

**Draft Alternative Compliance Pathway for Receiving Water Limitations**  
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Insert the following as Provision B.3.c:

**c. DISCHARGE PROHIBITIONS AND RECEIVING WATER LIMITATIONS COMPLIANCE OPTION**

Each Copermittee has the option to utilize the implementation of the Water Quality Improvement Plan to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of Provisions A.1.a, A.1.c and A.2.a within a Watershed Management Area. A Copermittee will be deemed to be in compliance with Provisions A.1.a, A.1.c and A.2.a within a Watershed Management Area when the following conditions are met:

~~(1) The Copermittees may utilize implementation of the water quality improvement strategies in the Water Quality Improvement Plan to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of Provisions A.1.a, A.1.c and A.2.a. For each Copermittee in t~~The Water Quality Improvement Plan for a Watershed Management Area that chooses to utilize this option, the Copermittee will be in compliance with Provisions A.1.a, A.1.c and A.2.a if must incorporate the following:

(a) Numeric goals and schedules developed pursuant to Provision B.3.a that include the following ~~numeric goals:~~

- (i) ~~Water quality based effluent limitations (WQBELs) expressed as concentration based or load based effluent limitations applicable to the Watershed Management Area~~ established by the TMDLs in Attachment E to this Order applicable to the Copermittee's jurisdiction within the Watershed Management Area; and
- (ii) Numeric goals applicable to the Copermittee's MS4 discharges within the Watershed Management Area expressed as numeric concentration-based or load-based goals ~~effluent limitations~~ for all other pollutants listed on the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Water Quality Impaired Segments<sup>1</sup> for the receiving waters in the Watershed Management Area that do not have a TMDL developed and incorporated into Attachment E to this Order; and
- (iii) Numeric goals for receiving waters that will ~~protect~~ result in chemical, physical, and/or biological conditions of the receiving waters that will be protective of the beneficial uses within the Watershed Management Area under the Copermittee's jurisdiction. ~~and attain water quality standards.~~

(b) An analysis utilizing a watershed model or other watershed analytical tools ~~is performed. The results must be included in the Water Quality Improvement Plan~~ that meets the following conditions:

<sup>1</sup> ~~2002-2010~~ 2002-2010 and subsequent 303(d) Lists

- (i) The analysis must ~~to~~ quantitatively demonstrate that the implementation of the water quality improvement strategies required under Provision B.3.b will achieve the numeric goals within the established schedules required ~~under to be developed pursuant to~~ Provisions B.3.a and B.3.c.(1)(a).
    - (ii) The development of the analysis must include a public participation process which allows the public to review and provide comments on the analysis methodology utilized and the assumptions included in the analysis. Public comments and responses must be included as part of the analysis documentation included in the Water Quality Improvement Plan.
    - (iii) The analysis may be performed by an ~~individually~~ Copermittee only for its jurisdiction within the Watershed Management Area, or jointly by two or more of any of the Copermittees choosing to utilize this option for their jurisdictions within the same Watershed Management Area.
    - (iv) ~~, and~~ The analysis must be updated as part of the iterative approach and adaptive management process required under Provisions B.5.a-b.
  - (c) ~~The Water Quality Improvement Plan s~~ pecifices the monitoring and assessments included in the monitoring and assessment program required pursuant to Provision B.4 (i.e. MS4 outfall discharge, receiving water, and/or special studies) that will be performed by the Copermittee to ~~confirm the 1)~~ demonstrate that the implementation of the water quality improvement strategies within its jurisdiction is making progress toward achieving the numeric goals in accordance with the established schedules developed pursuant to Provisions B.3.a and B.3.c.(1)(a), and 2) determine whether interim and final numeric goals have been achieved. ~~The monitoring and assessments must be incorporated into the monitoring and assessment program required pursuant to Provision B.4.~~ The specific monitoring and assessments must be updated as part of the iterative approach and adaptive management process required under Provision B.5.c.
  - (d) Documentation that ~~T~~ the numeric goals proposed pursuant to Provision B.3.c.(1)(a), the analysis performed pursuant to Provision B.3.c.(1)(b), and the specific monitoring and assessments proposed pursuant to Provision B.3.c.(1)(c) have been reviewed by the Water Quality Improvement Consultation Panel (see Provision F.1.a.(1)(b)) for any recommendations. Updates must be reviewed by the Water Quality Improvement Consultation Panel for any recommendations.
- (2) Each Copermittee that chooses to utilize this option will, for the pollutant/water body combinations ~~covered by~~ included in the analysis performed pursuant to Provision B.3.c.(1)(b), be deemed in compliance with Provisions A.1.a, A.1.c and A.2.a when the Water Quality Improvement Plan, incorporating the requirements of Provision B.3.c.(1), is accepted by the San Diego Water Board.

- (3) The Copermittee will, for the pollutant/water body combinations **covered by** included in the analysis performed pursuant to Provision B.3.c.(1)(b), remain in compliance with Provisions A.1.a, A.1.c and A.2.a during the term of this Order as long as:
- (a) The results of the analysis performed pursuant to Provision B.3.c.(1)(~~b~~) is accepted by the San Diego Water Board Executive Officer as part of the Water Quality Improvement Plan and as part of subsequent updates to the Water Quality Improvement Plan; AND
  - (b) The Copermittee continues to implement the water quality improvement strategies within its jurisdiction developed pursuant to Provision B.3.b.(1) in accordance with the schedules for implementing the strategies established pursuant to Provision B.3.b.(3)(a); AND
  - (c) The Copermittee continues to perform the monitoring and assessments specified in the Water Quality Improvement Plan, developed and implemented pursuant to Provision B.3.c.(1)(c), to demonstrate its progress toward achieving the numeric goals applicable to its MS4 discharges in accordance with the interim and final dates for achieving the numeric goals established pursuant to Provision B.3.a.(2); AND
  - (d) The Copermittee continues to implement the requirements of Provision A.4.a.