Last Listing Cycle's Final New Decision

**Listing Decision:** 

**Revision Status** Original **Impairment from Pollutant** 

**Pollutant or Pollution:** 

Weight of Evidence:

This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.1 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.1, water segments shall be evaluated to determine whether the weight of evidence demonstrates that a water quality standard is not attained. One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this water body.

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification against placing this water segmentpollutant combination on the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. None of three available concentrations exceeded the water quality guideline and this does not exceed the allowable frequency using Table 3.1 of the Listing Policy.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

RWQCB Board Decision / After review of the available data and information, Water Board staff concludes that there is insufficient information to demonstrate that this waterbody is not meeting applicable water quality standards to support the cold freshwater habitat beneficial use. Therefore, the water body-pollutant combination should not be placed on the section 303(d) list.

### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 10793

LOE ID: 23466

Pollutant: Nitrate

LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Matrix: Water Fraction: Dissolved

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat Number of Samples: 3 Number of Exceedances: 0

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Water quality assessment in Morses Gulch Creek was conducted by SWAMP in 2005-2006. Nitrate concentrations (NO3-N) were analyzed three times and ranged from 0.19 to 0.23mg/L. The measured nitrate levels did not exceed the guideline threshold indicative of conditions leading to excessive algal growth, however, no data on algae or macrophytes are available to ensure compliance with the water

quality objective.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

Waters shall not contain biostimulatory substances in concentrations that promote aquatic growths to the extent that such growths cause nuisance or adversely affect

beneficial uses.

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Total nitrogen levels greater than 0.5 mg/L can result in large masses of nuisance

algae unless other factors limit algae growth (Bowie et al. 1985; Biggs 2000). Since nitrate is one component of total nitrogen in water, nitrate levels should also

be less than 0.5 mg/L.

Guideline Reference: Eutrophication of streams and rivers: dissolved nutrient-chlorophyll relationships

for benthic algae. J. N. Am. Benthol. Soc. 19:17-31

Rates, Constant, and Kinetics Formulations in Surface Water Quality Modeling, 2nd Edition. EPA/600/3-85/040. USEPA Environmental Research Laboratory,

Athens, GA

Spatial Representation: Nitrate was sampled at one monitoring location in the lower reach of Morses

Gulch Creek in the close proximity to Bolinas Lagoon.

Temporal Representation: Water samples were collected for nitrate analyses during spring (April 2005),

summer dry season (June 2005) and winter wet season (February 2006).

Environmental Conditions: Morses Gulch is a small intermittent creek draining to Bolinas Lagoon in West

Marin County.

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB, 2002).

**QAPP** Information

Reference(s):

Quality Assurance Management Plan for the State of California's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program. Sacramento, CA. State Water Resources Control

Board. SWAMP. December 2002 (1st version).

Water Body Name: Mt. Diablo Creek

CAR2073104019990217163214 Water Body ID:

Water Body Type: River & Stream

DECISION ID 9433

**Pollutant:** Low Dissolved Oxygen **Final Listing Decision: Decision in Progress** 

**Last Listing Cycle's Final** 

**Listing Decision:** 

New Decision

**Revision Status** Impairment from Pollutant Pollutant

Original

or Pollution:

Weight of Evidence: One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this water

body. Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification against placing this water segment-pollutant combination on the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality

Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

1. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.

- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Dissolved oxygen measurements from 10 continuous deployments exceeded the applicable water quality objectives for waters designated as warm fresh water habitat on two occasions, and this does not exceed the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.2 of the Listing Policy.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

**RWQCB Board Decision / Staff Recommendation:** 

After review of the available data and information, Water Board staff concludes that there is insufficient information to demonstrate that this waterbody is not meeting applicable water quality standards for dissolved oxygen to support the warm freshwater habitat beneficial use. Therefore, the water body-pollutant combination should not be placed on the section 303(d) list.

### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 9433

LOE ID: 8649

Low Dissolved Oxygen Pollutant:

LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Water Matrix: Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Wildlife Habitat Aquatic Life Use:

Number of Samples: 10 Number of Exceedances: 2

Data and Information Type:

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data used to evaluate dissolved oxygen was collected by SWAMP in 2003. In 2 out of 10 seasonal deployments, minimum dissolved oxygen levels fell below the objective of 5 mg/L. One deployment with low oxygen levels was a Spring deployment at a mainstem station in the lower watershed, and the second was a

tributary deployment in the dry season.

Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Four San Francisco Bay Region Data Reference:

> Watersheds in 2003-2004: Kirker Creek, Mt. Diablo Creek, Petaluma River, and San Mateo Creek. Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, Oakland, CA

Water Ouality The numeric water quality objective for dissolved oxygen is 5.0 mg/L minimum Objective/Criterion:

for waters designated as warm freshwater habitat. The median dissolved oxygen concentration for any three consecutive months shall not be less than 80 percent

of the dissolved oxygen content at saturation.

Objective/Criterion Reference: San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Spatial Representation: Dissolved oxygen was measured at eight sites. Four of these sites were located

on the mainstem of Mt. Diablo Creek, and the remainder were tributary creek

measurements.

Temporal Representation: The SWAMP Program performed continuous monitoring of dissolved oxygen at

15 minute intervals for periods of 1-2 weeks in each of three different seasons in

2003: winter, spring, and summer.

**Environmental Conditions:** The Mt. Diablo Creek watershed is heavily urbanized throughout most of the

> lower and middle watershed. Flow in the Mt. Diablo Creek watershed is mostly intermittent with dry creeks in the summer. Some creeks are fed by runoff from residential and golf course watering, and pools remain through the summer in

upstream portions of tributary, Mitchell Creek.

**QAPP** Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

DECISION ID 9811

**Pollutant: Sediment Toxicity Final Listing Decision: Decision in Progress** 

**Last Listing Cycle's Final** 

**Listing Decision:** 

New Decision

**Revision Status** Original Impairment from Pollutant Pollutant

or Pollution:

Weight of Evidence:

This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.6 of the Listing

Policy. Under section 3.6 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing

status.

One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess sediment toxicity. Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of

evidence indicates that there is insufficient justification available for placing this water segment-pollutant combination on the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data concerning current conditions and supporting the listing decision satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Amphipod toxicity has been observed in one sample and the number of exceedances does not meet the requirements listed in Table 3.1 of the Listing Policy.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

## **RWQCB Board Decision / Staff Recommendation:**

After review of the available data and information, Water Board staff concludes that the water body-pollutant combination should not be placed on the section 303(d) list because there is insufficient information to confirm toxicity and to determine that the standards are not met.

### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 9811

LOE ID: 8542

Pollutant: Sediment Toxicity
LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Sediment

Matrix: Sediment Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 1 Number of Exceedances: 1

Data and Information Type: TOXICITY TESTING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Data used to evaluate sediment toxicity comprise one sediment sample collected by the SWAMP in April 2003. The sample displayed statistically significant toxicity during the 10-day Hyalella azteca test. It caused mortality (70.7%) and whilited displayed according to the control of the contr

exhibited diminished growth at 56.6% of control.

Data Reference: Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Four San Francisco Bay Region

Watersheds in 2003-2004: Kirker Creek, Mt. Diablo Creek, Petaluma River, and San Mateo Creek. Surface Water Monitoring Program, San Francisco Bay

Regional Water Quality Control Board, Oakland. CA

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

There shall be no chronic toxicity in ambient waters. Chronic toxicity is a detrimental biological effect on growth rate, reproduction, fertilization success, larval development, population abundance, community composition, or any other relevant measure of the health of an organism, population, or community.

Objective/Criterion Reference: San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Sediment toxicity was evaluated according to the SWAMP methodology.

Sample toxicity was determined by comparing mean organism response in samples and in negative controls. Statistical evaluation (alpha = 0.05) and a default threshold of 80% of the control value were used to establish whether the sediment exhibited significant toxicity adversely impacting aquatic organisms.

Guideline Reference: Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Four San Francisco Bay Region

Watersheds in 2003-2004: Kirker Creek, Mt. Diablo Creek, Petaluma River, and San Mateo Creek. Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, Oakland, CA

Spatial Representation: One sediment sample was collected at a 'watershed integrator' site located close

to the mouth of Mt. Diablo Creek.

Temporal Representation: Sample was collected during the spring season of 2003.

Environmental Conditions: The lower reach data are representative of heavily urbanized area dominated by

the city of Concord.

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

Peralta Creek Water Body Name:

CAR2042004020080817191851 Water Body ID:

Water Body Type: River & Stream

DECISION ID 9456

**Pollutant:** Diazinon | Pyrethroids | Sediment Toxicity

**Decision in Progress Final Listing Decision:** 

**Last Listing Cycle's Final** 

New Decision

**Listing Decision: Revision Status** 

Original

**Expected TMDL Completion** 

Date:

Impairment from Pollutant Pollutant

or Pollution:

Weight of Evidence:

This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.6 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.6 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing

Three lines of evidence are available in the administrative record to assess toxicity in Peralta Creek. Amphipod toxicity has not been observed. Pyrethroids concentration exceeds 28 toxicity units and may cause toxic effect. The concentration of diazinon also exceeds the acute water quality threshold in one of three samples.

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available against placing this water segment-pollutant combination on the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data concerning current conditions and supporting the listing decision satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Amphipod toxicity has not been observed in the sample analyzed.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

**RWOCB Board Decision / Staff Recommendation:** 

After review of the available data and information, Water Board staff concludes that the water body-pollutant combination should not be placed on the section 303(d) list because there is insufficient information to confirm toxicity and to determine that the standards are not met.

### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 9456

LOE ID: 8974

Pollutant: **Sediment Toxicity** Pollutant-Sediment LOE Subgroup:

Matrix: Sediment Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 1 Number of Exceedances: 0

Data and Information Type: TOXICITY TESTING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Data used to evaluate sediment toxicity comprise one sediment sample collected

by the SWAMP in 2005. The sample did not exhibit amphipod toxicity.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San

Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Year 5 Assessment

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

There shall be no chronic toxicity in ambient waters. Chronic toxicity is a detrimental biological effect on growth rate, reproduction, fertilization success, larval development, population abundance, community composition, or any other relevant measure of the health of an organism, population, or community.

Objective/Criterion Reference: San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Sediment toxicity data were evaluated according to the SWAMP methodology.

Sample toxicity was determined by comparing mean organism response in samples and in negative controls. Statistical evaluation and a default threshold of 80% of the control value were used to establish whether the sediment exhibited

significant toxicity adversely impacting aquatic organisms.

Guideline Reference: Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Four San Francisco Bay Region

Watersheds in 2003-2004: Kirker Creek, Mt. Diablo Creek, Petaluma River, and San Mateo Creek. Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, Oakland, CA

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at a sampling location at the lower part of Peralta Creek

North of Hwy 185.

Temporal Representation: Sample was collected in spring 2005.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB, 2002).

LOE ID: 8977

Pollutant: Diazinon

LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Sediment

Matrix: Sediment Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 2 Number of Exceedances: 1

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Diazinon concentration in one (January 2005) of two samples exceeded 0.1

ug/L.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San

Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Year 5 Assessment

Water Quality

Objective/Criterion:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

There shall be no chronic toxicity in ambient waters. Chronic toxicity is a detrimental biological effect on growth rate, reproduction, fertilization success, larval development, population abundance, community composition, or any other relevant measure of the health of an organism, population, or community.

Samples were collected in January (wet season) and June (dry season) of 2005.

Objective/Criterion Reference: San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: The TMDL for diazinon in urban creeks established diazinon concentration

target of less than 0.1 ug/L expressed as a one-hour average.

Guideline Reference: San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at a sampling location at the lower part of Peralta Creek

North of Hwy 185.

Temporal Representation:

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB, 2002).

LOE ID: 8975

Pollutant: Pyrethroids

LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Sediment

Matrix: Sediment Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 1 Number of Exceedances: 1

Data and Information Type: Toxicity testing of sediments

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Data used to evaluate pyrethroid toxicity comprise one sediment sample collected by the SWAMP in 2005. The pyrethroid concentration in the Peralta Creek sample exceeded 28TU but the growth and survival of Hyalella azteca

was unaffected.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San

Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Year 5 Assessment

Water Quality

Objective/Criterion:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

There shall be no chronic toxicity in ambient waters. Chronic toxicity is a detrimental biological effect on growth rate, reproduction, fertilization success, larval development, population abundance, community composition, or any other relevant measure of the health of an organism, population, or community.

Objective/Criterion Reference: San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Amweg et al. (2006) interpreted results of toxicity testing and sediment

pyrethroid concentrations in urban creeks in California. Pyrethroid concentration data and analysis of toxicity units (TU) were used to determine whether pyrethroids could be linked to the observed toxicity to Hyalella azteca. The results indicated that samples with less than 1 TU were nontoxic and those with

TU greater than 2 were consistently toxic.

Guideline Reference: Pyrethroid insecticides and sediment toxicity in urban creeks from California

and Tennessee. Environmental Science and Technology, 40(5): 1700-1706

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at a sampling location at the lower part of Peralta Creek

North of Hwy 185.

Temporal Representation: Sample was collected in spring 2005.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB, 2002).

**Stevens Creek** Water Body Name:

CAR2055002019990218134341 Water Body ID:

Water Body Type: River & Stream

DECISION ID 9434

**Pollutant:** Low Dissolved Oxygen **Final Listing Decision: Decision in Progress** 

**Last Listing Cycle's Final** 

**Listing Decision:** 

New Decision

**Revision Status** Impairment from Pollutant Pollutant

Original

or Pollution:

Weight of Evidence:

One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this water body. Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification against placing this water segment-pollutant combination on the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Dissolved oxygen measurements at all 11 continuous deployments exceeded the applicable water quality objectives for waters designated as warm water habitat on one occasion, and this does not exceed the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.2 of the Listing Policy.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

**RWQCB Board Decision / Staff Recommendation:** 

After review of the available data and information, Water Board staff concludes that there is insufficient information to demonstrate that this waterbody is not meeting applicable water quality standards for dissolved oxygen to support the warm freshwater habitat beneficial use. Therefore, the water body-pollutant combination should not be placed on the section 303(d) list.

#### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 9434

LOE ID: 8678

Low Dissolved Oxygen Pollutant: LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Water Matrix: Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat Aquatic Life Use: Wildlife Habitat

Number of Samples: 11 Number of Exceedances: 1

Data and Information Type:

PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Data used to evaluate dissolved oxygen was collected by SWAMP in 2002-2003. In 1 out of 11 seasonal deployments, minimum dissolved oxygen levels fell below the objective of 5 mg/L. The deployment where this occurred was a

lower watershed deployment during the dry season.

Data Reference: Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Nine San Francisco Bay Region

Watersheds: Walker Creek, Lagunitas Creek, San Leandro Creek, Wildcat Creek/San Pablo Creek, Suisun Creek, Arroyo Las Positas, Pescadero Creek/Butano Creek, San Gregorio Creek, and Stevens Creek/Permanente Creek. Oakland, CA: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San

Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Water Quality
Objective/Criterion:

The numeric water quality objective for dissolved oxygen is 5.0 mg/L minimum for waters designated as warm freshwater habitat. The median dissolved oxygen concentration for any three consecutive months shall not be less than 80 percent

of the dissolved oxygen content at saturation.

Objective/Criterion Reference: San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Spatial Representation: Dissolved oxygen was measured at four sites spanning lower to upper watershed

locations on this creek.

Temporal Representation: The SWAMP Program performed continuous monitoring of dissolved oxygen at

15 minute intervals for periods of 1-2 weeks in two dry seasons and one wet

season in 2002-2003.

Environmental Conditions: The Stevens Creek watershed is in the western Santa Clara Basin. The watershed

of Stevens Creek is a 38 square mile drainage basin, with its headwaters high in the densely forested Santa Cruz Mountains. The upper portions of the watershed drain upland, mountainous or hilly landscapes where human development is largely absent. The lower portions of the streams flow through western Santa Clara Valley, a large flat alluvial valley draining into South San Francisco Bay. Land uses in the watershed include mining, urbanization, forests, and parks.

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

**Temescal Creek** Water Body Name:

CAR2033001020080817192619 Water Body ID:

Water Body Type: River & Stream

DECISION ID 9908

**Pollutant:** Copper | Lead | Nickel | Zinc

**Final Listing Decision: Decision in Progress** 

Last Listing Cycle's Final New Decision

**Listing Decision:** 

**Revision Status** Original **Impairment from Pollutant** 

**Pollutant or Pollution:** 

Weight of Evidence: This pollutant is being considered for listing under section 3.1 of the Listing Policy. Under section 3.1 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing status.

> A single line of evidence is available for each pollutant in the administrative record. Concentrations of dissolved zinc, copper, lead and nickel do not exceed water quality standards. Based on the limited available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is insufficient justification for placing this water segment-pollutant combination on the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Concentrations of dissolved zinc, copper, lead and nickel do not exceed water quality standards.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

RWQCB Board Decision / After review of the available data and information, Water Board staff concludes that the water body-pollutant combination should not be placed on the section 303(d) list because there is insufficient information to determine that the standards are not met.

#### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 9908

LOE ID: 21294

Pollutant: Copper | Lead | Nickel | Zinc

LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Matrix: Water Fraction: Dissolved

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat Number of Samples: 3 Number of Exceedances: 0

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

The Temescal Creek watershed was monitored as part of SWAMP assessment. None of the three samples exceeded the water quality objectives for copper, lead,

nickel and zinc.

Data Reference: Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality

Objective/Criterion:

All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

Table 3-4 in the Basin Plan (2007) lists freshwater water quality objectives for toxic pollutants: copper - 9.0 ug/L; lead - 2.5 ug/L; nickel - 52 ug/L and zinc - 120

ug/L.

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Guideline Reference:

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at one sampling location just upstream from Lake Temescal

(west of Hwy 13).

Temporal Representation:

Samples were collected during spring, dry and wet season of 2004-2005.

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB, 2002).

#### DECISION ID

#### 9909

Pollutant: Sediment Toxicity
Final Listing Decision: Decision in Progress

Last Listing Cycle's Final New Decision

**Listing Decision:** 

**Revision Status** Original **Impairment from** Pollutant

**Pollutant or Pollution:** 

**Weight of Evidence:** This pollutant is being considered for listing under sections 3.6 of the Listing

Policy. Under section 3.6 a single line of evidence is necessary to assess listing status. One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess toxicity in Temescal Creek. One of three water samples exhibited limited toxicity.

Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification available against placing this water segment-pollutant combination on the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality

Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data concerning current conditions and supporting the listing decision satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Water toxicity was observed in one of three samples.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

### Staff Recommendation:

**RWOCB Board Decision** / After review of the available data and information. Water Board staff concludes that the water body-pollutant combination should not be placed on the section 303(d) list because there is insufficient number of exceedances to confirm toxicity and to determine that the standards are not met.

#### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 9909

LOE ID: 21295

Pollutant: **Toxicity** 

LOE Subgroup: Pollutant-Water

Matrix: Water Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Warm Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 3 Number of Exceedances: 0

Data and Information Type: TOXICITY TESTING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Three samples were collected by SWAMP to evaluate water toxicity. Pimephales promelas growth was lower (74.6%) than the control in one sample collected during dry season in June 2005. The result is not considered environmentally significant because mean larvae weight of test organisms was greater than 0.25 mg

and the overall growth was higher than 70% of the control.

Data collected by the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco Data Reference:

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Years 4 and 5 Assessment

Water Quality Objective/Criterion: All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances that are lethal to or that

produce other detrimental responses in aquatic organisms.

There shall be no chronic toxicity in ambient waters. Chronic toxicity is a detrimental biological effect on growth rate, reproduction, fertilization success, larval development, population abundance, community composition, or any other

relevant measure of the health of an organism, population, or community.

Objective/Criterion

Reference:

San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

**Evaluation Guideline:** Water toxicity was evaluated according to the SWAMP methodology. The

U.S.EPA whole effluent toxicity protocol (U.S.EPA 1994) was used to test the effect of water samples on three freshwater test organisms. Statistical evaluation (alpha = 0.05) and a default threshold of 80% of the control value were used to

establish whether water exhibited significant toxicity, adversely impacting aquatic

organisms.

Guideline Reference: Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Four San Francisco Bay Region

Watersheds in 2003-2004: Kirker Creek, Mt. Diablo Creek, Petaluma River, and San Mateo Creek. Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San Francisco

Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, Oakland, CA

Short-Term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater Organisms. EPA/600/4-91/002. Third Edition.

July 1994

Spatial Representation: Data were collected at one sampling location just upstream from Lake Temescal

(west of Hwy 13).

Temporal Representation: Samples were collected in wet winter season (January 2005), spring season (April

2005) and dry summer season (June 2005).

**Environmental Conditions:** 

QAPP Information: All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the

SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB, 2002).

Walker Creek Water Body Name:

CAR2011201319980928173807 Water Body ID:

Water Body Type: River & Stream

DECISION ID 9432

**Pollutant:** Temperature, water **Final Listing Decision: Decision in Progress** 

**Last Listing Cycle's Final** 

**Listing Decision:** 

New Decision

**Revision Status** Original Impairment from Pollutant Pollutant

or Pollution:

#### Weight of Evidence:

One line of evidence is available in the administrative record to assess this water body. Based on the readily available data for this waterbody, the weight of evidence indicates that there is sufficient justification against placing this water segment-pollutant combination on the section 303(d) list in the Water Quality Limited Segments category.

This conclusion is based on the staff findings that:

- 1. The data used satisfy the data quality requirements of section 6.1.4 of the Policy.
- 2. The data used satisfy the data quantity requirements of section 6.1.5 of the Policy.
- 3. Temperature measurements at 7 continuous deployments exceeded the applicable water quality objectives for waters designated as cold water habitat on only two occasions and this does not exceed the allowable frequency listed in Table 3.2 of the Listing Policy.
- 4. Pursuant to section 3.11 of the Listing Policy, no additional data and information are available indicating that standards are not met.

#### **RWQCB Board Decision / Staff Recommendation:**

After review of the available data and information, Water Board staff concludes that there is insufficient information to demonstrate that this waterbody is not meeting applicable water quality standards for temperature to support the cold freshwater habitat beneficial use. Therefore, the water body-pollutant combination should not be placed on the section 303(d) list.

#### Lines of Evidence (LOEs) for Decision ID 9432

LOE ID: 8768

Pollutant: Temperature, water Pollutant-Water LOE Subgroup:

Matrix: Water Fraction: None

Beneficial Use: Cold Freshwater Habitat

Number of Samples: 7 Number of Exceedances: 2

Data and Information Type: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL MONITORING

Data Used to Asses Water

Quality:

Water quality assessment was conducted at the Walker Creek Creek watershed as part of SWAMP study in Winter 2001, and Spring 2002. Continuous field monitoring at 15 minute increments of temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH and specific conductance was conducted to determine temporal variability in basic water quality at 5 locations.

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The 14.8 °C criterion for coho salmon was exceeded in 2 out of 7 continuous temperature deployments during the dry summer season at the downstream reach

of the creek. The 17 °C criterion for steelhead was never exceeded.

Data Reference: Water Quality Monitoring and Bioassessment in Nine San Francisco Bay Region

Watersheds: Walker Creek, Lagunitas Creek, San Leandro Creek, Wildcat Creek/San Pablo Creek, Suisun Creek, Arroyo Las Positas, Pescadero Creek/Butano Creek, San Gregorio Creek, and Stevens Creek/Permanente Creek. Oakland, CA: Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, San

Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Water Quality Temperature objectives for enclosed bays and estuaries are specified in the Objective/Criterion: "Water Quality Control Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and

"Water Quality Control Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Waters and Enclosed Bays of California" including any revisions to the plan. In addition, the following temperature objectives apply to surface waters: The natural receiving water temperature of intrastate waters shall not be altered unless it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Regional Water Board that such alteration in temperature does not adversely affect beneficial

uses.

The temperature of any cold or warm freshwater habitat shall not be increased

by more than 5°F (2.8°C) above natural receiving water temperature.

Objective/Criterion Reference: San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan)

Evaluation Guideline: Sullivan et al. (2000) reviewed a wide range of studies incorporating information

from laboratory-based research, field observations, and risk assessment approaches and developed criteria for assessing temperature risk to aquatic life. The 7-day mean temperature (maximum value of the 7-day moving average of the daily mean temperature) of 14.8°C was established as the upper threshold criterion for coho salmon and 17.0°C for steelhead trout. The risk assessment approach used by Sullivan et al. (2000) suggests that temperatures exceeding the above thresholds will cause 10% reduction in average growth compared to

optimal conditions.

Guideline Reference: An Analysis of the Effects of Temperature on Salmonids of the Pacific

Northwest with Implications for Selecting Temperature Criteria

Spatial Representation: There were 5 locations on Walker Creek ranging from lower to upper watershed

regions.

Temporal Representation: Continuous deployments with 15 minute increment sampling in Winter 2001 and

Spring 2002.

Environmental Conditions: The Walker Creek watershed has a drainage area of 73 square miles, mostly in

northwestern Marin County, with a small portion in Sonoma County. Significant

tributaries to Walker Creek include Keys Creek (also known as Keyes), which flows through the gentle hills east of Tomales,

joining Walker Creek near Tomales Bay; Chileno Creek, which flows through Chileno Valley; and, in the upper watershed, Salmon Creek and Arroyo Sausal Creek, which flow through Hicks Valley. Frink and Verde Canyons each support ephemeral streams that join Walker Creek

upstream from Chileno Creek. Soulajule Reservoir impounds the 15 square mile drainage of

Arroyo Sausal.

**QAPP** Information:

All samples were collected and analyzed using procedures comparable with the SWAMP Quality Assurance Management Plan (SWRCB 2002).

## **APPENDIX F**

## REVISED 2006 303(d) LISTING DECISIONS

Regional Board 2 - San Francisco Bay Region



# REVISIONS to the 2006 SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION 303(d) LIST OF WATER QUALITY LIMITED SEGMENTS\*

Category 5 criteria: 1) A water segment where standards are not met and a TMDL is required, but not yet completed, for at least one of the pollutants being listed for this segment.

- \* USGS HUC = US Geological Survey Hydrologic Unit Code. Calwater = SWRCB hydrological subunit area or even smaller planning watershed
- \*\* TMDL requirement status definitions for listed pollutants are: A= TMDL still required, B= being addressed by USEPA approved TMDL, C= being addressed by action other than a TMDL
- \*\*\* Dates relate to the TMDL requirement status, so a date for A= TMDL scheduled completion date, B= Date USEPA approved TMDL, and C= Completion date for action other than a TMDL

REGION	N WATER BODY NAME	- WATER	VATERSHED* CALWATER / USGS HUC	•	POLLUTANT  O POTENTIAL SOURCES  Relevant Notes	ESTIMATED AREA ASSESSED	YEAR	TMDL REQUIREMENT STATUS**	DATE***
2	Alameda Creek	River & Stream	20430051 / 18050003	•	<u>Diazinon</u> ○ Urban  Runoff/Storm  Sewers	51 Miles	1998	5B	2007
				•	This listing was made by US moved by USEPA from the 3 completed USEPA approved	803(d) list to this	. ,		
2	Alamitos Creek	River & Stream	20540041 / 18050003	•	Mercury  o Mine Tailings	7.1 Miles	1996	5A	2008
2	Anderson Reservoir	Lake & Reservoir	20530050 / 18050003	•	Mercury  o Source Unknown	1013 Acres	2006	5A	2013
				•	PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls)  Source Unknown	1013 Acres	2006	5A	2019
2	Aquatic Park Beach	Coastal & Bay Shoreline	20340010 / 18050002	•	Indicator Bacteria  ○ Source Unknown	<b>0.18</b> Miles	2006	5A	2019

REGION	N WATER BODY NAME	WATER CALW	CRSHED* VATER / S HUC	o Relevar	UTANT POTENTIAL SOURCES t Notes ing was made by US	ESTIMATEI AREA ASSESSED SEPA for 2006.	YEAR I	TMDL REQUIREMENT STATUS**	DATE***
2	Arroyo Mocho		0080 / 50004		on Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers 16, diazinon was moved list because of a c				<b>2007</b>
2	Bon Tempe Reservoir		3020 / 50005	Mercui 0	r <u>y</u> Source Unknown	120 Acres	2006	5A	2013
2	Butano Creek		.0031 / .050006	0	ntation/Siltation Nonpoint Source nent to steelhead hab	3.6 Miles	1998	5A	2013
2	Calero Reservoir		• 00031 / 050003	Mercur o	Y Mine Tailings Surface Mining	334 Acres	1988	5A	2008
2	Candlestick Point		0011 / 50004	o This list	or Bacteria Source Unknown ing was made by US tick Point at Jackra	v			v
2	Carquinez Strait	H'ctropy	0020 / 50001	Chlord ○	ane Nonpoint Source	5657 Acres	2002	5A	2013

REGION	WATER BODY NAME	WATER WATERSHED* CALWATER / USGS HUC	0	UTANT POTENTIAL SOURCES at Notes	ESTIMATED AREA ASSESSED	YEAR	TMDL REQUIREMENT STATUS**	Γ DATE***
				ting was made by US	SEPA.			
			• DDT	S ,				
			0	Nonpoint Source	5657 Acres	2002	5 <b>A</b>	2013
			• <u>Dieldri</u>	i <u>n</u>				
			0	Nonpoint Source	5657 Acres	1998	5 <b>A</b>	2013
				ting was made by US	SEPA.			
				compounds				
			(includ	Atmospheric Deposition	5657 Acres	1998	5A	2019
			1,2,3,6,	ecific compounds are 7,8-HxCDD, 1,2,3,7 was made by USEPA	,8,9-HxCDD, 1,2			
			• Exotic	Species				
			0	<b>Ballast Water</b>	5657 Acres	1998	5 <b>A</b>	2019
				t natural benthos; ch vility to native species		vailability	y in food chain; dis	srupt food
			• <u>Furan</u>	Compounds				
			0	Atmospheric Deposition	5657 Acres	1998	5A	2019
			1,2,3,4,	ecific compounds are 7,8-HxCDF, 1,2,3,6, 6,7,8-HpCDF, 1,2,3, 1.	7,8,-HxCDF, 1,	2,3,7,8,9-	HxCDF, 2,3,4,6,7	,8-HxCDF,
			• Mercu	<u>ry</u>				
			0	Atmospheric Deposition				
			0	Industrial Point				
				Sources	5657 Acres	1996	5B	2008
			0	Municipal Point Sources	JUDI TICIES	1//0	SD	2000

Natural SourcesNonpoint Source

REGION	WATER BODY NAME		WATERSHED* CALWATER / USGS HUC	•	0	UTANT POTENTIAL SOURCES nt Notes	ESTIMATED AREA ASSESSED	YEAR 1	TMDL REQUIREMENT STATUS**	Γ DATE***
				•	Curren Major s signific modera PCBs ( biphen This lis place. PCBs ( biphen The spe 3,3,4,4, PeCB ( 2,3,3,4,4,	Resource Extraction  t data indicate fish conce is historic: go ant ongoing source ite to low level input to	old mining sedim is erosion and dr s from point sour 5657 Acres in-like PCBs. Into 5657 Acres apounds are 3,4,4,4,4,4-HxCB (16 B (118), 2,3,4,4,5,5,-HxCB (18), 4,4,5,5,-HxCB (18)	ents and leainage from the alianage from the ali	5A  5A  th advisory for fish  5A  (1,4-PeCB (105), 2, 23), 2,3,3,4,4,5-H, 23,4,4,5,5-HpCB (105)	2008  h is in  2008  77), 3,4,4,5- xCB (156),
				•	Affected in nesti program may ha	Sources  d use is one branch of the diving birds, sign in place) and agrifuse made food chain ption advisory in eff	nificant contribut culture (carried o more susceptible	ions from downstrea to accum	oil refineries (con m by rivers); exot ulation of seleniur	trol ic species
2 F	Central Basin, San Francisco (part of SF Bay, Lower)	Bay & Harbor	20440010 / 18050004	•	Chlord  O  This lis	ane Nonpoint Source ting was made by U.	<b>40 Acres</b> SEPA.	1998	5A	2013

REGION	WATER BODY NAME	WATER WATERSHED* TYPE CALWATER / USGS HUC	•		UTANT POTENTIAL SOURCES nt Notes	ESTIMATEI AREA ASSESSED	YEAR	TMDL REQUIREMEN' STATUS**	Γ DATE***
			•		Nonpoint Source ting was made by US	<b>40 Acres</b> EPA.	1998	5A	2013
			•		Nonpoint Source ting was made by US	40 Acres	1998	5A	2013
			•	(includ	compounds ling 2,3,7,8-TCDD) Atmospheric Deposition	40 Acres	1998	5A	2019
			•	1,2,3,6,	ecific compounds are 7,8-HxCDD, 1,2,3,7, was made by USEPA.	8,9-HxCDD, 1,			
			•	Exotic O	<u>Species</u> Ballast Water	40 Acres	2006	5A	2019
			•	Disrup	t natural benthos; che wility to native species	ange pollutant d			
			•		Compounds Atmospheric Deposition	40 Acres	1998	5A	2019
			•	1,2,3,4,	ecific compounds are 7,8-HxCDF, 1,2,3,6, 6,7,8-HpCDF, 1,2,3,	7,8-HxCDF, 1,2	2, <i>3</i> , <i>7</i> , <i>8</i> , <i>9</i> - <i>H</i>	HxCDF, 2,3,4,6,7,	8-HxCDF,
			•	Mercu	<u>ry</u>				
				0 0	Atmospheric Deposition Industrial Point Sources Minor Industrial Point Source Municipal Point	40 Acres	1992	5B	2008

Sources

REGION	WATER BODY NAME	WATER WATERSHED* TYPE CALWATER / USGS HUC	•	0	UTANT POTENTIAL SOURCES nt Notes	ESTIMATEI AREA ASSESSED	YEAR R	TMDL EQUIREMEN STATUS**	T DATE***
				0 0 0	Natural Sources Nonpoint Source Resource Extraction				
			•	health o bass an mining,	t data indicate fish co consumption advisor ed shark. Major sour most significant on moderate to low leve	y in effect for m ce is historic: go going source is o	ultiple fish s old mining s erosion and	species including ediments and lo drainage from a	g striped ocal mercury
			•	Mercu:	ry (sediment) Point Source Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	40 Acres	2006	5B	2008
			•		(Polycyclic Aromaticarbons) (sediment) Point Source Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers		2006	5A	2019
			•	PCBs (biphen	Polychlorinated	40 Acres	1998	5A	2008
			•		ting covers non diox Polychlorinated	in-like PCBs. In	terim health	n advisory for fis	sh in place.

biphenyls) (dioxin-like)

o Unknown

**Nonpoint Source** 

The specific dioxin like compounds are 3,4,4,5-TCB (81), 3,3,3,3-TCB (77), 3,3,4,4,5-PeCB (126), 3,3,4,4,4-HxCB (169), 2,3,3,4,4-PeCB (105), 2,3,4,4,5-PeCB (114), 2,3,4,4,5-PeCB (118), 2,3,4,4,5-PeCB (123), 2,3,3,4,4,5-HxCB (156), 2,3,3,4,4,5-HxCB (157), 2,3,4,4,5,5-HxCB (167), 2,3,3,4,4,5-HyCB (189). This listing was made by USEPA.

40 Acres

1998

5A

2008

REGION	WATER BODY NAME	WATER TYPE	WATERSHED* CALWATER / USGS HUC	•	POLLUTANT  O POTENTIAL SOURCES Relevant Notes  STIMATED FIRST TMDL AREA YEAR REQUIREMENT DAT ASSESSED LISTED STATUS**	ſE***
				•	Selenium      Exotic Species     Industrial Point	cies
2	China Camp Beach	Coastal & Bay Shoreline	20610010 / 18050002	•	Indicator Bacteria  Source Unknown 0.08 Miles 2006 5A 20  This listing was made by USEPA for 2006.	)19
Z	Coyote Creek (Santa Clara Co.)	River & Stream	20530021 / 18050003	•	Diazinon  O Urban Runoff/Storm 55 Miles 1998 5B 20 Sewers  This listing was made by USEPA for the 1998 303(d) list. For 2006, diazinon of moved by USEPA from the 303(d) list to this being addressed list because of a completed USEPA approved TMDL.	
2	Crissy Field Beach	Coastal & Bay Shoreline	20340010 / 18050002	•	Indicator Bacteria  Source Unknown 0.8 Miles 2006 5A 20  This listing was made by USEPA for 2006. This listing includes the east and wareas of Crissy Field.	<b>019</b> west
2	Del Valle Reservoir	Lake &	20430024 /	•	Mercury  o Source Unknown 1022 Acres 2006 5A 20	013

REGION	N WATER BODY NAME		VATERSHED* CALWATER / USGS HUC 18050004	•	POLLUTANT  O POTENTIAL SOURCES  Relevant Notes  PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls) O Source Unknown	ESTIMATED AREA ASSESSED 1022 Acres	YEAR	TMDL REQUIREMENT STATUS**	DATE*** 2019
2	Golden Hinde Beach	Coastal & Bay Shoreline	20114033 / 18050005		Indicator Bacteria  Source Unknown  This listing was made by USE	<b>0.11 Miles</b> <i>EPA for 2006.</i>	2006	5A	2019
2	Guadalupe Creek	River & Stream	20540050 / 18050003	•	Mercury  O Mine Tailings	8.1 Miles	1988	5A	2008
2	Guadalupe Reservoir	Lake & Reservoir	20540040 / 18050003	•	Mercury  o Mine Tailings o Surface Mining	63 Acres	1988	5A	2008
2	Guadalupe River	River & Stream	20540050 / 18050003	•	Diazinon  O Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers  This listing was made by USE moved by USEPA from the 30 completed USEPA approved 2	3(d) list to this			
				•	Mercury  o Mine Tailings	18 Miles	1988	5A	2008
2	Islais Creek	Estuary	20440010 / 18050004	• ,	Ammonia	46 Acres	2002	5A	2019

REGION	WATER BODY NAME	WATER TYPE	WATERSHED* CALWATER / USGS HUC	•			ESTIMATED AREA ASSESSED	YEAR F	TMDL REQUIREMENT STATUS**	DATE***
						Sources				
				•	<b>Chlord</b>	ane (sediment)				
					0	Combined Sewer				
						Overflow	46 Acres	2002	5A	2019
					0	Industrial Point Sources				
				•	Dieldri	n (sediment)				
					0	Combined Sewer				
						Overflow	46 Acres	2002	5A	2019
					0	<b>Industrial Point</b>	40 Acres	2002	JA	2017
						Sources				
				•		gen Sulfide				
					0	Combined Sewer Overflow				
					0	Industrial Point	46 Acres	2002	5A	2019
					O	Sources				
				•	PAHs (	Polycyclic Aromatic	c			
						carbons) (sediment)				
					0	<b>Combined Sewer</b>		••••		•010
						Overflow	46 Acres	2002	5A	2019
					0	Industrial Point Sources				
				•	Sodimo	ent Toxicity				
				•	Seame	Source Unknown	46 Acres	2006	5A	2019
					0	Source Chanown	10 110105	2000		
					3.6					
2 I	Lafayette Reservoir	Lake &	20732010 /	•	Mercu	<u>ry</u> Source Unknown	114 Acres	2006	5A	2013
<i>4</i> 1.	Zalayette Nesel voll	Reservoir	18050001		0		114 Acres	2000	JA	2013
				•		<b>Polychlorinated</b>				
					<u>biphen</u>		114 Acres	2006	5A	2019
					0	Source Unknown				

**Nutrients** River & 20113020 /

REGION	N WATER BODY NAME	AAA A HEELD	WATERSHED* CALWATER / USGS HUC	•	POLLU  o  Relevan	POTENTIAL SOURCES	ESTIMATED AREA ASSESSED	YEAR F	TMDL REQUIREMENT STATUS**	DATE***
2	Lagunitas Creek	Stream	18050005		0	Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	17 Miles	1996	5A	2013
				•		ry to Tomales Bay. ment effort. Additio			1 0	watershed
				•	Pathogo					
					0	Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	17 Miles	1992	5B	2007
				•	Sedime	ntation/Siltation				
					0	Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	17 Miles	1996	5A	2013
				•		ry to Tomales Bay. ment effort. Additio			1 0	watershed
2	Lake Chahat (Alamada Ca)	Lake &	20420030 /	•	Chlorda		212 A amag	2006	5.4	2010
2	Lake Chabot (Alameda Co)	Reservoir	18050004		0	Source Unknown	312 Acres	2006	5A	2019
				•	DDT o	Source Unknown	312 Acres	2006	5A	2019
				•	Dieldri					
					0	Source Unknown	312 Acres	2006	5A	2019
				•	Mercur O	<u>y</u> Source Unknown	312 Acres	2006	5A	2013
				•	_	Polychlorinated	1 012 110100	_000		_010
					bipheny o	<u>vls)</u> Source Unknown	312 Acres	2006	5A	2019
		Lake &	20721030 /	•	Mercur	-				
2	Lake Herman	Reservoir			0	<b>Surface Mining</b>	108 Acres	1992	5A	2013
				•	Addition	nal monitoring and	assessment neede	ed. Problei	n due to historical	l mining.

REGION	WATER BODY NAME		WATERSHED* CALWATER / USGS HUC	•	POLLUTANT  O POTENTIAL SOURCES  Relevant Notes	ESTIMATED AREA ASSESSED	YEAR R	TMDL REQUIREMENT STATUS**	DATE***
2	Lake Merced	Lake & Reservoir	20210010 / 18050006	•	Low Dissolved Oxygen  o Source Unknown  This listing was made by US  pH  o Source Unknown  This listing was made by US	299 Acres	2002 2002	5A 5A	2019
2	Lake Merritt	Lake & Reservoir	20420040 / 18050004	•	Organic Enrichment/Low Dissolved Oxygen  Source Unknown This listing was made by US Trash  Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	142 Acres SEPA. 142 Acres	2002 1998	5A 5A	2019
2	Lawsons Landing	Coastal & Bay Shoreline	20112030 / 18050005	•	Indicator Bacteria  Source Unknown  This listing was made by US	<b>3.2 Miles</b> SEPA for 2006.	2006	5A	2019
	Marina Lagoon (San Mateo County)	Estuary	20440040 / 18050004	•	Coliform Bacteria  Nonpoint Source  Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	169 Acres	2002	5A	2019
2	Matadero Creek	River & Stream	20550040 / 18050003	•	<u>Diazinon</u> ○ Urban  Runoff/Storm	7.3 Miles	1998	5B	2007

REGION	N WATER BODY NAME		WATERSHED* CALWATER / USGS HUC	•	POLLUTANT  O POTENTIAL SOURCES  Relevant Notes Sewers  This listing was made by US moved by USEPA from the 3 completed USEPA approved	303(d) list to this	YEAR LISTED	list. For 2006, dia	zinon was
2	McNears Beach	Coastal & Bay Shoreline	20610010 / 18050002	•	Indicator Bacteria  Source Unknown  This listing was made by US	<b>0.18 Miles</b> SEPA for 2006.	2006	5A	2019
2	Millerton Point	Coastal & Bay Shoreline	20112032 / 18050005	•	Indicator Bacteria  Source Unknown  This listing was made by US	<b>0.25 Miles</b> SEPA for 2006.	2006	5A	2019
2	Mission Creek	Estuary	20440010 / 18050004	•	Ammonia	8.5 Acres	2002	5A 5A	2019
				•	Sources  Dieldrin (sediment)  Combined Sewer Overflow  Industrial Point Sources  Hydrogen Sulfide  Combined Sewer	8.5 Acres	2002	5A 5A	2013 2019

REGION	WATER BODY NAME	WATER WATERSHED*	•		<u>UTANT</u> POTENTIAL	ESTIMATED AREA		TMDL REQUIREMENT	Г <b>D</b> ATE***
ALGION	-WATER BODIENAME	TYPE USGS HUC	•	Relevar	SOURCES	ASSESSED			
			•	0	Overflow Industrial Point Sources sediment)				
					Combined Sewer Overflow Industrial Point Sources	8.5 Acres	2002	5A	2019
			•	0	ry (sediment) Combined Sewer Overflow Industrial Point Sources	8.5 Acres	2006	5A	2019
			•	Hydrod	(Polycyclic Aromatic carbons) Combined Sewer Overflow Industrial Point Sources	8.5 Acres	2002	5A	2019
			•	biphen	Polychlorinated yls) (sediment) Combined Sewer Overflow Industrial Point Sources	8.5 Acres	2002	5A	2008
			•		(sediment) Combined Sewer Overflow Industrial Point Sources	8.5 Acres	2002	5A	2019
			•	0	ediment) Combined Sewer Overflow Industrial Point	8.5 Acres	2002	5A	2019

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2	Mt. Diablo Creek	River & Stream	20731040 / 18050001	•	moved b	On Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers Fing was made by US. By USEPA from the 3 Bed USEPA approved	03(d) list to this			
2	Napa River	River & Stream	20650010 / 18050002	•	Nutrier  o  Pathogo	Agriculture ens Urban	65 Miles	1988 1988	5A 5B	2010
				•	Addition	Runoff/Storm Sewers will be developed as pal monitoring and antation/Siltation	part of ongoing ssessment needd	watershea		
					0	Construction/Land Development Land Developmen Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers		1990	5A	2008
				•		will be developed as p nal monitoring and a			l management effo	rt.
2	Nicasio Reservoir	Lake & Reservoir	20113012 / 18050005	•	Mercur O	<u>y</u> Source Unknown	829 Acres	1998	5A	2013

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2	Oakland Inner Harbor (Fruitvale Site, part of SF Bay, Lower)	Bay & Harbor	20420040 / 18050004		0	Nonpoint Source	0.93 Acres	1998	5A	2013
				•	This list	ting was made by US	EPA.			
				•	Chlord	ane (sediment)				
					0	Source Unknown	0.93 Acres	1998	5A	2013
				•	<u>DDT</u>					
					0	Nonpoint Source	0.93 Acres	1998	5A	2013
				•	This list	ting was made by US	EPA.			
				•	<u>Dieldri</u>	_				
					0	Nonpoint Source	0.93 Acres	1998	5A	2013
				•		ting was made by US	SEPA.			
				•		compounds ing 2,3,7,8-TCDD)				
					0	Atmospheric Deposition	0.93 Acres	1998	5A	2019
				•	1,2,3,6,	cific compounds are 7,8-HxCDD, 1,2,3,7, vas made by USEPA	8,9-HxCDD, 1,			
				•	<b>Exotic</b> 3	Species .				
					0	Ballast Water	0.93 Acres	2006	5A	2019
				•	Disrupt	natural benthos; ch	ange pollutant a	vailability	y in food chain; dis	rupt food
						ility to native species	7.			
				•		<u>Compounds</u>				
					0	Atmospheric Deposition	0.93 Acres	1998	5A	2019
				•	1,2,3,4,	cific compounds are 7,8-HxCDF, 1,2,3,6, 6,7,8-HpCDF, 1,2,3,	7,8-HxCDF, 1,2	2,3,7,8,9- <i>H</i>	<i>AxCDF</i> , 2,3,4,6,7,8	<i>B-HxCDF</i> ,
				•	Mercur	<u> Y</u>				
					0	Atmospheric Deposition	0.93 Acres	1992	5B	2008

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			•	<ul> <li>Industrial Point         Sources</li> <li>Municipal Point         Sources</li> <li>Natural Sources</li> <li>Nonpoint Source</li> <li>Resource         Extraction</li> <li>Current data indicate fish conhealth consumption advisory bass and shark. Major source</li> </ul>	in effect for mi e is historic: go	ıltiple fish sp ld mining se	pecies including diments and lo	g striped cal mercury
			•	mining; most significant ongomines; moderate to low level  PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls)  Unknown  Nonpoint Source			drainage from a	abandoned 2008
			•	This listing covers non dioxin uncertainty regarding water (PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls) (dioxin-like)  O Unknown Nonpoint Source				2008
			•	The specific dioxin like comp 3,3,4,4,5-PeCB (126), 3,3,4,4 PeCB (114), 2,3,4,4,5-PeCB 2,3,3,4,4,5-HxCB (157), 2,3,4 listing was made by USEPA.	4,4,4-HxCB (16 (118), 2,3,4,4,5	(9), 2,3,3,4,4 5-PeCB (123	-PeCB (105), 2 ), 2,3,3,4,4,5-H	,3,4,4,5- IxCB (156),

• POLLUTANT

• This listing covers non dioxin-like PCBs. Interim health advisory for fish; uncertainty regarding water column concentration data.

0.93 Acres

1998

**5A** 

• Sediment Toxicity

• <u>PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls) (sediment)</u>

o Source Unknown

2008

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				o Source Unknown	0.93 Acres	1998	5A	2019
			•	<ul> <li>Selenium</li> <li>Exotic Species</li> <li>Industrial Point Sources</li> <li>Natural Sources</li> </ul>	0.93 Acres	1990	5A	2019
			•	Affected use is one branch of in nesting diving birds, sign program in place) and agric may have made food chain reconsumption advisory in effects.	ificant contribut culture (carried nore susceptible	tions fron downstre to accur	n oil refineries (cont cam by rivers); exott nulation of seleniun	trol ic species
2	Oakland Inner Harbor (Pacific Dry-dock Yard 1 Site, part of SF Bay, Lower)	Bay & 20420040 / Harbor 18050004	•	Chlordane  ○ Nonpoint Source	1.8 Acres	1998	5A	2013
			•	This listing was made by US	SEPA.			
			•	<u>Chlordane (sediment)</u> ○ Source Unknown	1.8 Acres	1998	5A	2013
			•	Copper (sediment)  o Source Unknown	1.8 Acres	1992	5A	2019
			•	DDT  ○ Nonpoint Source  This listing was made by US	1.8 Acres	1998	5A	2013
			•	Dieldrin  O Nonpoint Source  This listing was made by US	1.8 Acres	1998	5A	2013
			•	Dieldrin (sediment)  ○ Source Unknown	1.8 Acres	1998	5A	2013
			•	Dioxin compounds (including 2,3,7,8-TCDD)       Atmospheric Deposition	1.8 Acres	1998	5A	2019

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REGION	WATER BODY NAME	TYPE CALWATER / USGS HUC	•	Releva	SOURCES nt Notes	AREA ASSESSED		EQUIREMEN' STATUS**	DATE***
			•	1,2,3,6,	ecific compounds are ,7,8-HxCDD, 1,2,3,7, was made by USEPA	8,9-HxCDD, 1,2			
			•	Exotic o	Species Ballast Water	1.8 Acres	2006	5A	2019
			•		t natural benthos; cho pility to native species	0 1	vailability	in food chain; di	srupt food
			•	Furan o	Compounds Atmospheric Deposition	1.8 Acres	1998	5A	2019
			•	1,2,3,4,	ecific compounds are ,7,8-HxCDF, 1,2,3,6, ,6,7,8-HpCDF, 1,2,3,	7,8-HxCDF, 1,2	2,3,7,8,9-Hx	cCDF, 2,3,4,6,7,8	8-HxCDF,
			•	Lead (	sediment)				
				0	Source Unknown	1.8 Acres	1992	5 <b>A</b>	2019
			•	Mercu	<u>ry</u>				
				0	Atmospheric Denosition				
				0	Deposition Industrial Point				
				J	Sources				
				0	Municipal Point Sources	1.8 Acres	1992	5B	2008

- Current data indicate fish consumption and wildlife consumption impacted uses: health consumption advisory in effect for multiple fish species including striped bass and shark. Major source is historic: gold mining sediments and local mercury mining; most significant ongoing source is erosion and drainage from abandoned mines; moderate to low level inputs from point sources.
- Mercury (sediment)

**Natural Sources Nonpoint Source** 

Resource **Extraction** 

5B 1.8 Acres 2006 2008 o Source Unknown

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			•	Hydro o	(Polycyclic Aromatic carbons) (sediment) Source Unknown (Polychlorinated lyls)	1.8 Acres	2006	5A	2019
				0	Unknown Nonpoint Source	1.8 Acres	1998	5A	2008
			•		sting covers non dioxination dioxination in the state of				;
			•	bipher	(Polychlorinated lyls) (dioxin-like) Unknown Nonpoint Source	1.8 Acres	1998	5A	2008
			•	3,3,4,4 PeCB ( 2,3,3,4	ecific dioxin like comp ,5-PeCB (126), 3,3,4,4 (114), 2,3,4,4,5-PeCB ,4,5-HxCB (157), 2,3,was made by USEPA.	4,4,4-HxCB (16 (118), 2,3,4,4,5	9), 2,3,3, 5-PeCB (	4,4-PeCB (105), 2,3 123), 2,3,3,4,4,5-Hx	3,4,4,5- CB (156),
			•		(Polychlorinated tyls) (sediment) Source Unknown	1.8 Acres	1998	5A	2008
			•	Selenii 0	um Exotic Species				
				0	Industrial Point Sources	1.8 Acres	1990	5A	2019
			•	in nest progra may ha	Natural Sources d use is one branch of ing diving birds, signi, m in place) and agricu ve made food chain m ption advisory in effe	ficant contribut ulture (carried d aore susceptible	ions from downstred to accun	oil refineries (cont am by rivers); exoti nulation of selenium	rol c species
			•	Zinc (s	sediment) Source Unknown	1.8 Acres	1992	5A	2019

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2	Pacific Ocean at Baker Beach	Coastal & Bay Shoreline	20340010 / 18050002	•	Indicator Bacteria  o Source Unknown	0.45 Miles	2006	5A	2019
				•	This listing was made by US Beach at Lobos Creek, Hors	v		g includes the area	of Baker
2	Pacific Ocean at Bolinas Beach	Coastal & Bay Shoreline	20130011 / 18050005	•	Indicator Bacteria  o Source Unknown	0.39 Miles	2006	5A	2019
				•	This listing was made by US	SEPA for 2006.			
2	Pacific Ocean at Fitzgerald Marine Reserve	Coastal & Bay Shoreline	20221012 / 18050006	•	Coliform Bacteria  o Nonpoint Source	0.46 Miles	2002	5A	2019
2	Pacific Ocean at Muir Beach	Coastal h & Bay Shoreline	20130013 / 18050005	•	Indicator Bacteria  o Source Unknown	0.2 Miles	2006	5A	2013
				•	This listing was made by US	SEPA for 2006.			
2	Pacific Ocean at Pacifica State/Linda Mar Beach	Coastal & Bay Shoreline	20221011 / 18050006	•	Coliform Bacteria	0.87 Miles	2002	5A	2010
				•	Linda Mar and San Pedro b	eaches are the a	ıreas affe	cted.	
2	Pacific Ocean at Pillar Poin	t Coastal & Bay	20221012 / 18050006	•	Mercury  o Source Unknown	0.62 Miles	2006	5A	2019

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• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Pacific Ocean at Pillar Point Beach	Coastal & Bay Shoreline	20221012 / 18050006	•		n Bacteria Nonpoint Source	1.1 Miles	2002	5A	2019
/.	Pacific Ocean at Rockaway Beach	Coastal & Bay Shoreline	20221011 / 18050006	•	Coliforn  o	n Bacteria Nonpoint Source Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	<b>0.29 Miles</b>	2002	5A	2010
.,	Pacific Ocean at Venice Beach	Coastal & Bay Shoreline	20222011 / 18050006	•	Coliforn	<u>n Bacteria</u> Nonpoint Source	0.38 Miles	2002	5A	2019
2	Permanente Creek	River & Stream	20550021 / 18050003	•		urban Runoff/Storm Sewers ng was made by US y USEPA from the 3				
2	Pescadero Creek	River & Stream	20240013 / 18050006	•	Sedimer  o  If Califor Service j	ntation/Siltation Nonpoint Source rnia Department of ind that for this wan pard supports remo	<b>26 Miles</b> Fish and Game ter body fish pop	ulations d	are not impacted, ti	he State

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2	Petaluma River	River & Stream	20630020 / 18050002		0	Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	22 Miles	2002	5A	2019
				•	Data se	ource: Abelli-Amen, I	Petaluma Tree F	Planters,	1999.	
				•	Nutrie	<u>nts</u>				
					0	Construction/Lan Development				
					0	Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	22 Miles	1998	5A	2019
				•		will be developed as nal monitoring and a			ed management effo	rt.
				•	Pathog	ens				
					0	Construction/Lan Development	d			
				0	Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	22 Miles	1998	5A	2019	
				•	Sedime	entation/Siltation				
					0	Construction/Lan	d			
						Development	22 Miles	1998	5A	2019
					0	Urban Runoff/Storm	22 Miles	1998	3A	2019
						Sewers				
				•	Diazino					
2	Petaluma River (tidal portion)	River & Stream	20630040 / 18050002		0	Urban Runoff/Storm	1.1 Miles	2002	5A	2019
	r ···········	ou cum	1000000			Sewers				
				•	<u>Nickel</u>					
					0	Atmospheric Deposition				
				0	Municipal Point	1.1 Miles	2002	5A	2019	
					3	Sources				

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				0	Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers				
			•	total ci	lance of California To riteria; elevated water				xic Rule
			•	Nutrie	ents Construction/Land Development Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	d 1.1 Miles	2002	5A	2019
			•		will be developed as ponal monitoring and a			management effo	rt.
			•	Pathog  o	gens Construction/Land Development Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	d 1.1 Miles	2002	5 <b>A</b>	2019
			•		will be developed as ponal monitoring and a			management effo	rt.
2 P	Pomponio Creek		240020 / 8050006	Colifor	rm Bacteria Nonpoint Source	7.1 Miles	2002	5A	2019
2 F	Richardson Bay	v	312010 / 8050002	0	Nonpoint Source	2439 Acres	1998	5A	2013
			•		rm Bacteria Boat Discharges/Vessel Wastes		1996	5A	2008

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				0	Septage Disposal Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers				
			•		Nonpoint Source ting was made by US	2439 Acres	1998	5A	2013
			•	<u>Dieldri</u> ○	Unknown Nonpoint Source	2439 Acres	1998	5A	2013
			•	<u>Dioxin</u> (includ	ting was made by US compounds ling 2,3,7,8-TCDD) Atmospheric Deposition	ZEPA.  2439 Acres	1998	5A	2019
			•	1,2,3,6,	ecific compounds are 7,8-HxCDD, 1,2,3,7, was made by USEPA	8,9-HxCDD, 1,2			
			•		Species -	2420.4	2007	<b>5</b> 1	2010
			•		Ballast Water t natural benthos; cha cility to native species		<b>2006</b> vailabilit	<b>5A</b> y in food chain; dis	<b>2019</b> srupt food
			•	Furan	Compounds Atmospheric Deposition	<b>2439 Acres</b>	1998	5A	2019
			•	1,2,3,4,	ecific compounds are 7,8-HxCDF, 1,2,3,6, 6,7,8-HpCDF, 1,2,3,	7,8,-HxCDF, 1,	2,3,7,8,9	-HxCDF, 2,3,4,6,7,	,8-HxCDF,
			•	Mercu o		2439 Acres	1992	5B	2008

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			•	health bass ar mining	Sources Natural Sources Nonpoint Source Resource Extraction Int data indicate fish consumption advisor and shark. Major sources; most significant ongo moderate to low leve	y in effect for mi ce is historic: go going source is e	ıltiple fish ld mining rosion an	species including sediments and loc d drainage from a	striped al mercury
			•	PCBs bipher	<del></del>	<b>2439 Acres</b>	1998	5A	2008
			•	<b>PCBs</b>	sting covers non diox. (Polychlorinated nyls) (dioxin-like) Unknown Nonpoint Source	in-like PCBs. Int  2439 Acres	terim heal 1998	th advisory for fish 5A	2008
			•	3,3,4,4 PeCB 2,3,3,4	pecific dioxin like com 1,5-PeCB (126), 3,3,4, (114), 2,3,4,4,5-PeCE 1,4,5-HxCB (157), 2,3 was made by USEPA	,4,4,4-HxCB (16 B (118), 2,3,4,4,5 E,4,4,5,5,-HxCB (	9), 2,3,3,4 5-PeCB (1	1,4-PeCB (105), 2,. 23), 2,3,3,4,4,5-H	3,4,4,5- xCB (156),
/.	Sacramento San Joaquin Delta	Estuary 20710010 / 18050001	•	Chlore	Nonpoint Source	41736 Acres	1998	5A	2013
			•	DDT  o  This li.	Nonpoint Source sting was made by US	41736 Acres	1998	5A	2013
			•	Dieldr	n				

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- <u>POLLUTANT</u>
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- Relevant Notes
- This listing was made by USEPA.
- <u>Dioxin compounds</u> (including 2,3,7,8-TCDD)
  - o Atmospheric 41736 Acres 1998 5A 2019 Deposition
- The specific compounds are 2,3,7,8-TCDD, 1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD, 1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDD, 1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD, 1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD, 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD, and OCDD. This listing was made by USEPA.
- Exotic Species
  - o Ballast Water 41736 Acres 1998 5A 2019
- Disrupt natural benthos; change pollutant availability in food chain; disrupt food availability to native species.
- Furan Compounds
  - O Atmospheric 41736 Acres 1998 5A 2019 Deposition
- The specific compounds are 2,3,7,8-TCDF, 1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF, 2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF, 1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF, 1,2,3,6, 7,8,-HxCDF, 1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF, 2,3,4,6,7,8-HxCDF, 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF, 1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HpCDF, and OCDF. This listing was made by USEPA.
- Mercury
  - O Atmospheric Deposition
  - Industrial Point Sources
  - o Municipal Point 41736 Acres 1998 5B 2008 Sources
  - Nonpoint Source
  - Resource Extraction
- Current data indicate fish consumption and wildlife consumption impacted uses.
   Major source is historic: gold mining sediments and local mercury mining; most
   significant ongoing source is erosion and drainage from abandoned mines;
   moderate to low level inputs from point sources.
- PCBs (Polychlorinated

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				<u>biphenyls)</u> o Unknown Nonpoint Source	41736 Acres	1998	5A	2008
			•	This listing covers non dioxing PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls) (dioxin-like)	in-like PCBs.Inte	erim heal	th advisory for fish	! <b>.</b>
				<ul><li>Unknown</li><li>Nonpoint Source</li></ul>	41736 Acres	1998	<b>5A</b>	2008
			•	The specific dioxin like com 3,3,4,4,5-PeCB (126), 3,3,4, PeCB (114), 2,3,4,4,5-PeCE 2,3,3,4,4,5-HxCB (157), 2,3 listing was made by USEPA	,4,4,4-HxCB (16 3 (118), 2,3,4,4,5 ,4,4,5,5,-HxCB (	9), 2,3,3, 5-PeCB (	4,4-PeCB (105), 2, 123), 2,3,3,4,4,5-H	3,4,4,5- xCB (156),
			•	Selenium  • Exotic Species • Industrial Point				
				Sources	41736 Acres	1998	5A	2010
			•	• Natural Sources  Affected use is one branch of in nesting diving birds, sign program in place) and agric may have made food chain to consumption advisory in effects.	ificant contribut culture (carried c nore susceptible	ions from downstred to accun	oil refineries (con am by rivers); exot nulation of seleniur	trol ic species
2 S	an Francisco Bay, Central	Bay & 20312010 / Harbor 18050004	•	Chlordane  o Nonpoint Source	70992 Acres	1998	5A	2013
			•	This listing was made by US  DDT  Nonpoint Source This listing was made by US  Dieldrin  Nonpoint Source	70992 Acres	1998 1998	5A 5A	2013 2013

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- POLLUTANT
  - o POTENTIAL SOURCES

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- Relevant Notes
- This listing was made by USEPA.
- <u>Dioxin compounds</u> (including 2,3,7,8-TCDD)
  - o Atmospheric 70992 Acres 1998 5A 2019 Deposition
- The specific compounds are 2,3,7,8-TCDD, 1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD, 1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDD, 1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD, 1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD, 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD, and OCDD. This listing was made by USEPA.
- Exotic Species
  - o Ballast Water 70992 Acres 2006 5A 2019
- Disrupt natural benthos; change pollutant availability in food chain; disrupt food availability to native species.
- Furan Compounds
  - O Atmospheric 70992 Acres 1998 5A 2019 Deposition
- The specific compounds are 2,3,7,8-TCDF, 1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF, 2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF, 1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF, 1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF, 1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF, 2,3,4,6,7,8-HxCDF, 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF, 1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HpCDF, and OCDF. This listing was made by USEPA.
- Mercury
  - O Atmospheric Deposition
  - Industrial Point Sources
  - O Municipal Point 70992 Acres 1992 5B 2008
  - Natural Sources
  - O Nonpoint Source
  - o Resource Extraction
- Current data indicate fish consumption and wildlife consumption impacted uses:
   health consumption advisory in effect for multiple fish species including striped
   bass and shark. Major source is historic: gold mining sediments and local mercury
   mining; most significant ongoing source is erosion and drainage from abandoned

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			mines; moderate to low level inputs from point sources.  • PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls)  • Unknown 70992 Acres 1998 5A  Nonpoint Source	2008
			<ul> <li>This listing covers non dioxin-like PCBs. Interim health advisory for fix</li> <li>PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls) (dioxin-like)         <ul> <li>Unknown</li> <li>T0992 Acres</li> <li>1998</li> <li>Nonpoint Source</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	2008
			• The specific dioxin like compounds are 3,4,4,5-TCB (81), 3,3,3,3-TCB 3,3,4,4,5-PeCB (126), 3,3,4,4,4-HxCB (169), 2,3,3,4,4-PeCB (105), 2 PeCB (114), 2,3,4,4,5-PeCB (118), 2,3,4,4,5-PeCB (123), 2,3,3,4,4,5-HxCB (157), 2,3,4,4,5,5-HxCB (167), 2,3,3,4,4,5,5-HpCB (151), 2,3,4,4,5,5-HyCB (151), 2,3,4,4,5,5-HyCB (151), 2,3,4,4,5,5-HyCB (151), 2,3,3,4,4,5,5-HyCB (151), 2,3,3,4,4,5,5-HyCB (151), 2,3,4,4,5,5-HyCB (151), 2,3,4,4,5,5-HyCB (151), 2,3,5,4,4,5,5-HyCB (151), 2,3,5,4,4,5,5,5-HyCB (151), 2,3,5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5,	,3,4,4,5- IxCB (156),
			<ul> <li>Selenium         <ul> <li>Exotic Species</li> <li>Industrial Point Sources</li> <ul> <li>Natural Sources</li> <li>Sources</li> </ul> </ul></li> </ul>	2010
			<ul> <li>Affected use is one branch of the food chain; most sensitive indicator is in nesting diving birds, significant contributions from oil refineries (con program in place) and agriculture (carried downstream by rivers); exo may have made food chain more susceptible to accumulation of seleniu consumption advisory in effect for scaup and scoter (diving ducks).</li> </ul>	ntrol tic species
2 S	San Francisco Bay, Lower	Bay & 20410010 / Harbor 18050004	• <u>Chlordane</u> o Nonpoint Source 92274 Acres 1998 5A	2013
			<ul> <li>This listing was made by USEPA.</li> <li>DDT  <ul> <li>Nonpoint Source</li> <li>92274 Acres</li> <li>1998</li> </ul> </li> <li>This listing was made by USEPA.</li> <li>Dieldrin</li> </ul>	2013

REGION	WATER BODY NAME	WATER WATERSHED* TYPE CALWATER / USGS HUC		0	UTANT POTENTIAL SOURCES at Notes	ESTIMATED AREA ASSESSED	YEAR	TMDL REQUIREMENT STATUS**	C DATE***
			-		Nonpoint Source	92274 Acres	1998	5A	2013
			• <i>T</i>	his list	ting was made by US	SEPA.			
				includ	compounds ing 2,3,7,8-TCDD) Atmospheric Deposition	92274 Acres	1998	5A	2019
			1	,2,3,6,	cific compounds are 7,8-HxCDD, 1,2,3,7, vas made by USEPA	8,9-HxCDD, 1,2			
			• <u>F</u>		Species	92274 Acres	2006	5A	2019
			. r	0	Ballast Water				
				-	natural benthos; ch ility to native species	~ .	vanabun	y in jooa cnain; ais	<i>к</i> гирт Jooa
					Compounds .				
				0	Atmospheric Deposition	92274 Acres	1998	5A	2019
			1 1	,2,3,4,	cific compounds are 7,8-HxCDF, 1,2,3,6, 6,7,8-HpCDF, 1,2,3,	7,8,-HxCDF, 1,	2,3,7,8,9	-HxCDF, 2,3,4,6,7,	8-HxCDF,
			• <u>N</u>	<u> Aercui</u>	<u>ry</u>				
				0	Atmospheric Deposition				
				0	Industrial Point Sources				
				0	Municipal Point Sources	92274 Acres	1992	5B	2008
				0	<b>Natural Sources</b>				
				0	Nonpoint Source				
				0	Resource Extraction				

Current data indicate fish consumption and wildlife consumption impacted uses: health consumption advisory in effect for multiple fish species including striped bass and shark. Major source is historic: gold mining sediments and local mercury

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				mine	ng; most significant on s; moderate to low leve edances. Elevated sedir	el inputs from po	int source	es: water quality ob	
					s (Polychlorinated				
					enyls)  Unknown  Nonpoint Source	92274 Acres	1998	5A	2008
				• This	listing covers non diox	in-like PCBs. In	terim heal	lth advisory for fish	ı in place.
					<u>s (Polychlorinated</u> enyls) (dioxin-like)				
					Unknown Nonpoint Source	92274 Acres	1998	5A	2008
				2,3,3 listin	,4,4,5-HxCB (157), 2,3 g was made by USEPA	8,4,4,5,5,-HxCB	,	(23), 2,3,3,4,4,5-Hz ,3,4,4,5,5-HpCB (1	
2 8	San Francisco Bay, South	·	20510000 / 18050003	2,3,3 listin  • Chlo	,4,4,5-HxCB (157), 2,3	8,4,4,5,5,-HxCB	,		
2 8	San Francisco Bay, South	Bay & Harbor	20510000 / 18050003	2,3,3 listin  • Chlo	,4,4,5-HxCB (157), 2,3 g was made by USEPA rdane	9204 Acres	(167), 2,3	,3,4,4,5,5-HpCB (1	89). This
2 8	San Francisco Bay, South	·		<ul> <li>2,3,3 listin</li> <li>Chlo</li> <li>This</li> <li>DDT</li> </ul>	rdane Nonpoint Source listing was made by USEPA	9204 Acres	1990	,3,4,4,5,5-HpCB (1	2013
2 8	San Francisco Bay, South	·		<ul> <li>2,3,3 listin</li> <li>Chlo</li> <li>This</li> <li>DDT</li> </ul>	rdane Nonpoint Source Nonpoint Source Nonpoint Source	9204 Acres SEPA. 9204 Acres	(167), 2,3	,3,4,4,5,5-HpCB (1	89). This
2 8	San Francisco Bay, South	·		<ul> <li>2,3,3 listin</li> <li>Chlo</li> <li>This</li> <li>DDT</li> </ul>	rdane Nonpoint Source Nonpoint Source Nonpoint Source Nonpoint Source Nonpoint Source	9204 Acres SEPA. 9204 Acres	1990	5A 5A	2013
2 8	San Francisco Bay, South	·		<ul> <li>2,3,3 listin</li> <li>Chlo</li> <li>This</li> <li>DDT</li> <li>This</li> <li>Dielo</li> </ul>	rdane Nonpoint Source listing was made by USEPA  Nonpoint Source Nonpoint Source listing was made by USEPA  Nonpoint Source listing was made by USEPA  Nonpoint Source Nonpoint Source	9204 Acres SEPA. 9204 Acres SEPA. 9204 Acres SEPA.	1990	,3,4,4,5,5-HpCB (1	2013
2 8	San Francisco Bay, South	·		• Chlo  • This • DDT  • This • Dielo • This	rdane Nonpoint Source listing was made by USEPA	9204 Acres SEPA. 9204 Acres SEPA. 9204 Acres SEPA.	1990 1998	5A 5A	2013 2013
2 S	San Francisco Bay, South	·		• Chlo  • This • Dielo  • This • Dielo • This	rdane Nonpoint Source listing was made by USEPA  IT Nonpoint Source listing was made by USEPA  IT Nonpoint Source  It in compounds  It in compounds  It in compounds  It in compounds	9204 Acres SEPA.  9204 Acres SEPA.  9204 Acres SEPA.	1990 1998 1998	5A 5A 5A	2013 2013 2013
2 8	San Francisco Bay, South	·		• Chlo • This • DDT • This • Diele • This • Diox (incli	rdane Nonpoint Source listing was made by USEPA	9204 Acres SEPA. 9204 Acres SEPA. 9204 Acres SEPA.	1990 1998	5A 5A	2013 2013
2 8	San Francisco Bay, South	·		• Chlo • This • Dielo • This • Dielo • This • The se	rdane Nonpoint Source listing was made by USEPA  In Nonpoint Source listing was made by USEPA  In Compounds  In Compounds	9204 Acres SEPA.  9204 Acres SEPA.  9204 Acres SEPA.  9204 Acres SEPA.  9204 Acres	1990 1998 1998 1998	5A  5A  5A  5A  PeCDD, 1,2,3,4,7,	2013 2013 2013 2019 8-HxCDD

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REGION	WATER BODY NAME	TYPE CALWATER/
		USGS HUC

<u>POLLUTANT</u>

- o POTENTIAL SOURCES
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- Relevant Notes

listing was made by USEPA.

- Exotic Species
  - o Ballast Water 9204 Acres 2006 5A 2019
- Disrupt natural benthos; change pollutant availability in food chain; disrupt food availability to native species.
- Furan Compounds
  - O Atmospheric 9204 Acres 1998 5A 2019 Deposition
- The specific compounds are 2,3,7,8-TCDF, 1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF, 2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF, 1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF, 1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF, 1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF, 2,3,4,6,7,8-HxCDF, 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF, 1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HpCDF, and OCDF. This listing was made by USEPA.
- Mercury
  - Atmospheric Deposition
  - Industrial Point Sources
  - Municipal Point 9204 Acres 1992 5B 2008 Sources
  - Natural Sources
  - O Nonpoint Source
  - Resource Extraction
- Current data indicate fish consumption and wildlife consumption impacted uses: health consumption advisory in effect for multiple fish species including striped bass and shark. Major source is historic: gold mining sediments and local mercury mining; most significant ongoing source is erosion and drainage from abandoned mines; moderate to low level inputs from point sources: water quality objective exceedances. Elevated sediment level and elevated tissue levels.
- <u>PCBs (Polychlorinated</u> biphenyls)
  - O Unknown 9204 Acres 1992 5A 2008 Nonpoint Source
- This listing covers non dioxin-like PCBs. Interim health advisory for fish in place.

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				•	PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls) (dioxin-like)  • Unknown  Nonpoint Source  The specific dioxin like co 3,3,4,4,5-PeCB (126), 3,3, PeCB (114), 2,3,4,4,5-PeC 2,3,3,4,4,5-HxCB (157), 2 listing was made by USEF  Selenium  • Domestic Use of Ground Water  A formal health advisory of South San Francisco Bay.  contact recreation beneficenot fully met.	mpounds are 3,4,4 4,4,4,4-HxCB (16 CB (118), 2,3,4,4,5 3,4,4,5,5,-HxCB ( PA.  9204 Acres  has been issued by This health advise	9), 2,3,3,4, -PeCB (12 167), 2,3,5 1998 OEHHA f	4-PeCB (105), 2, 23), 2,3,3,4,4,5-H; 3,4,4,5,5-HpCB (1 5A for benthic-feeding establishes that w	3,4,4,5- xCB (156), (89). This 2019 g ducks in vater
2 S	an Francisquito Creek	River & Stream	20550040 / 18050003	•	Diazinon  O Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers  This listing was made by USEPA from the completed USEPA approved to the completed USEPA approved to the composit Source of the compairment to steelhead here.	e 303(d) list to this red TMDL. e 12 Miles			
2 S	an Gregorio Creek	River & Stream	20230014 / 18050006	•	Coliform Bacteria  Nonpoint Source  Sedimentation/Siltation  Nonpoint Source  Impairment to steelhead h	e 11 Miles	2002 1998	5A 5A	2019

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2	San Leandro Bay (part of SF Bay, Lower)	Bay & Harbor	20420040 / 18050004	•	Chlord	ane Nonpoint Source	588 Acres	1998	5A	2013
				•	<u>Dieldri</u> ○	Nonpoint Source	588 Acres	1998	5A	2013
				•	Dioxin (includ	ting was made by US compounds ing 2,3,7,8-TCDD) Atmospheric	SEPA. 588 Acres	1998	5A	2019
				•	Exotic :	Ballast Water	588 Acres	2006	5A	2019
				•	availab	natural benthos; cha ility to native species <b>Compounds</b>		vailabilit	y in food chain; dis	rupt food
					0	Atmospheric Deposition	588 Acres	1998	5A	2019
				•	1,2,3,4,	ecific compounds are 7,8-HxCDF, 1,2,3,6, 6,7,8-HpCDF, 1,2,3,	7,8-HxCDF, 1,2	,3,7,8,9-1	<i>HxCDF</i> , 2,3,4,6,7,8	-HxCDF,
				•		sediment) Source Unknown	588 Acres	1992	5A	2019
				•	o <u>Mercui</u>		300 Acres	1772	JA	2017
					0	Atmospheric Deposition Industrial Point Sources Municipal Point	588 Acres	1992	5B	2008
					0	Municipal Point Sources Natural Sources				

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				•	health o bass an mining;	Nonpoint Source Resource Extraction  t data indicate fish consumption advisory d shark. Major source most significant ong moderate to low leve	v in effect for mi ce is historic: go coing source is e	ultiple fish old mining erosion an	h species including g sediments and loc nd drainage from a	striped al mercury
				•	PAHs ( Hydrod  Pesticid	ry (sediment) Source Unknown Polycyclic Aromatic earbons) (sediment) Source Unknown des (sediment) Source Unknown ediment) Source Unknown	588 Acres 588 Acres 588 Acres 588 Acres	2006 1998 1998 1992	5B 5A 5A 5A	<ul><li>2008</li><li>2019</li><li>2019</li><li>2019</li></ul>
2 S	an Leandro Creek, Lower	River & Stream	20420012 / 18050004	•	moved l	on Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers ting was made by US by USEPA from the 3	303(d) list to this			
2 S	an Mateo Creek	River & Stream	20440032 / 18050004	•		on Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers ting was made by US by USEPA from the 3	v	. ,		

completed USEPA approved TMDL.

REGION WATER BODY NAME	WATER TYPE	WATERSHED* CALWATER / USGS HUC	•	POLLUTANT  O POTENTIAL SOURCES  Relevant Notes	ESTIMATED AREA ASSESSED	YEAR F	TMDL REQUIREMENT STATUS**	DATE***
2 San Pablo Bay	Bay & Harbor	20610010 / 18050002	•	Chlordane  ○ Nonpoint Source	68349 Acres	1998	5A	2013
			•	This listing was made by U	SEPA in 1998.			
			•	DDT  ○ Nonpoint Source	68349 Acres	1998	5A	2013
			•	This listing was made by U	SEPA.			
			•	<u>Dieldrin</u> ○ Nonpoint Source	68349 Acres	1998	5A	2013
			•	This listing was made by U	SEPA.			
			•	Dioxin compounds (including 2,3,7,8-TCDD)		1000	~ A	2010
				<ul><li>Atmospheric Deposition</li></ul>	68349 Acres	1998	5A	2019
			•	The specific compounds ar 1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD, 1,2,3, listing was made by USEPA	7,8,9-HxCDD, 1,2			
			•	Exotic Species				
				Enour Species				
				o Ballast Water	68349 Acres	2006	5A	2019
			•		hange pollutant a			
			•	o Ballast Water  Disrupt natural benthos; cavailability to native species  Furan Compounds	hange pollutant a			
			•	o Ballast Water  Disrupt natural benthos; cavailability to native species	hange pollutant a			
			•	<ul> <li>Ballast Water</li> <li>Disrupt natural benthos; cavailability to native species</li> <li>Furan Compounds</li> <li>Atmospheric</li> </ul>	hange pollutant a es. <b>68349 Acres</b> e 2,3,7,8-TCDF, 1,5,7,8,-HxCDF, 1,	1998 1,2,3,7,8-F 2,3,7,8,9-I	<b>5A</b> PeCDF, 2,3,4,7,8-1 HxCDF, 2,3,4,6,7,	2019 PeCDF, 8-HxCDF,
			•	o Ballast Water  Disrupt natural benthos; cavailability to native special  Furan Compounds  o Atmospheric Deposition  The specific compounds ar 1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF, 1,2,3,6 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF, 1,2,3,6	hange pollutant a es. <b>68349 Acres</b> e 2,3,7,8-TCDF, 1,5,7,8,-HxCDF, 1,	1998 1,2,3,7,8-F 2,3,7,8,9-I	<b>5A</b> PeCDF, 2,3,4,7,8-1 HxCDF, 2,3,4,6,7,	2019 PeCDF, 8-HxCDF,

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- **POLLUTANT** 
  - o POTENTIAL SOURCES
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  ASSESSED LISTED STATUS\*\*
- Relevant Notes
  - **Sources**
  - Natural Sources
  - Nonpoint Source
  - Resource Extraction
- Current data indicate fish consumption and wildlife consumption impacted uses:
  health consumption advisory in effect for multiple fish species including striped
  bass and shark. Major source is historic: gold mining sediments and local mercury
  mining; most significant ongoing source is erosion and drainage from abandoned
  mines; moderate to low level inputs from point sources.
- <u>PCBs (Polychlorinated</u> biphenyls)
  - Unknown Point 68349 Acres 1998 5A 2008 Source
- This listing covers non dioxin-like PCBs. Interim health advisory for fish in place.
- <u>PCBs (Polychlorinated</u> biphenyls) (dioxin-like)
  - Unknown
     Nonpoint Source
     68349 Acres
     1998
     5A
     2008
- The specific dioxin like compounds are 3,4,4,5-TCB (81), 3,3,3,3-TCB (77), 3,3,4,4,5-PeCB (126), 3,3,4,4,4-HxCB (169), 2,3,3,4,4-PeCB (105), 2,3,4,4,5-PeCB (114), 2,3,4,4,5-PeCB (118), 2,3,4,4,5-PeCB (123), 2,3,3,4,4,5-HxCB (156), 2,3,3,4,4,5-HxCB (157), 2,3,4,4,5,5-HxCB (167), 2,3,3,4,4,5,5-HpCB (189). This listing was made by USEPA.
- Selenium
  - Exotic Species
  - Industrial Point Sources
     68349 Acres 1990
     5A 2010
  - Natural Sources
- Affected use is one branch of the food chain; most sensitive indicator is hatchability in nesting diving birds, significant contributions from oil refineries (control program in place) and agriculture (carried downstream by rivers); exotic species may have made food chain more susceptible to accumulation of selenium; health consumption advisory in effect for scaup and scoter (diving ducks).

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2	San Pablo Creek	River & Stream	20660014 / 18050002	•	Diazinon  O Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers  This listing was made by US moved by USEPA from the 3 completed USEPA approved	303(d) list to this			
2	San Pablo Reservoir	Lake & Reservoir	20660012 / 18050002	•	Chlordane	784 Acres 784 Acres 784 Acres 784 Acres 784 Acres	2006 2006 2006 2002 2006	5A 5A 5A 5A 5A	2019 2019 2019 2013 2019 2019
2	San Pedro Creek	River & Stream	20221011 / 18050006	•	Coliform Bacteria	2.4 Miles	2002	5A	2010
2	San Vicente Creek	River &	20221012 /	•	Coliform Bacteria  o Nonpoint Source	3.8 Miles	2002	5A	2019

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2	Saratoga Creek	River & Stream	20550040 / 18050003	•	Diazinon  O Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers  This listing was made by US moved by USEPA from the 3 completed USEPA approved	03(d) list to this			
2	Shadow Cliffs Reservoir	Lake & Reservoir	20430080 / 18050004	•	Mercury  o Source Unknown  PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls)  o Source Unknown	90 Acres	2006 2006	5A 5A	2013 2019
2	Sonoma Creek	River & Stream	20640050 / 18050002	•	Nutrients		1998	5A	2010
				•	Pathogens		1998	5B	2008
				•	Sedimentation/Siltation	d 30 Miles	1998	5A	2013

REGION	WATER BODY NAME	WATER TYPE	WATERSHED* CALWATER / USGS HUC	•	POLLUTANT  O POTENTIAL SOURCES  Relevant Notes  O Land Development  O Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	ESTIMATED AREA ASSESSED	YEAR R	TMDL EQUIREMENT STATUS**	DATE***
2	Soulajule Reservoir	Lake & Reservoir	20112012 / 18050005	•	Mercury  Source Unknown  PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls)  Source Unknown	49 Acres	2006 2006	5A 5A	2007
2	Stevens Creek	River & Stream	20550020 / 18050003	•	Diazinon  O Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers  This listing was made by USE moved by USEPA from the 30 completed USEPA approved Toxicity  O Source Unknown	3(d) list to this			
2	Stevens Creek Reservoir	Lake & Reservoir	20550031 / 18050003	•	Chlordane  Source Unknown  Dieldrin  Source Unknown  Mercury  Source Unknown  PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls)  Source Unknown	85 Acres 85 Acres 85 Acres	2006 2006 2006 2006	5A 5A 5A	2019 2019 2013 2019

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2 S	Suisun Bay	Bay & 20710020 / Harbor 18050001		This list  DDT  This list  Dieldrin  This list  Dioxin (includi	Nonpoint Source ing was made by US  Nonpoint Source ing was made by US  Nonpoint Source ing was made by US compounds ing 2,3,7,8-TCDD)  Atmospheric Deposition cific compounds are	25335 Acres EPA.  25335 Acres EPA.  25335 Acres 2,3,7,8-TCDD,			
			• ]	listing w Exotic S    O Disrupt	Ballast Water natural benthos; cha	25335 Acres	2006	5A	2019
			•	Furan (	ility to native species  Compounds  Atmospheric  Deposition	25335 Acres	1998	5A	2019
				1,2,3,4,	cific compounds are 7,8-HxCDF, 1,2,3,6, 6,7,8-HpCDF, 1,2,3,	7,8-HxCDF, 1,2	,3,7,8,9-1	<i>HxCDF</i> , 2,3,4,6,7,8	8-HxCDF,
			•	Mercur o	Atmospheric Deposition Industrial Point Sources	25335 Acres	1990	5B	2008

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- **POLLUTANT** 
  - o POTENTIAL SOURCES
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  ASSESSED LISTED STATUS\*\*
- Relevant Notes
  - Natural Sources
  - Nonpoint Source
  - Resource
     Extraction
- Current data indicate fish consumption and wildlife consumption impacted uses. Major source is historic: gold mining sediments and local mercury mining; most significant ongoing source is erosion and drainage from abandoned mines; moderate to low level inputs from point sources.
- PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls)
  - O Unknown Point 25335 Acres 1998 5A 2008 Source
- This listing covers non-dioxin-like PCBs. Interim health advisory for fish in place.
- <u>PCBs (Polychlorinated</u> biphenyls) (dioxin-like)
  - Unknown 25335 Acres 1998 5A 2008
     Nonpoint Source
- The specific dioxin-like compounds are 3,4,4,5-TCB (81), 3,3,3,3-TCB (77), 3,3,4,4,5-PeCB (126), 3,3,4,4,4-HxCB (169), 2,3,3,4,4-PeCB (105), 2,3,4,4,5-PeCB (114), 2,3,4,4,5-PeCB (118), 2,3,4,4,5-PeCB (123), 2,3,3,4,4,5-HxCB (156), 2,3,3,4,4,5-HxCB (157), 2,3,4,4,5,5-HxCB (167), 2,3,3,4,4,5,5-HpCB (189). This listing was made by USEPA.
- <u>Selenium</u>
  - **Exotic Species**
  - o Industrial Point 25335 Acres 1990 5A 2010 Sources
  - Natural Sources
- Affected use is one branch of the food chain; most sensitive indicator is hatchability in nesting diving birds, significant contributions from oil refineries (control program in place) and agriculture (carried downstream by rivers); exotic species may have made food chain more susceptible to accumulation of selenium; health consumption advisory in effect for scaup and scoter (diving ducks).
- Mercury

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2	Suisun Marsh Wetlands	Wetland, Tidal	20723000 / 18050001	•	<ul> <li>Flow         Regulation/Modification         Urban         Runoff/Storm         Sewers</li> <li>Nutrients</li> </ul>	66339 Acres		5A	2013
					<ul> <li>Flow         Regulation/Modification</li> <li>Urban         Runoff/Storm         Sewers</li> </ul>	66339 Acres		5A	2013
				•	Additional monitoring and as  Organic Enrichment/Low  Dissolved Oxygen     Flow  Regulation/Modification  Urban  Runoff/Storm  Sewers		ed. 1996	5A	2013
				•	Additional monitoring and a.  Salinity/TDS/Chlorides  Flow Regulation/Modification  Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers  Additional monitoring and a.	66339 Acres	1996	5A	2013
2	Tomales Bay	Bay &	20114033 /	•	Mercury  O Mine Tailings	8545 Acres	1992	5B	2008

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		Harbor	18050005	hed ba. mil mil	alth co ss and ning;	onsumption advisor l shark. Major sour most significant on noderate to low leve	ry in effect for muce is historic: go going source is e	ltiple fish ld mining rosion an	consumption impact h species including g sediments and loc nd drainage from a es.	striped al mercury
				2.10		Agriculture	8545 Acres	1992	5A	2013
				• TN		C	part of ongoing	watershe	ed management effo	ort.
				• <u>Pa</u>		Intensive Animal Feeding Operations Septage Disposal	8545 Acres	1992	5B	2007
					dimer o	ntation/Siltation Upstream Impoundment	8545 Acres part of ongoing	<b>1992</b> watershe	<b>5A</b> ed management effo	<b>2013</b> ort.
2 V	Walker Creek	River & Stream	20112013 / 18050005	• <u>M</u>	ercur	<u>y</u> Mine Tailings Surface Mining	16 Miles	1992	5A	2007
						Agriculture	16 Miles	1992	5A	2013
						y to Tomales Bay. T nent effort. Additio		-	as part of evolving sment needed.	watershed
				• <u>Pa</u>	thoge 0	e <u>ns</u> Source Unknown	16 Miles	2006	5B	2007
				• <u>Sec</u>		ntation/Siltation Agriculture	16 Miles	1992	5A	2013
					butar	_	TMDLs will be d	eveloped	as part of evolving	

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\*\* "Addressed By" is defined as: B = Being addressed by USEPA approved TMDL and C = Being addressed by action(s) other than a TMDL

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2	Arroyo Corte Madera Del Presidio	River & Stream	20320020 / 18050002	•	Diazinon  O Urban Runoff/Storm 4 Miles 1998 B 2007 Sewers
				•	This listing was made by USEPA for the 1998 303(d) list. For 2006, diazinon was moved by USEPA from the 303(d) list to this being addressed list because of a completed USEPA approved TMDL.
2	Arroyo De La Laguna	River & Stream	20430084 / 18050004	•	Diazinon  O Urban Runoff/Storm 7.4 Miles 1998 B 2007 Sewers
				•	This listing was made by USEPA for the 1998 303(d) list. For 2006, diazinon was moved by USEPA from the 303(d) list to this being addressed list because of a completed USEPA approved TMDL.
2	Arroyo Del Valle	River & Stream	20430023 / 18050004	•	Diazinon       O Urban       Runoff/Storm     31 Miles     1998     B     2007       Sewers
				•	This listing was made by USEPA for the 1998 303(d) list. For 2006, diazinon

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					was moved by USEPA from the 303(d) list to this being addressed list because of a completed USEPA approved TMDL.
2	Arroyo Las Positas	River & Stream	20430080 / 18050004	•	Diazinon  Ourban Runoff/Storm Sewers  Diazinon  14 Miles 2002  B 2007
				•	For 2006, diazinon was moved by USEPA from the 303(d) list to this being addressed list because of a completed USEPA approved TMDL.
2	Calabazas Creek	River & Stream	20640012 / 18050002	•	Diazinon  Ourban Runoff/Storm 4.7 Miles 1998 B 2007 Sewers
				•	This listing was made by USEPA for the 1998 303(d) list. For 2006, diazinon was moved by USEPA from the 303(d) list to this being addressed list because of a completed USEPA approved TMDL.
2	Chicken Ranch Beach	Coastal & Bay Shoreline	20114033 / 18050005	•	Indicator Bacteria  Source Unknown  Output  Ou
2	Corte Madera Creek	River & Stream	20320011 / 18050002	•	This listing was made by USEPA for 2006.  Diazinon  Ourban Runoff/Storm 4.1 Miles 1998 B 2007 Sewers
				•	This listing was made by USEPA for the 1998 303(d) list. For 2006, diazinon was moved by USEPA from the 303(d) list to this being addressed list because of a completed USEPA approved TMDL.
2	Coyote Creek (Marin County)	River &	20320020 /	•	<u>Diazinon</u>

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		Stream	18050002	•	Runoff/Storm Sewers  This listing was made by USEPA for the 1998 303(d) list. For 2006, diazinon was moved by USEPA from the 303(d) list to this being addressed list because of a completed USEPA approved TMDL.
2	Gallinas Creek	River & Stream	20620013 / 18050002	•	Diazinon  O Urban Runoff/Storm 2.1 Miles 1998 B 2007 Sewers  This listing was made by USEPA for the 1998 303(d) list. For 2006, diazinon was moved by USEPA from the 303(d) list to this being addressed list because of a completed USEPA approved TMDL.
2	Hearts Desire Beach	Coastal & Bay Shoreline	20114033 / 18050005	•	Indicator Bacteria  Source 0.38 Miles 2006 B 2007 Unknown  This listing was made by USEPA for 2006.
2	Laurel Creek (Solano Co)	River & Stream	20440040 / 1805001	•	Diazinon  O Urban Runoff/Storm 3 Miles 1998 B 2007 Sewers  This listing was made by USEPA for the 1998 303(d) list. For 2006, diazinon was moved by USEPA from the 303(d) list to this being addressed list because of a completed USEPA approved TMDL.
2	Ledgewood Creek	River & Stream	20723010 / 18050001	•	Diazinon  O Urban Runoff/Storm 12 Miles 1998 B 2007 Sewers  This listing was made by USEPA for the 1998 303(d) list. For 2006, diazinon

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					of a completed USEPA a	pproved TMDL	<b>.</b>		
2	Los Gatos Creek (R2)	River & Stream	20540011 / 18050003	•	Diazinon  O Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	19 Miles	1998	В	2007
				•	This listing was made by was moved by USEPA fro of a completed USEPA a	om the $303(d)$ l	ist to this		
2	Miller Creek	River & Stream	20620012 / 18050005	•	Diazinon  O Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	9 Miles	1998	В	2007
				•	This listing was made by was moved by USEPA fro of a completed USEPA a	om the $303(d)$ l	ist to this		
				•	<u>Diazinon</u>				
2	Novato Creek	River & Stream	20620010 / 18050002		<ul><li>Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers</li></ul>	17 Miles	1998	В	2007
				•	This listing was made by was moved by USEPA fro of a completed USEPA a	om the $303(d)$ l	ist to this		
		D: 0	20112020 /	•	<b>Pathogens</b>				
2	Olema Creek	River & Stream	20113030 / 18050005		o Source Unknown	11 Miles	2006	В	2007
				•	For 2006, this listing was because of a completed U				ed list
				•	<u>Diazinon</u>				

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2	Pine Creek (Contra Costa Co)	River & Stream	20731011 / 18050001		0	Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	13 Miles	2002	В	2007
				•	was mov	ing was made by ved by USEPA fro upleted USEPA a	om the 303(d) li	st to this		
				•	Diazino					
2	Pinole Creek	River & Stream	20660020 / 18050002		0	Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	9.2 Miles	1998	В	2007
				•	was mov	ing was made by ved by USEPA fro upleted USEPA a	om the 303(d) li	st to this		
				•	Diazino	<u>n</u>				
2	Rodeo Creek (Contra Costa County)	River & Stream	20660022 / 18050001		0	Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	8 Miles	1998	В	2007
				•	was mov	ing was made by ved by USEPA fro upleted USEPA a	om the 303(d) li	st to this		
				•	Diazino	<u>n</u>				
2	San Antonio Creek (Marin/Sonoma Co)	River & Stream	20630031 / 18050002		0	Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	18 Miles	1998	В	2007
				•	was mov	ing was made by ved by USEPA fr upleted USEPA a	om the $303(d)$ li	st to this		
2	San Felipe Creek	River & Stream	20530041 / 18050003	•	<b>Diazino</b> O	<u>n</u> Urban Runoff/Storm	15 Miles	1998	В	2007

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				•	Sewers This listing was made by was moved by USEPA fro of a completed USEPA a	om the 303(d) li	st to this b		
2	San Lorenzo Creek	River & Stream	20420023 / 18050004	•	Diazinon  O Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers  This listing was made by	11 Miles	<b>1998</b>	B	<b>2007</b>
					was moved by USEPA fro of a completed USEPA a	om the $303(d)$ li	st to this b		
2	San Rafael Creek	River & Stream	20320012 / 18050002	•	Diazinon  O Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	3.6 Miles	1998	В	2007
				•	This listing was made by was moved by USEPA fro of a completed USEPA a	om the $303(d)$ li	st to this b		
2	Suisun Slough	Estuary	20723000 / 18050004	•	Diazinon  O Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	1124 Acres	1998	В	2007
				•	This listing was made by was moved by USEPA fr of a completed USEPA a	om the $303(d)$ li	st to this b		
2	Walnut Creek	River & Stream	20731040 / 18050001	•	Diazinon  O Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers  This listing was made by	9 Miles	1998	B	2007

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					was moved by USEPA fr of a completed USEPA a			being addresse	d list because
2	Wildcat Creek	River & Stream	20660013 / 18050002	•	Diazinon  O Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	12 Miles	1998	В	2007
				•	This listing was made by was moved by USEPA fr of a completed USEPA a	om the 303(d) li	st to this	. ,	

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,	Castro Cove, Richmond (San Pablo Basin)	Estuary	20660014 / 18050002	•	Dieldrin (sediment)  o Point Source  o Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	71 Acres	2002	2010
				•	Mercury (sediment)  O Point Source O Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	71 Acres	2006	2010
				•	PAHs (Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons) (sediment)  O Point Source O Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	71 Acres	2002	2010
				•	Selenium (sediment)  O Point Source O Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers	71 Acres	2002	2010