

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 98-221

A RESOLUTION CONCLUDING
THE 1998 TRIENNIAL REVIEW
AND ADOPTING
A PRIORITY LIST OF WATER QUALITY ISSUES

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 13240 et seq. of the California Water Code, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, (Regional Board) caused to be developed the Comprehensive Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (9) (Basin Plan); and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board, acting in accord with Section 13244 of the California Water Code, on March 17, 1975, adopted the Comprehensive Water Quality Control Plan, San Diego Basin (9); and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board, acting in accord with Section 13244 of the CALIFORNIA WATER CODE, on September 8, 1994, adopted the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (9) which updated the Basin Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board has adopted amendments to the Basin Plan for the San Diego Region from time to time since September 8, 1994, all of which modified beneficial uses and/or water quality objectives and/or policies of the Regional Board; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 303(c)(1) of the Federal Clean Water Act and Section 13170.2(b) of the California Water Code, this Regional Board has concluded its 1998 Triennial Water Quality Standards Review.

WHEREAS, as a part of this review, this Regional Board held a public workshop on August 27, 1998, for the purpose of receiving public testimony concerning the need for revisions to the water quality standards (i.e. beneficial use designations and water quality objectives) established in the Basin Plan, as amended.

WHEREAS, Regional Board staff has prepared a staff report dated October 8, 1998, describing the proposed priority list of water quality issues for the modification of water quality standards in the Basin Plan; and

WHEREAS, the staff report identifies issues which will be worked on in the next three years before the next Triennial Review; and

WHEREAS, this priority list of water quality issues for the next three years is contained in the Triennial Review Workplan in Attachment 1 to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board held a public hearing on November 18, 1998, for the purpose of receiving testimony on the proposed Triennial Review Workplan; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board has reviewed and carefully considered all comments and testimony received relative to the proposed Triennial Review Workplan; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board has notified all known interested parties of its intent to adopt the Triennial Review Workplan in fulfillment of the 1998 Triennial Review.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Basin Plan as updated on September 8, 1994, as amended, shall remain in effect until such time as it is revised by this Regional Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Regional Board hereby approves the priority list of water quality issues contained in the Triennial Review Workplan in Attachment 1 to this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Regional Board has completed its 1998 Triennial Water Quality Standards Review.

I, John H. Robertus, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, on November 18, 1998.

JOHN H. ROBERTUS
Executive Officer

1998 TRIENNIAL REVIEW WORKPLAN

The following priority list was developed for the 1998 Triennial Review. This list includes only the items which could be begun or completed in the next three fiscal years (FY 1999/2000, FY 2000/01, FY 2001/2002).

High Priority Items

1. Evaluate the ground water quality objectives in Mission San Diego Hydrologic Subarea for iron and manganese.
2. Update map, incorporate new hydrologic boundaries, and update beneficial uses and water quality objectives to reflect new boundaries.
3. Clarify the dissolved oxygen objective for inland surface waters and enclosed bays and estuaries.
4. Evaluate the bacteria objectives for clarity and appropriateness.
5. Add language regarding controllable water quality factors.
6. Develop a Chollas Creek Watershed TMDL.
7. Develop a Rainbow Creek TMDL for Nutrients.
8. Evaluate the Basin Plan amendment requesting the relaxation of mineral objectives in the Gower HSA (7.23).
9. Evaluate the Basin Plan amendment requesting the relaxation of TDS objectives in Poway HA, Scripps HA, and Miramar HA (6.20, 6.30, 6.40).
10. Evaluate the beneficial uses for the San Diego Formation.
11. Develop a procedure or criteria for designating beneficial uses or water quality objectives for ground water in vertically distinct aquifers.
12. Develop upgraded guidance on the evaluation of nitrate impacts related to septic tank use.
13. Evaluate the Basin Plan Amendment requesting the re-evaluation of water quality objectives in the Tijuana Valley Hydrologic Area 11.10.

14. Evaluate restoring beneficial uses to ground water in portions of HSA 4.51 and 4.52 between Highway 78 and El Camino Real.
15. Develop a Santa Margarita Lagoon TMDL for Nutrients.
16. Develop a San Diego Bay, Shelter Island Yacht Basin, TMDL for Copper.
17. Develop a San Diego Bay TMDL near Sub Base, near Grape Street, near Chollas Creek, Downtown Piers, near Coronado Bridge, San Diego Naval Station, Seventh Street Channel, and North of 24th Street Marine Terminal for Toxicity and Benthic Community Effects.

Medium Priority Items

18. Develop a Aliso Creek (and mouth and beach) TMDL for Coliform.
19. Incorporate the April 1, 1996 Interim Guidance on Required Cleanup at Low-Risk Fuel Contaminated Sites.
20. Rewrite the discussion of risk assessments in section VI.A.3 of the Cleanup and Abatement Policy.