



# LECL TMDL Task Force Meeting

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# Updated Schedule for Task Force Activities re: Revised TMDLs

- Revised draft Basin Plan Amendment language circulated to Task Force
  - July 8, 2024
- Draft Executive Summary for Technical TMDL Report circulated to Task Force
  - July 8, 2024
- Comments on revised draft Basin Plan Amendment language & draft Executive Summary due to consultants
  - July 29, 2024
- Submit final draft Basin Plan Amendment language and Technical TMDL Report to Santa Ana Water Board staff
  - August 6, 2024



# Schedule for Consideration by Santa Ana Water Board

AB 2108 Outreach by Santa Ana Water Board

- August-October

Circulation of Tentative Documents for Public Review and Comment (45-day review period)

- Release Late August-Early September

Santa Ana Water Board Workshop

- September 13, 2024

Santa Ana Water Board Adoption Hearing

- December 13, 2024



# Organization of Revised BPA – TMDL Components

- Problem Statement
- Numeric Targets
  - Phase II Interim Numeric Targets & Phase III Final Numeric Targets
  - CDFs for both lakes: chlorophyll-a, dissolved oxygen, ammonia
  - Goal for total dissolved solids in Lake Elsinore
- Source Assessment
- Linkage Analysis
- TMDLs & Allocations
  - Phase II Milestones & Phase III total allocations, WLAs, & LAs
  - Compliance options by sector for meeting Phase II milestones
  - Compliance options by section for meeting Phase III total allocations, WLAs & LAs
- Margin of Safety
- Seasonal Variations & Critical Conditions

# Organization of Revised BPA – Implementation Plan Components

- Identification of Responsible Parties
- Incorporation of TMDLs into Orders of the Board
- Nutrient Offset Programs
- TMDL Reconsideration
- Surveillance & Monitoring Program
- Tasks & Schedule for Phase II
- Tasks & Schedule for Phase III



# Significant Revisions of Interest

- Phase II Milestones & Interim Numeric Targets v. Phase III Total Allocations, WLAs, LAs and Final Numeric Targets
- Allocations
  - Table provides allocations by sector – not individual jurisdictions
  - Subtracts reference watershed retention
  - Separates out into 3 watersheds
    - Above Mystic Lake
    - Below Mystic Lake
    - Local Lake Elsinore
  - Separate table for EVMWD
  - Compliance with Milestones
  - Compliance with Total Allocations, WLAs & LAs
- Margin of Safety
- Responsible Party Table (more revisions to come)
- Expanded Offsets language
- TMDL Reconsideration



# Highlights of Revisions to Compliance Language

- Moved to allocations section of the TMDL
  - Makes the part of the assumptions and requirements to Phase II milestones or Phase III allocations
  - Language directs that they be explicitly incorporated into future permit actions (to the extent permitted by law)
- References Section of Final Technical Report for Individual MS4 Jurisdictions
- Includes Six Options (4 options for EVMWD)

# Available Options for Compliance (except for EVMWD)

- #1 – BMP implementation
- #2 – Attain interim or final numeric targets
- #3 – Attain loads by sector or jurisdiction
- #4 – Attain loads by sector or jurisdiction through offsets
- #5 – Attain total allocations for collective watershed, including use of offsets
- #6 – Volume retention BMPs



# TMDL Reconsideration Revisions (sets a minimum)

- Phase II
  - No later than 10 years
  - No later than 18 years
- Phase III
  - No later than 30 years
  - Every 10 years thereafter
- Items of reconsideration
  - 1) Progress towards attainment, 2) Effectiveness of In-Lake Projects, 3) Results of Studies, 4) Appropriateness of Final Allocations, WLAs & LAs
  - Additional provisions based on new information

# Next Steps for Basin Plan Amendments

- References to Responsible Parties
  - Information will be provided based on subwatershed assignment
- Comments due to consultants by July 29, 2024
  - BPA to be revised based on comments received
  - Revised BPA provided to Task Force and Water Board by August 6
  - Internal response to comments from Task Force members to be circulated by August 9
- Available for questions
  - Email or call if you have questions