

Basin Plan Amendment Revisions

November 19, 2025

General Scope of Potential Amendments



Intended to be clarifying/non-controversial



Intended to “fix” errors and inadvertent omissions



Intended to provide updated data and information on regional projects

Key Revisions in Version 6

Clarify authority for compliance determinations

Clarify Reach 2 TDS Objective

Definition of Base Flow Condition

Clarify averaging periods applicable to water quality objectives

New compliance section for TDS and TIN water quality objectives

Update TDS/N Management Plan information re: Projects & Programs

Update Declaration of Conformance

Clarify Ambient Water Quality Determinations for Maximum Benefit Permittees

Reach 2 SAR TDS Objective

60-Month Volume Weighted Moving Average

Measured below Prado Dam

Calculate TDS using USGS daily EC and flow data

Information from Santa Ana Watermaster Annual Report

Reach 3 SAR Objectives

OBJECTIVES EXPRESSED AS:

- Annual Average of data collected during base flow condition
- TDS data collected below Prado
- Base flow condition defined as when the following occur 1) No precipitation events in the last four days, 2) Surface water elevation of conservation pool behind Prado Dam is at or below level Army Corps considers empty, and 3) Samples collected between Period of April 1 through October 30 each year

Questions for Discussion

How does use of below Prado for measuring compliance with base flow impact use of other data collected throughout Reach 3?

Can Reach 2 and Reach 3 have the same point for determining compliance?

Do we need further clarification in the Basin Plan for these distinctions for Reach 2 and 3?

If the Basin Plan specifically identifies point for compliance, will this resolve Integrated Report issues, or will they remain for other data collected in Reach 3?

Request Updates to Programs & Projects

Review Basin Plan Pages 5-45 through 5-48
- Identify/provide appropriate updates

Review Basin Plan Page 5-52
-Review list of Task Force Members

Provide any other updates to TDS/Management
Plan section, as appropriate

Draft Schedule

Activity	Timing
Draft Basin Plan Amendments to Task Force for Review and Comment	November 18, 2025 – December 17, 2025
Work with Santa Ana Water Board to draft Tribal Consultation Letter	December 2025
Draft Staff Report, Substitute Environmental Document and Support Documents to Task Force for Review and Comment	December 10, 2025 – January 9, 2026
Task Force Submittal of Final Draft Documents to Santa Ana Water Board staff for their Internal Review	January 16, 2026
Santa Ana Water Board Staff Internal Review	January 16, 2025 – February 13, 2026
Santa Ana Water Board Circulate Draft Basin Plan Amendments & Supporting Documents for 45-Day Comment Period	February 13, 2026 – March 30, 2026
Prepare Response to Comments, Finalize Documents	March 31, 2026 – April 17, 2026
Santa Ana Water Board Hearing for Consideration	April, 24, 2026