

Probable Provisions of the 2020 Basin Plan Amendment

Element in	CEQA/Econ.	Notes
Basin Plan Amendment	Required	
1) Adopt revised and updated TDS/TIN	Yes	Wasteload allocations to no impose more
Wasteload Allocations (incl. any allocations		stringent effluent limits on any discharger;
of assimilative capacity where necessary		therefore, CEQA/Econ should be relative
and appropriate).		straightforward.
2) Add definition of "Baseflow" for water	No	Memorializing, not changing, the current
quality objectives in SAR-Reach 3.		approach; clarifies compliance assessment.
3) Add footnote to Table 4-1 to identify	No	Documenting original basis for some water
objectives that are antidegradation targets		quality objectives; exceedances do not imply that
not use-protection thresholds.		beneficial uses are impaired.
4) Add text explaining that purpose of	No	Documenting basis for TIN/TDS objectives in
some surface objectives was/is to protect		MUN-exempt surface waterbodies; no
MUN use in underlying groundwater		substantive changes to water quality standards or
basins.		implementation requirements.
5) Add text describing when and where	No	Clarifying, not changing, existing permitting
Increment-of-Use limits should be applied.		practice.
6) Revise TIN objectives in Table 4-1 to	Yes	Making all other stream segments consistent with
require compliance based on analyzing		SAR-R3. If it is appropriate there, it is appropriate
Total Nitrogen using filtered samples.		everywhere for the same reasons.
7) Add text to Chapter 5 (Implementation)	No	Memorializing, not changing, current permits and
identifying all dischargers required to		practice. At present, only IEUA, EMWD, YVWD
participate in AWQ & WLAM updates and		and Beaumont are named in Basin Plan. Others
Annual Report of SAR Water Quality (incl.		have it in their permit. Many not yet included
all other permittees).		(MS4, CAFO, Deminimus, & Gen. Orders).
8) Approve a Drought & Conservation	Yes	Authorizes use of long-term averages and offsets
Policy.		in permits.
9) Add text confirming the primacy of TDS	Yes	This was agreed to in 2004 but was accidentally
objectives, over individual salt ion		omitted from the BPA; it represents long-
objectives, for implementing state		standing Regional Board practice but must be
antidegradation policy.		institutionalized in the Basin Plan.
10) Revise Chapter 5 (Implementation) to	Uncertain	Only significant change is frequency of model
merge requirements of IWRW Cooperative		updates; was every 5 years, will be every 10 as
Agreement w/ BMPTF.		part of WLAM.