

**Update of 1998 303(d) List of Impaired Waters**

**Public Workshop  
December 4, 2001**

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**Update Process**

- ✓ Data solicitation
  - ✓ Fall 2000
  - ✓ Spring 2001
- ✓ Presentation on methodology at Board meeting (May 31, 2001)
- ✓ Subsequent presentations to stakeholder groups
- ✓ Public workshop to present proposed new listings and de-listings
- ✓ Presentation to Regional Board on Dec. 13

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**Status**

- ✓ December 2001
  - ✓ Finalize 303(d) recommendations
  - ✓ Finalize 305(b) report
  - ✓ Submit recommendations to State Board along with comments received

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### Assessment Guidelines

- ✓ U.S. EPA guidelines (EPA-841-B-97-002B, 1997)
- ✓ Regional guidelines where EPA guidelines don't exist
  - ✓ Basin Plan objectives (toxicity) and
  - ✓ Assessment approaches of state monitoring programs (sediment, bioaccumulation, benthic community)
  - ✓ Weight-of-evidence

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### Relationship between 305(b) and 303(d)

- ✓ 305(b) Water Quality Assessment
  - ✓ Regional assessment of water quality,
  - ✓ to determine degree of beneficial use support of water bodies
    - ✓ Fully supporting beneficial uses
    - ✓ Fully supporting but threatened
    - ✓ Partially supporting
    - ✓ Not supporting
- ✓ 303(d) List of Impaired Waters
  - ✓ Waters that are *fully supporting but threatened, partially supporting or not supporting* beneficial uses

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### Assessment Guidelines

- ✓ Conventional pollutants & stressors (e.g., dissolved oxygen, pH, TDS, chloride)
  - ✓ "Fully supporting" if  $\leq 10\%$  of samples exceed water quality standard
  - ✓ "Partially supporting" if 11-25% exceed
  - ✓ "Not supporting" if  $> 25\%$  exceed
- ✓ Relevant beneficial uses:
  - ✓ Aquatic Life, Agriculture, Waterbody specific objectives

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**Assessment Guidelines**

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- ✓ Toxic Substances (e.g., priority pollutants, ammonia)
  - ✓ Fully supporting if no more than 1 violation of chronic criteria, and no more than 1 violation of acute criteria within a 3-year period (based on grab or composite samples)
  - ✓ Partially supporting if criteria exceeded more than once but in ≤10% of samples
  - ✓ Not supporting if criteria exceeded in >10%
- ✓ Relevant beneficial use: Aquatic Life

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**Assessment Guidelines**

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- ✓ Drinking Water (MUN)
  - ✓ Fully supporting: Contaminants do not exceed water quality standards
  - ✓ Fully supporting but threatened: Contaminants exceed water quality standards >10%
  - ✓ Partially supporting: Median concentration of contaminants exceeds standard

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**Assessment Guidelines**

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- ✓ MUN (continued)
  - ✓ Potential MUN as designated under SODW assessed using Title 22 Primary MCLs only
  - ✓ Other Existing or Potential MUN assessed using Title 22 and CTR human health criteria

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## Assessment Guidelines

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- ✓ Bacteria objectives for recreation
  - ✓ Coliform data
    - ✓ Partially supporting: Threshold limit exceeded
      - ✓ >10% samples exceed 400 fecal coliforms/100 ml
      - ✓ >20% samples exceed 1,000 total coliforms/100 ml (marine water only)
    - ✓ Not supporting: Geometric mean exceeded
  - ✓ Beach postings
    - ✓ Not supporting: beach was posted >10% of days annually
  - ✓ Beach closures
    - ✓ Partially supporting: On average, 1 closure/year of < 1 week's duration
    - ✓ Not supporting: More than 1 closure/year, or on average, 1 closure/year > 1 week's duration

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## Assessment Guidelines

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- ✓ Fish and shellfish consumption
  - ✓ Fully supporting: No restrictions or bans
  - ✓ Partially supporting: Restricted consumption
  - ✓ Not supporting: "No consumption" ban

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## Assessment Guidelines

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- ✓ Other guidelines will be used where EPA guidance does not exist
- ✓ The following guidelines were used:
  - ✓ Sediment chemistry
    - ✓ Effects Range-Median/Probable Effects Level guidelines
  - ✓ Fish tissue contamination
    - ✓ Maximum Tissue Residual Levels (MTRLs)
  - ✓ Benthic community
    - ✓ Relative Benthic Index

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## Assessment Guidelines

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- ✓ Water column toxicity
  - ✓ Weight of evidence; focus on recurring consistent/persistent toxicity
  - ✓ Look for both acute and chronic toxicity

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## Assessment Guidelines

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- ✓ Minimum of 10 data points for a waterbody segment over the assessment period (1997 to present) for water chemistry and bacteriological data
- ✓ No minimum data requirements for water column toxicity, habitat assessment, sediment chemistry/toxicity, bioaccumulation or benthic community – weight-of-evidence approach
  - ✓ Also, evaluated data based on where 1996 assessment stopped

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## Assessment Results

Watershed	New Listings		Delistings		Total changes to 303(h) List	Net change to 303(h) List
	Water column	Tissue/Bed	Water column	Tissue/Bed		
Ballona Creek	8	0	0	8	14	-2
Los Angeles River	8	4	0	4	17	8
San Gabriel River	6	0	1	2	9	3
Santa Clara River	13	0	0	1	14	12
San Luis Creek	1	0	0	0	7	-5
Ventura River	8	2	0	8	15	-1
Calleguas Creek	24	19	5	33	81	6
LA County Coastal	2	14	0	12	28	4
Ventura County Coastal	7	8	0	4	19	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>36</b>

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**New Listings: Water Column**

- Bacteria (20)
- Metals (16)
- Nitrogen & its effects (14)
- Chloride, TDS, Sulfate, Boron (14)
- pH (3)
- Sedimentation (Calleguas Creek Watershed, 8 reaches)
- Other (4)
  - DDT, trash, toxicity, unnatural foam/scum

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**New Listings: Sediment, Tissue, Benthic Community**

- ✓ Tissue (22)
  - ✓ (chlordane, lindane, dieldrin, PCBs, toxaphene)
- ✓ Sediment chemistry (19)
  - ✓ (chlordane, dieldrin, PCBs, some metals)
- ✓ Benthic community degradation (3)
- ✓ Sediment toxicity (3)

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**Delistings**

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|----------------|-------------------------|
| ➤ Water column | ➤ Tissue (72)           |
| ➤ D.O (3)      | ➤ Sediment (5)          |
| ➤ Toxicity (2) | ➤ Benthic community (1) |
| ➤ Trash (1)    |                         |

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## TMDL Analytical Units

- ✓ 8 New TMDL Analytical Units based on Proposed New Listings
  - ✓ Calleguas Creek Bacteria
  - ✓ Ballona Creek pH
  - ✓ Avalon Beach Beach Postings
  - ✓ San Gabriel River Estuary Trash
  - ✓ McCoy Canyon Creek (LA River) Nitrate
  - ✓ Santa Clara River Salts
  - ✓ Los Cerritos Channel Sediment Toxicity
  - ✓ Ventura River Bacteria

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## TMDL Analytical Units to be Removed based on Proposed Delistings

Analytical Unit	Impairments	Parameters
14	LA River Reach 5	Chlorophyll
18	LA River Reach 6	Chrom
27	Port Huamano Harbor	PAMs
29	Port Huamano Harbor	Zinc
30	Port Huamano Harbor	TBT
38	East Fork San Gabriel River	Trash
61	Wasatch Lake and Malibu Lake	Chlordane, PCBs
70	Dalyon Creek/Marina del Rey	TBT
79	LA Harbor	TBT
87	Ventura River Estuary	DDT
90	Ventura River Reaches 1&2	Copper, Zinc, Silver
92	Ventura River Reach 2	Bismuth

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