



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Santa Ana Region



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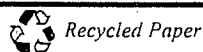
SUBJECT: SANTA ANA REGION 303(d) LIST OF IMPAIRED WATERBODIES —  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

As you may be aware, the Regional Board reviewed staff's recommendations on the region's 303(d) list submittal at the Board's January 2002 meeting. At that meeting, certain stakeholders submitted additional relevant documentation. Both staff's recommendations and these additional materials have already been transmitted to the TMDL Listing Unit. However, at the direction of the Board, we are writing to resubmit these materials herewith, and to highlight issues of concern to the Regional Board.

First, the Regional Board expressed concern about the process for developing the 303(d) list since it appears to take much of the local input and control of the process out of the Regional Board's jurisdiction. While the Board understands the urgency and timing associated with the 2002 listing, it was unclear exactly what the Regional Board's role was in the listing process.

The second issue raised at the January 2002 Regional Board meeting had to do with staff's proposed recommendation for listing the Santa Ana Delhi Channel as impaired for REC-1 and REC-2 uses due to fecal coliform contamination. Testimony and a letter presented at the January Board meeting by the Orange County Public Facilities and Resources Department (PFRD) expressed concern that the beneficial uses for the Santa Ana Delhi Channel have not been established in the Basin Plan and that it is therefore premature to consider 303(d) listing. Additionally, photos submitted by the PFRD show portions of the Channel as concrete-lined with recreation access

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restrictions. The PFRD and others, including members of the Board, questioned whether a REC-1 use designation would be appropriate for this waterbody. The Regional Board wanted to ensure that these materials were highlighted for State Board staff's consideration in development of the 303(d) list.

Should you have any questions about these comments, please feel free to contact me at (909) 782-3284, or you may contact Hope Smythe at (909) 782-4493.

Attachment

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