

Fact Sheet

DRAFT Strategy for Developing TMDLs and Attaining Water Quality Standards in the Los Angeles Region

Why did we Develop the Strategy?

- To improve efficiency and to ensure that, in most cases, the State will develop and approve TMDLs in time to meet the federal consent decree
- Organize work on watershed basis, to the extent possible, to gain efficiencies in both development and implementation
- Provide a 10-Year schedule to facilitate agency and stakeholder planning efforts
- Identify Water Quality Standards that the State intends to review prior to or during TMDL development
- Explain how TMDLs will be implemented in permits
- Promote constructive interaction among stakeholders and water quality agencies
- Clarify opportunities for stakeholder involvement

What does the Strategy Cover?

- Specific Water Quality Standards that the State intends to review
- TMDL development plans
- Approaches to implementation through NPDES permits and other mechanisms
- Stakeholder involvement approaches

How is Stakeholder Involvement Addressed

- Goal is meaningful stakeholder involvement
- Approaches will vary depending on situation and time, and resources available
- Clarifies State/EPA plans for public involvement
- Establishes requirements and for stakeholder-led TMDL work products
- Establishes timelines for stakeholders to declare where and when they want a greater role

Water Quality Standards to be Reviewed

- Natural Sources Exclusion for natural sources of bacteria including wildlife
- REC-1 Beneficial uses in concrete drainages with restricted access and low water levels
- REC-1 Beneficial uses in concrete drainages during high-flow storm events
- Site Specific Objectives for ammonia toxicity. Review to be based on water effects ratio study being performed by the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County for portions of the Santa Clara River, Los Angeles River and the San Gabriel River

DRAFT TMDL Development Schedules

2003

- Malibu Creek nutrients/pathogens
- Santa Clara nutrients
- L.A. River nutrients
- Marina del Rey (all)
- McGrath Beach bacteria
- San Gabriel River. nutrients

2004

- L.A. River (remaining pollutants)
- San Gabriel River (remaining pollutants)

2005

- Ballona Creek (all)
- Santa Clara River (remaining pollutants)
- Los Angeles Harbor (bacteria)

2006

- Calleguas Creek (remaining pollutants)
- Santa Monica Bay Toxics

2007

- L.A. Harbor, Estuary (all pollutants)

2008

- Ventura Coastal (all pollutants)

2009

- Ventura River (all pollutants)
- Santa Monica Bay Streams

2010

- Dominguez Channel (remaining)
- Los Cerritos Channel (all pollutants)

2011

- L.A. River watershed lakes (all)
- Malibu Creek (remaining pollutants)

2012

- San Gabriel watershed lakes (all)