

Basin Monitoring Program Task Force Priorities

Potential Activities in FY2018-19

- 1) Seek Reg. Bd. approval of updated WLAM (incl. CEQA-SED and Econ. Analysis to support BPA)
- 2) Add footnotes to Basin Plan indicating surface TIN/TDS WQOs were set to protect GWR not WARM or AGR uses
- 3) Revise Basin Plan to indicate Antidegradation policy is implemented using TDS not individual salt ions
- 4) Develop draft "Drought & Conservation Policy" for Reg. Bd. consideration (long-term averages for permit limits)
- 5) Discuss expanding BMPTF membership to include MS4 Permittees (stormwater agencies) and Others
- 6) Calculate and report actual annual wastewater loadings in the SAR Annual Report using new WLAM tools
- 7) Prepare rationale to support revising or deleting the Increment-of-Use limits for TDS in NPDES permits

Potential Activities in FY2019-20

- 8) Begin preparing next Ambient Water Quality Update (for 1999-2018) in Spring of 2019
- 9) Revise Annual Report of Santa Ana River Water Quality to be consistent w/ SWRCB's 303(d) assessment policy
- 10) Determine appropriate spatial and temporal averaging approach for Reach 3 data
- 11) Determine if and how to use data from samples collected Below Prado to assess compliance for SAR-Reach 3
- 12) Evaluate modern computational approaches to calculate "baseflow" concentrations at Prado vs. summer-only
- 13) Validate 5-year moving average WQO for TDS in Reach 2 of the Santa Ana River using new WLAM
- 14) Reassess relationship between TN (Surface WQO for Reach 3), TIN (WLAM) and NO3 (WQO for groundwater)

Potential Activities in FY2020-21

- 15) Revise Basin Plan to separate Antidegradation Targets from Use Protection Thresholds like the San Diego RB
- 16) Revise Basin Plan to move Antidegradation Targets to Chapter 5 (Implementation)
- 17) Update the new Antidegradation Target table to reflect Best Water Quality attained since 1968
- 18) Prepare formal submission in response to next 303(d) data request (likely early 2020 for the 2022 review cycle)

Other Issues As They Arise

- 19) Review and comment on SWRCB's proposed statewide Nutrient Control Policy (merged w/ "Biocriteria" policy)
- 20) Review EPA's final guidance for developing water quality criteria for Conductivity