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Staff recommends adoption of the proposed Basin Plan amendment, which establishes site-specific WQOs for Chollas Creek. The WQOs are simply the maximum amount of copper and zinc that can be present in Chollas Creek without creating acute or chronic toxic effects. They were developed in accordance with USEPA-promulgated standards, and their scientific rationale has been verified by staff and external scientific peer review. This proposed amendment implements our Practical Vision and is one of our top three Triennial Basin Plan Review priorities. Concerns about industrial site compliance with the IGP is a separate issue. That is an implementation issue – not a water quality standards issue to be addressed by an update to WQOs for one watershed. We will continue to review water quality data and can revisit the TMDL and/or WQOs as science and implementation progress.