

**California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
November 2, 1998**

RESOLUTION NO. 98-018

**Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan to
Incorporate Changes In Beneficial Use Designations for Selected Waters**

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (hereinafter Regional Board), finds that:

1. In 1989, the Regional Board adopted Resolution No. 89-03, which amended the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan)* by designating all previously undesignated inland waters in the Region as Sources of Municipal and Domestic Drinking Water, in accordance with the Sources of Drinking Water Policy (State Board Resolution 88-63).

2. The Regional Board has reconsidered the MUN designation for surface waters meeting all of the following criteria: (1) they have no risk of interaction with underlying ground water resources; (2) they are surface water channels that were paved prior to 1975 for flood control purposes, with a concrete lining that is continuous from a designated upstream point to an estuary outlet; and (3) they meet the exemption criteria in State Board Resolution No. 88-63 for channelized surface waters. Waters that meet these criteria include:
 - a. **Ballona Creek** - From Cochran Avenue & Venice Avenue to the estuary at Beethoven Street;
 - b. **Sepulveda Channel** - From Military Avenue & Queensland Street to the confluence with Ballona Creek;
 - c. **Centine!a Creek** - From La Cienega Boulevard & the 405 Freeway to the confluence with Ballona Creek;
 - d. **Dominguez Channel** - From Komblum Avenue & West 116th Street to the estuary at Vermont Avenue;
 - e. **Cerritos Channel** - From Clark Avenue & Ashworth Street, Paramount Boulevard & Eckleson Street, Downey Avenue & 54th Street, and the Long Beach Airport to the estuary at East De Leon Street;
 - f. **Lower San Gabriel River** - From Firestone Boulevard to the estuary at East De Leon Street;
 - g. **Coyote Creek** - From the northernmost crossing of the Los Angeles-Orange County Line to the confluence with the San Gabriel River; and
 - h. **Oxnard Industrial Drain** - From East Wooley Avenue to the estuary at Hueneme Road.

3. The Regional Board also reconsidered the MUN designation for ground waters in coastal areas that meet all of the following criteria: (1) they are not existing sources of drinking water; (2) they either lie seaward of well-established, engineered barriers or have a gradient such that the coastal ground waters will not replenish sources of drinking water; and (3) they meet the exception criteria in State Board Resolution No. 88-63 based on either TDS levels or the ability to provide an average sustained yield of 200 gallons per day. Waters that meet these criteria include:
 - a. The West Basin portion of the Los Angeles Coastal Plain underlying the Chevron Refinery in El Segundo and nearby areas, as defined by the Pacific Ocean to the west; Imperial Highway to the north; Sepulveda Boulevard to the east; and Valley Boulevard and 15th Street to the south; and
 - b. The West Basin portion of the Los Angeles Coastal Plain underlying Terminal Island and portions of the Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors, defined as seaward of the line formed by Shoshonean Road, Via Cabrillo Marina, West 22nd Street, Crescent Avenue, Harbor Boulevard, the Terminal Island Freeway (47), Pacific Avenue, John S. Gibson Avenue, "B" Street, Alameda Street, Anaheim Street, the Long Beach Freeway (710), and Shoreline Drive to the eastern end of the Downtown Long Beach Marina.
4. The Regional Board is responsible for maintaining the high quality of the Region's water resources. The dedesignation of these areas is not expected to affect remaining beneficial uses designated for the subject waters.
5. Three of the surface waters considered for MUN dedesignation are not specifically identified in the *Basin Plan's* Table of Beneficial Uses (Table 2-1) at this time. Therefore, in dedesignating such waters for MUN, it is appropriate to designate other beneficial uses of these waters, as follows:

For the Oxnard Industrial Drain:

Potential Industrial Service Supply (IND);
Existing Industrial Process Supply (PROC);
Potential Agriculture Supply (AGR);
Potential Water Contact Recreation (REC1);
Existing Non-contact Recreation (REC2);
Existing Warm Freshwater Habitat (WARM);
Existing Wildlife Habitat (WILD);
Existing Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species (RARE); and
Existing Wetland Habitat (WET)

For the Sepulveda Channel and Centinela Creek:

Potential Water Contact Recreation (REC1);
Existing Non-contact Recreation (REC2);
Potential Warm Freshwater Habitat (WARM); and
Existing Wildlife Habitat (WILD).

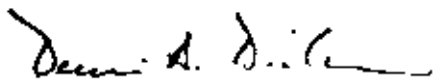
6. Due to typographical errors, Table 2-1 in the *Basin Plan* incorrectly designates three surface waters for Cold Freshwater Habitat (COLD), including:
 - Calleguas Creek (Hydro Unit No. 403.11);
 - Arroyo Las Posas (Hydro Unit No. 403.12); and
 - Arroyo Las Posas (Hydro Unit No. 403.62).
7. Changes to designations of beneficial uses are subject to approval by the State Water Resources Control Board, Office of Administrative Law, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan)* is hereby amended as follows:

1. The Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN) beneficial use will be removed from the following surface and ground waters:
 - a. **Ballona Creek** - From Cochran Avenue & Venice Avenue to the estuary at Beethoven Street;
 - b. **Sepulveda Channel** - From Military Avenue & Queensland Street to the confluence with Ballona Creek;
 - c. **Centinela Creek** - From La Cienega Boulevard & the 405 Freeway to the confluence with Ballona Creek;
 - d. **Dominguez Channel** - From Komblum Avenue & West 116th Street to the estuary at Vermont Avenue;
 - e. **Cerritos Channel** - From Clark Avenue & Ashworth Street, Paramount Boulevard & Eckleson Street, Downey Avenue & 54th Street, and the Long Beach Airport to the estuary at East De Leon Street;
 - f. **Lower San Gabriel River** - From Firestone Boulevard to the estuary at East De Leon Street;
 - g. **Coyote Creek** - From the northernmost crossing of the Los Angeles-Orange County Line to the confluence with the San Gabriel River; and
 - h. **Oxnard Industrial Drain** - From East Wooley Avenue to the estuary at Hueneme Road.
 - i. The West Basin portion of the Los Angeles Coastal Plain groundwater basin, underlying the Chevron Refinery in El Segundo and nearby areas, as defined by the Pacific Ocean to the west; Imperial Highway to the north; Sepulveda Boulevard to the east; and Valley Boulevard and 15th Street to the south; and

- j. The West Basin portion of the Los Angeles Coastal Plain groundwater basin, underlying Terminal Island and portions of the Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors, defined as seaward of the line formed by Shoshonean Road, Via Cabrillo Marina, West 22nd Street, Crescent Avenue, Harbor Boulevard, the Terminal Island Freeway (47), Pacific Avenue, John S. Gibson Avenue, "B" Street, Alameda Street, Anaheim Street, the Long Beach Freeway (710), and Shoreline Drive to the eastern end of the Downtown Long Beach Marina.
2. The following surface waters will be assigned the specified beneficial uses:
- For the Oxnard Industrial Drain:
- Potential Industrial Service Supply (IND);
 - Existing Industrial Process Supply (PROC);
 - Potential Agriculture Supply (AGR);
 - Potential Water Contact Recreation (REC1);
 - Existing Non-contact Recreation (REC2);
 - Existing Warm Freshwater Habitat (WARM);
 - Existing Wildlife Habitat (WILD);
 - Existing Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species (RARE); and
 - Existing Wetland Habitat (WET).
- For the Sepulveda Channel and Catinela Creek:
- Potential Water Contact Recreation (REC1);
 - Existing Non-contact Recreation (REC2);
 - Potential Warm Freshwater Habitat (WARM); and
 - Existing Wildlife Habitat (WILD).
3. The COLD beneficial use will be removed from the following surface waters:
- Calleguas Creek (Hydro Unit No. 403.11);
 - Arroyo Las Posas (Hydro Unit No. 403.12); and
 - Arroyo Las Posas (Hydro Unit No. 403.62).
4. All remaining waters designated as MUN will continue to be protected as such. Any further changes to designations for MUN or other beneficial uses will require another amendment of the *Basin Plan*.

I, Dennis A. Dickerson, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, on November 2, 1998.



Dennis A. Dickerson
Executive Officer