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Dear Mr. Unger:

I am providing this letter to clarify EPA's approval of the recent Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's amendments to site specific objectives (SSOs) for chloride in Reaches 4b, 5, and 6 of the Santa Clara River in Chapter 3 of the Region's Basin Plan (Resolution No. R14-10). During our review of the amendments, we identified a minor change that we required to be made. Specifically, we indicated that the term "conditional" should be deleted from the amendments to Chapter 3 (Attachment A to Resolution No. R14-10). This term was found unnecessary in the context of the SSOs, given the implementation program in Chapter 7 (also adopted through Resolution No. R14-10).

We discussed with and recommended to your staff that, to preserve the linkage to the implementation program in Chapter 7, minor, non-substantive changes be made to the implementation language for the SSOs in Chapter 3 such that the language would refer to "implementation provisions" for the SSOs instead of "conditions" for the SSOs. Your staff then provided a draft mark-up of the amendments to Chapter 3 based on our request (enclosed). We found the draft mark-up to be consistent with our request for the minor change and our subsequent discussions with your staff. Upon review of the draft mark-up, we issued our approval pursuant to Section 303(c) for the SSOs. In our approval letter, we did not mention the implementation language associated with the SSOs in Chapter 3, because we were not acting upon the implementation language in our action. However, we acknowledge that the Los Angeles Water Board has included implementation language for the SSOs in Chapter 3, which provides a linkage to the more detailed implementation program in Chapter 7. While we are not taking action on this language, we have no objection to it, and find it to be consistent with our understanding of how the SSOs will be implemented.

In conclusion, this letter is intended to clarify that our approval of the SSOs, dated April 28, 2015, was issued with the understanding that the minor changes described above were made to the amendments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane Diamond".

Jane Diamond
Director, Water Division

Enclosure

cc: Rik Rasmussen

Attachment A to Resolution No. R4-2014-010

Basin Plan Amendment Incorporating an Averaging Period for Chloride Water Quality Objectives in Three Reaches and New ~~Conditional~~ Site Specific Objectives for Chloride in Two Reaches of the Upper Santa Clara River

The following language will be modified in Chapter 3, Water Quality Objectives of the Basin Plan, under “Mineral Quality”¹:

Revise Table 3-10 “Water Quality Objectives for Selected Constituents in Inland Surface Waters” as follows:

Add footnote “m” under column labeled “Chloride (mg/L)” for the following rows:

Between Bouquet Canyon Road Bridge and West Pier Highway 99
Between West Pier Highway 99 and Blue Cut gaging station
Between Blue Cut gaging station and Piru Creek

Add description of footnote “m” at the bottom of the table

- m. *These objectives apply as a 3-month rolling average. The 3-month averaging period for these objectives was established through a Basin Plan amendment adopted by the Regional Board on October 9, 2014 (Resolution No. R14-0xx) and went into effect on [insert date].*

¹ Note that table numbering is according to the numbering in the Non-Regulatory Amendment to the Basin Plan to Administratively Update Chapter 3: “Water Quality Objectives” by Incorporating Previously Adopted Amendments and Updated Tables (Resolution No. R13-003, adopted by the Regional Board on May 2, 2013).

Attachment A to Resolution No. R4-2014-010

Basin Plan Amendment Incorporating an Averaging Period for Chloride Water Quality Objectives in Three Reaches and New ~~Conditional~~ Site Specific Objectives for Chloride in Two Reaches of the Upper Santa Clara River

Revise Table 3-10a and associated text as follows:

Table 3-10a. ~~Conditional~~ Site Specific Objectives for Chloride in Upper Santa Clara River Watershed Surface Waters

WATERSHED/STREAM REACH	REACH NUMBER	Chloride (mg/L)
Upper Santa Clara River Watershed:		
Between Bouquet Canyon Road Bridge and West Pier Highway 99	6	150 (123-month rolling average)
Between West Pier Highway 99 and the Valencia WRP outfall 001	5	150 (3-month rolling average)
Between West Pier Highway 99 and Blue Cut gaging station	4	150 (12-month average)
Between Blue Cut gaging station and confluence of Piru Creek	117/130 ^a 00	(3-month average) ^b

- a. The conditional site specific objective of 130 mg/L applies only if the following conditions and implementation requirements are met:
1. Water supply chloride concentrations measured in Castaic Lake are ≥ 80 mg/L.
 2. The Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District (SCVSD) shall provide supplemental water to salt sensitive agricultural uses that are irrigated with surface water during periods when Reach 4B (between Blue Cut gaging station and confluence of Piru Creek) surface water exceeds 117 mg/L.
 3. By May 4, 2020, the 10-year cumulative net chloride loading above 117 mg/L (CNCl₁₁₇)[†] to Reach 4B of the Santa Clara River (SCR), calculated annually, from the SCVSD Water Reclamation Plants (WRPs) shall be zero or less.

$$^{\dagger}CNCl_{117} = Cl_{(Above\ 117)} - Cl_{(Below\ 117)} - Cl_{(Export\ EWs)}$$

Where:

$$Cl_{(Above\ 117)} = [WRP\ Cl\ Load^{\dagger} / Reach\ 4B\ Cl\ Load^{\ddagger}] * [Reach\ 4B\ Cl\ Load_{>117}^{\ddagger}]$$

$$Cl_{(Below\ 117)} = [WRP\ Cl\ Load^{\dagger} / Reach\ 4B\ Cl\ Load^{\ddagger}] * [Reach\ 4B\ Cl\ Load_{\leq 117}^{\ddagger}]$$

$$Cl_{(Export\ EWs)} = Cl\ Load\ Removed\ by\ Extraction\ Wells$$

[†] WRP Cl Load is determined as the monthly average chloride (Cl) concentration multiplied by the monthly average flow measured at the Valencia WRP.

[‡] Reach 4B Cl Load is determined as the monthly average Cl concentration at SCVSD Receiving Water Station RF multiplied by the monthly average flow measured at USGS Gauging Station 11109000 (Las Brisas Bridge).

Attachment A to Resolution No. R4-2014-010

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³Reach 4B Cl Load_{>117} means the calculated Cl load to Reach 4B when monthly average Cl concentration in Reach 4B is above 117 mg/L.

⁴Reach 4B Cl Load_{≤117} means the calculated Cl load to Reach 4B when monthly average Cl concentration in Reach 4B is below or equal to 117 mg/L.

4. ~~The chief engineer of the SCVSD signs under penalty of perjury and submits to the Regional Board a letter documenting the fulfillment of conditions 1, 2, and 3.~~

b. ~~The averaging period for the critical condition SSO of 130 mg/L may be reconsidered based on results of chloride trend monitoring after the alternative water resources management (AWRM) system is applied.~~

Implementation Provisions for site specific objectives

The implementation provisions for the conditional site specific objectives for chloride in the surface water between Bouquet Canyon Road ~~b~~ Bridge and West Pier Highway 99, and between West Pier Highway 99 and the Valencia WRP outfall 001 and Blue Cut gaging station, and between Blue Cut gaging station and confluence of Piru Creek shall apply and supersede the existing water quality objectives in Table 3-8-10 only when require that SCVSD to operate flow weighting projects chloride load reductions and/or chloride export projects are in operation by the SCVSD according to the implementation section in Table 7-6-1 of Chapter 7.

Remove Table 3-13.a and associated text as follows:

Table 3-13a. Conditional Site Specific Objectives for Selected Constituents in Regional Groundwaters

DWR Basin No.	BASIN	Chloride (mg/L)
4-4	Ventura Coastal Lower area east of Piru Creek [†]	150 (rolling 12-month average)
4-4.07	Eastern Santa Clara Santa Clara—Bouquet & San Francisquito Canyons	150 (rolling 12-month average)
	Castaic Valley	150 (rolling 12-month average)

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1. This objective only applies to the San Pedro formation. Existing objective of 200 mg/L applies to shallow alluvium layer above San Pedro formation.

The conditional site specific objectives for chloride in the groundwater in Santa Clara–Bouquet & San Francisquito Canyons, Castaic valley, and the lower area east of Piru Creek (San Pedro Formation) shall apply and supersede the existing regional groundwater quality objectives only when chloride load reductions and/or chloride export projects are in operation by the SCVSD according to the implementation section in Table 7.6-1 of Chapter 7.

Attachment B to Resolution No. R4-2014-010

Revision of the TMDL for Chloride in the Upper Santa Clara River

Revised by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region on October 9, 2014.

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Chapter 7. Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) Upper Santa Clara River TMDL

This TMDL was adopted by: The Regional Water Quality Control Board on October 24, 2002.

This TMDL was remanded by: The State Water Resources Control Board on February 19, 2003

This TMDL was adopted by: The Regional Water Quality Control Board on July 10, 2003.

This TMDL was revised and adopted by:

The Regional Water Quality Control Board on May 6, 2004.

This TMDL was approved by:

The State Water Resource Control Board on July 22, 2004

The Office of Administrative Law on November 15, 2004

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on April 28, 2005

This TMDL was revised and adopted by:

The Regional Water Quality Control Board on August 3, 2006.

This TMDL revision was approved by:

The State Water Resource Control Board on May 22, 2007.

The Office of Administrative Law on July 3, 2007.

This TMDL was revised and adopted by:

The Regional Water Quality Control Board on December 11, 2008.

This TMDL revision was approved by:

The State Water Resource Control Board on October 20, 2009.

The Office of Administrative Law on January 26, 2010.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on April 6, 2010.

This TMDL was revised and adopted by:

The Regional Water Quality Control Board on [insert date].

This TMDL revision was approved by:

The State Water Resource Control Board on [insert date].

The Office of Administrative Law on [insert date].

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on [insert date].

Table 7-6.1 Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL: Elements

Element	<p>Table 7-6.1. Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL: Elements <u>Santa Clara River Chloride Regulatory Provisions</u></p>
<p>Problem Statement</p>	<p>Elevated chloride concentrations are causing impairments <u>exceedances</u> of the water quality objectives in Reach 5 (EPA 303(d) list Reach 7) and Reach 6 (EPA 303(d) list Reach 8) of the Santa Clara River (SCR). These reaches are have been on the 1998 and 2002 Clean Water Act (CWA) <u>section 303(d) lists</u> of impaired water bodies as impaired due to chloride <u>since 1998</u>. The objectives for these reaches were set to protect all beneficial uses; the agricultural supply beneficial uses have been determined to be the most sensitive, and not currently attained at the downstream end of Reach 5 (EPA 303(d) list Reach 7) and Reach 6 (EPA 303(d) list Reach 8) in the Upper Santa Clara River (USCR). Irrigation of salt sensitive crops such as avocados, strawberries, and nursery crops with water containing elevated levels of chloride results in reduced crop yields. Chloride levels in groundwater are also rising in Piru Basin, which underlying underlies the reach downstream of Reach 5 are also rising.</p>
<p>Numeric Target (Interpretation of the numeric water quality objective, used to calculate the load allocations)</p>	<p>For Reach 4B and Reach 5 downstream of the Valencia Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) outfall 001, the numeric target for chloride in the surface water is <u>100 mg/L, measured as a 3-month rolling average, which is required to attain the water quality objective and protect the agricultural supply beneficial use.</u></p> <p>For Reach 6 and Reach 5 upstream of the Valencia WRP outfall 001, the <u>numeric target for chloride in the surface water is equivalent to conditional site specific objectives (SSOs) of 150 mg/L, measured as a 3-month rolling average, contingent upon the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District's (SCVSD) operation of flow-weighting projects. As described in the waste load allocation (WLA) section of this table, the Valencia WRP is assigned a variable WLA less than 100 mg/L as a 3-month rolling average, which allows the Saugus WRP to discharge up to 150 mg/L as a 3-month rolling average, while still meeting the numeric target of 100 mg/L as a three-month rolling average immediately downstream of the Valencia WRP outfall 001.</u></p> <p>Numeric targets are equivalent to conditional site specific objectives (SSOs) that are based on technical studies regarding chloride levels which protect salt sensitive crops and endangered and threatened species, chloride source identification, and the magnitude of assimilative capacity in the upper reaches of the Santa Clara River and underlying groundwater basin. The TMDL special study, Literature Review Evaluation, shows that the most sensitive beneficial uses can be supported with rolling averaging periods as shown in the tables below.</p> <p><u>1. Conditional Surface Water SSOs</u></p>

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The conditional SSOs for chloride in the surface water of Reaches 4B, 5, and 6 shall apply and supersede the existing water quality objectives of 100 mg/L only when chloride load reductions and/or chloride export projects are in operation by the SCVSD according to the implementation section in Table 7-6.1. Conditional Surface water quality SSOs objectives for Reaches 4B, 5, and 6 of the Santa Clara River are listed as follows:

Reach	Conditional SSO Surface Water Quality Objective for Chloride (mg/L)	Rolling Averaging Period
6	150*	23-month
5 (upstream of Valencia WRP outfall 001)	150*	3-month
5 (downstream of Valencia WRP outfall 001)	100	23-month
4B	100	3-month
4B Critical Conditions	30 ^a	3-month ^b

* The ~~conditional~~ SSO for chloride in the surface water of Reach 6 and Reach 5 upstream of the Valencia WRP outfall 001 shall apply and supersede the existing water quality objectives of 100 mg/L as a 3-month rolling average only when flow weighting projects are in operation by the SCVSD according to the implementation section below. As described in the WLA section of this table, the Valencia WRP is assigned a variable WLA less than 100 mg/L as a 3-month rolling average, which allows the Saugus WRP to discharge up to 150 mg/L as a 3-month rolling average, while still meeting the numeric target of 100 mg/L as a 3-month rolling average immediately downstream of the Valencia WRP outfall 001. The interim milestones listed in the implementation schedule in Table 7-6.2 ensure that the facilities needed to attain flow-weighted WLAs are constructed in time for the Saugus and Valencia WRPs to attain the final WLAs.

a. The conditional SSO for chloride in Reach 4B under critical condition shall apply only if the following conditions and implementation requirements are met:

1. Water supply chloride concentrations measured in Castaic Lake are \geq

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	<p>80 mg/L.</p> <p>2. The Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District (SCVSD) shall provide supplemental water to salt sensitive agricultural uses that are irrigated with surface water during periods when Reach 4B surface water exceeds 117 mg/L.</p> <p>3. By May 4, 2020, the 10-year cumulative net chloride loading above 117 mg/L ($CNCl_{117}$)¹ to Reach 4B of the SCR, calculated annually, from the SCVSD Water Reclamation Plants (WRPs) shall be zero or less.</p> <p>$CNCl_{117} = Cl_{(Above\ 117)} - Cl_{(Below\ 117)} - Cl_{(Export\ EWs)}$</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>$Cl_{(Above\ 117)} = [WRP\ Cl\ Load^1 / Reach\ 4B\ Cl\ Load^2] * [Reach\ 4B\ Cl\ Load_{>117}^3]$</p> <p>$Cl_{(Below\ 117)} = [WRP\ Cl\ Load^1 / Reach\ 4B\ Cl\ Load^2] * [Reach\ 4B\ Cl\ Load_{\leq 117}^4]$</p> <p>$Cl_{(Export\ EWs)} = Cl\ Load\ Removed\ by\ Extraction\ Wells$</p> <p>¹WRP Cl Load is determined as the monthly average Cl concentration multiplied by the monthly average flow measured at the Valencia WRP.</p> <p>²Reach 4B Cl Load is determined as the monthly average Cl concentration at SCVSD Receiving Water Station RF multiplied by the monthly average flow measured at USGS Gauging Station 11109000 (Las Brisas Bridge).</p> <p>³Reach 4B Cl Load_{>117} means the calculated Cl load to Reach 4B when monthly average Cl concentration in Reach 4B is above 117 mg/L.</p> <p>⁴Reach 4B Cl Load_{≤117} means the calculated Cl load to Reach 4B when monthly average Cl concentration in Reach 4B is below or equal to 117 mg/L.</p> <p>4. The chief engineer of the SCVSD signs under penalty of perjury and submits to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) a letter documenting the fulfillment of conditions 1, 2, and 3.</p> <p>b. The averaging period for the critical condition SSO may be reconsidered based on results of chloride trend monitoring after the conditional WLAs of this TMDL are implemented.</p>

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	<p>2. Conditional SSOs for Groundwater</p> <p>Conditional groundwater SSOs are listed as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Groundwater Basin</th> <th>Conditional Groundwater SSO for Chloride (mg/L)</th> <th>Rolling Averaging Period</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Santa Clara—Bouquet & San Francisquito Canyons</td> <td>150</td> <td>12-month</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Castaie Valley</td> <td>150</td> <td>12-month</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lower area east of Piru Creek^a</td> <td>150</td> <td>12-month</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>^a—This objective only applies to the San Pedro formation. Existing objective of 200 mg/L applies to shallow alluvium layer above San Pedro formation.</p> <p>The conditional SSOs for chloride in the groundwater in Santa Clara—Bouquet & San Francisquito Canyons, Castaie Valley and the lower area east of Piru Creek (San Pedro Formation) shall apply and supersede the existing groundwater quality objectives only when chloride load reductions and/or chloride export projects are in operation by the SCVSD according to the implementation section in Table 7-6.1.</p>	Groundwater Basin	Conditional Groundwater SSO for Chloride (mg/L)	Rolling Averaging Period	Santa Clara—Bouquet & San Francisquito Canyons	150	12-month	Castaie Valley	150	12-month	Lower area east of Piru Creek^a	150	12-month
Groundwater Basin	Conditional Groundwater SSO for Chloride (mg/L)	Rolling Averaging Period											
Santa Clara—Bouquet & San Francisquito Canyons	150	12-month											
Castaie Valley	150	12-month											
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<i>Source Analysis</i>	<p>The principal source of chloride into Reaches 5 and 6 of the Santa Clara River is discharges from the Saugus WRP and Valencia WRP, which are estimated to contribute 70% of the chloride load in Reaches 5 and 6. These sources of chloride accumulate and degrade groundwater in the lower area east of Piru Creek in the basin.</p>												
<i>Linkage Analysis</i>	<p>A groundwater-surface water interaction (GSWI) model was developed to assess the linkage between chloride sources and in-stream water quality and to quantify the assimilative capacity of Reaches 4A, 4B, 5, and 6 and the groundwater basins underlying those reaches. -GSWI was then used to predict the effects of WRP discharges on chloride loading to surface water and groundwater under a variety</p>												

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	<p>of future hydrology, land use, and water use assumptions, including future discharges from the Newhall Ranch WRP, in order to determine appropriate wasteload allocations (WLAs) and load allocations (LAs) and evaluate the effect of using WLAs expressed as a flow-weighted average between the Saugus and Valencia WRPs.</p> <p>The linkage analysis demonstrates that beneficial uses can be protected through a combination of SSOs for surface water and groundwater and reduction of chloride levels from the Valencia WRP effluent through advanced treatment.</p>						
<p>Waste Load Allocations (for point sources)</p>	<p>The conditional WLAs for chloride for all point sources shall apply only when chloride load reductions and/or chloride export projects are in operation by the SCVSD according to the implementation section in Table 7-6.1. If these conditions are not met, WLAs shall be based on existing water quality objectives for chloride of 100 mg/L.</p> <p>Conditional WLAs for chloride for discharges to Reach 4B by the Saugus and Valencia WRPs are as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Reach</th> <th>Concentration-based Conditional WLA for Chloride (mg/L)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>4B</td> <td>117 (3-month Average); 230 (Daily Maximum)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4B Critical Conditions</td> <td>130^a (3-month Average^b); 230 (Daily Maximum)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>a. The Conditional WLA under critical conditions shall apply only if the following conditions and implementation requirements are met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water supply chloride concentrations measured in Castaic Lake are \geq 80 mg/L. 2. SCVSD shall provide supplemental water to salt sensitive agricultural uses that are irrigated with surface water during periods when Reach 4B surface water exceeds 117 mg/L. <p>26. By May 4, 2020, the 10-year cumulative net chloride loading above 117 mg/L ($CNCl_{117}$)[†] to Reach 4B of the SCR, calculated annually,</p>	Reach	Concentration-based Conditional WLA for Chloride (mg/L)	4B	117 (3-month Average); 230 (Daily Maximum)	4B Critical Conditions	130 ^a (3-month Average ^b); 230 (Daily Maximum)
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	<p>objectives for chloride of 100 mg/L as a 3-month rolling average.</p> <p>Discharges to Reaches 5 and 6 by the The Saugus and Valencia WRPs will have final concentration-based and mass-based conditional WLAs for chloride based expressed as a flow-weighted average of the combined effluent of the Saugus and Valencia WRPs on conditional SSOs as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>WRP</th> <th>Concentration-based Conditional WLA for Chloride (mg/L)</th> <th>Mass-based Conditional WLA for Chloride (pounds/day)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Saugus</td> <td>150 (123-month Rolling Average) ;230 (Daily Maximum)</td> <td>$Q_{Design} * 150 \text{ mg/L} * 8.34$ (123-month Average)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Valencia</td> <td>$C_{VAL, 3mo.av}$ 150 (123-month Rolling Average) ;230 (Daily Maximum)</td> <td>$Q_{Design} * 150 \frac{100}{\text{mg/L}} * 8.34 - AF_{RO}$ (123-month Average)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Where:</p> $C_{VAL, 3mo.av} = 1/3 \sum_{m_i=1}^3 \left[\frac{Q_{SAU, m_i} (100 - C_{SAU, m_i})}{Q_{VAL, m_i}} + 100 \right]$ <p>Q_{SAU, m_i} = Saugus WRP monthly effluent flow in million gallons per day (MGD) Q_{VAL, m_i} = Valencia WRP monthly effluent flow in MGD C_{SAU, m_i} = Saugus WRP monthly effluent chloride level in mg/L C_{VAL, m_i} = Valencia WRP monthly effluent chloride level in mg/L</p> <p>Q_{SAU, m_i} and Q_{VAL, m_i} shall not exceed the design flow during dry-weather periods</p> <p>Where Q_{design} is the design capacity of WRPs in units of million gallons per day (MGD), AF_{RO} is the chloride mass loading adjustment factor for operation of reverse osmosis (RO) facilities, where:</p> <p>If RO facilities are operated at $\geq 50\%$ Capacity Factor^a in preceding 12 months</p> $AF_{RO} = 0$	WRP	Concentration-based Conditional WLA for Chloride (mg/L)	Mass-based Conditional WLA for Chloride (pounds/day)	Saugus	150 (123-month Rolling Average) ;230 (Daily Maximum)	$Q_{Design} * 150 \text{ mg/L} * 8.34$ (123-month Average)	Valencia	$C_{VAL, 3mo.av}$ 150 (123-month Rolling Average) ;230 (Daily Maximum)	$Q_{Design} * 150 \frac{100}{\text{mg/L}} * 8.34 - AF_{RO}$ (123-month Average)
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Valencia	$C_{VAL, 3mo.av}$ 150 (123-month Rolling Average) ;230 (Daily Maximum)	$Q_{Design} * 150 \frac{100}{\text{mg/L}} * 8.34 - AF_{RO}$ (123-month Average)								

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	<p>If RO facilities are operated at < 50% Capacity Factor^b in preceding 12 months</p> $AF_{RO} = (50\% \text{ Capacity Factor} - \%RO \text{ Capacity}) * ChlorideLoadRO^c$ <p>^aCapacity Factor is based on 3 MGD of recycled water treated with RO, 90% of the time. ^bIf operation of RO facilities at <50% rated capacity is the result of conditions that are outside the control of SCVSD, then under the discretion of the Executive Officer of the Regional Board, the AF_{RO} may be set to 0. ^cChloride load reduction is based on operation of a RO treatment plant treating 3 MGD of recycled water with chloride concentration of 50 mg/L + Water Supply Chloride. Assumes operational capacity factor of 90% and RO membrane chloride rejection rate of 95%. Determination of chloride load based on the following:</p> $ChlorideLoadRO = 90\% * [(Q_{RO} * C_{WRP} * 8.34) * r] * \left(\frac{30 \text{ Days}}{\text{Month}} \right)$ <p>Where: Q_{RO} = 3 MGD of recycled water treated with RO C_{WRP} = Chloride concentration in water supply + 50 mg/L r = % Reverse Osmosis chloride rejection (95% or 0.95) 8.34 = Conversion factor (ppd/(mg/L*MGD))</p> <p>The final WLAs for TDS and sulfate are equal to existing surface water and groundwater quality objectives for TDS and sulfate in Tables 3-8 and 3-10 of the Basin Plan. The Regional Board may revise the final WLAs based on review of trend monitoring data as detailed in the monitoring section of this Basin Plan amendment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>WLAs for other NPDES discharges</u> <p>Other minor NPDES discharges (as defined in Table 4-1 of the Basin Plan) receive conditional WLAs. The conditional WLA for these point sources is as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Reach</th> <th>Concentration-based Conditional WLA for Chloride (mg/L)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>150 (12-month Average), 230 (Daily Maximum)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Reach	Concentration-based Conditional WLA for Chloride (mg/L)	6	150 (12-month Average), 230 (Daily Maximum)
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5	150 (12-month Average); 230 (Daily Maximum)								
4B	117 (3-month Average); 230 (Daily Maximum)								
<p>Load Allocation (for non point sources)</p>	<p>The source analysis indicates nonpoint sources are not a major source of chloride. The conditional LAs for these nonpoint sources are as below:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%; text-align: center;">Reach</th> <th style="width: 70%; text-align: center;">Concentration-based Conditional LA for Chloride (mg/L)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> <td>150 (12-month Average); 230 (Daily Maximum)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td>150 (12-month Average); 230 (Daily Maximum)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">4B</td> <td>117 (3-month Average); 230 (Daily Maximum)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The conditional LAs shall apply only when chloride load reductions and/or chloride export projects are in operation by the SCVSD according to the implementation section in Table 7-6.1. If these conditions are not met, LAs are based on existing water quality objectives of 100 mg/L as a 3-month rolling average.</p>	Reach	Concentration-based Conditional LA for Chloride (mg/L)	6	150 (12-month Average); 230 (Daily Maximum)	5	150 (12-month Average); 230 (Daily Maximum)	4B	117 (3-month Average); 230 (Daily Maximum)
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Implementation

Refer to Table 7-6.2.

Implementation of Upper Santa Clara River ~~Conditional~~ Site Specific Objectives and WLAs for Chloride

In accordance with Regional Board resolution 97-002, the Regional Board and stakeholders have developed an integrated watershed plan to address chloride impairments and protect beneficial uses of surface waters and groundwater basins underlying Reaches 4B, 5, and 6 of the Santa Clara River. The plan involves: 1) Reducing chloride loads and/or increasing chloride exports from the USCR watershed through implementation of advanced treatment (RO) of a portion of the effluent from the Valencia WRP. The advanced treated effluent will be discharged into Reach 4B or blended with extracted groundwater from the Piru Basin underlying Reach 4B and discharged into Reach 4A. The resultant brine from the advanced treatment process will be disposed in a legal and environmentally sound manner. 2) Implementing the conditional SSOs for chloride in surface waters and underlying groundwater basins of the USCR watershed provided in Chapter 3.

The watershed chloride reduction plan ~~conditional~~ SSOs and WLAs for chloride will be implemented through effluent and receiving water limits, monitoring requirement and other conditions in NPDES permits for the Valencia and Saugus WRPs and a new NPDES permit for discharge into Reach 4A. The ~~conditional~~ SSOs for chloride in the surface water of the USCR watershed shall apply and supersede the existing regional water quality objectives in Table 3-10 of the Basin Plan only when chloride load reductions and/or chloride export/flow-weighting projects are in operation by SCVSD as described in the WLA section of this table and listed in Table 7-6.2, and reduce chloride loading in accordance with the following table. In addition, permit conditions will include participation by SCVSD in the Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP) stakeholder-led group or other efforts to reduce the effects of the ~~conditional~~ SSOs and WLAs on the quality of the underlying groundwater basins, including the alluvial basins underlying Reaches 5 and 6 and the Saugus Formation.

Water Supply Chloride ¹	Chloride Load Reductions ²
40 mg/L	58,000 lbs per month
50 mg/L	64,000 lbs per month
60 mg/L	71,000 lbs per month
70 mg/L	77,000 lbs per month
80 mg/L	83,000 lbs per month
90 mg/L	90,000 lbs per month

100 mg/L

96,000 lbs per month

¹ Based on measured chloride of the State Water Project (SWP) water stored in Castaic Lake.

² Chloride load reduction is based on operation of a RO treatment plant treating 3 MGD of recycled water with chloride concentration of 50 mg/L + Water Supply Chloride. Assumes operational capacity factor of 90% and RO membrane chloride rejection rate of 95%. Determination of chloride load based on the following:

$$ChlorideLoad = 90\% \times [(Q_{RO} \times C_{WRP} \times 8.34) \times r] \times \left(\frac{30 Days}{Month} \right)$$

where r = % chloride rejection (95%)

Q_{RO} = 3 MGD of recycled water treated

with RO

C_{WRP} = SWP Cl + 50 mg/L

Conditional WLAs for the Saugus and Valencia WRPs will be implemented through effluent limits, monitoring requirements in NPDES permits. Conditional WLAs for Reach 4B will be implemented as receiving water limits. Conditional WLAs for Reaches 5 and 6 will be implemented as effluent limits.

The implementation plan proposes that during the period of TMDL implementation, Prior to the deadline for achieving the final conditional WLAs, compliance for the WRPs' effluent limits will shall be evaluated relative to their accordance with interim WLAs, below.

Saugus WRP:

The interim WLAs for chloride for the Saugus and Valencia WRPs is are equal to the interim effluent limits for chloride specified in order Resolution No. R4-2004-004. However, prior to the issuance/reissuance of the Saugus and Valencia NPDES permits, SCVSD shall, for each WRP, submit recent potable water chloride concentration data, final effluent chloride data, and the change between the two. These data shall be used to recalculate the interim effluent limits during the NPDES permit renewal/reissuance process to reflect current water quality conditions. The interim WLA for TDS is 1000 mg/L as an annual average. The interim WLA for sulfate is 450 mg/L as an annual average. These interim WLAs shall apply as interim end-of-pipe effluent limits, interim groundwater limits, and interim limits in the Non-NPDES WDR for recycled water uses from the Saugus WRP instead of existing water quality objectives.

Valencia WRP:

	<p>The interim WLA for chloride is equal to the interim limit for chloride specified in order No. R4-04-004. The interim WLA for TDS is 1000 mg/L as an annual average. The interim WLA for sulfate is 450 mg/L as an annual average. These interim WLAs shall apply as interim end-of-pipe effluent limits, interim groundwater limits, and interim limits in the Non-NPDES WDR for recycled water uses from the Valencia WRP instead of existing water quality objectives.</p> <p><u>Other Major NPDES Permits (including Newhall Ranch WRP):</u></p> <p><u>WLAs for other NPDES discharges will be implemented through effluent limits, monitoring requirements, and other permit conditions in NPDES permits. The Regional Board may consider assigning conditional WLAs for other major NPDES permits, including the Newhall Ranch WRP, pending implementation of a chloride mass removal quantity that is proportional to mass based chloride removal required for the Valencia WRP.</u></p> <p><u>Supplemental Water released to Reach 6 of Santa Clara River:</u></p> <p>In order to accommodate the discharge of supplemental water to Reach 6, interim WLAs are provided for sulfate of 450 mg/L and TDS of 1000 mg/L as annual averages. The final WLAs are equal to the existing water quality objectives for sulfate and TDS in Table 3-8 of the Basin Plan. The Regional Board may revise the final WLA based on review of trend monitoring data as detailed in the monitoring section of this Basin Plan amendment.</p>
<p>Monitoring</p>	<p><u>NPDES monitoring: NPDES Permittees will conduct chloride chloride, TDS, and sulfate effluent and receiving water monitoring to ensure that chloride water quality objectives and water quality objectives waste load allocations are being met.</u></p> <p><u>Trend monitoring: The SCVSD will submit to the Regional Board and implement upon approval a monitoring plan to conduct chloride, TDS, and sulfate trend monitoring to ensure that the goal of chloride export in the watershed is being achieved, water quality objectives and waste load allocations are being met, and downstream groundwater and surface water quality is not degraded, and groundwater underlying Reach 5 upstream of the Valencia WRP outfall 001 and Reach 6 is not degraded due to implementation of compliance measures by SCVSD. —The SCVSD monitoring plan shall include plans to monitor chloride, TDS, and sulfate in groundwater and identify representative wells to be approved by the Regional Board Executive Officer in the following locations: (a) Shallow</u></p>

	<p>alluvium layer in east Piru Basin, (b) San Pedro Formation in east Piru Basin, and (c) groundwater basins under Reaches 5 and 6, which shall be equivalent or greater than existing groundwater monitoring required by NPDES permits for Saugus and Valencia WRPs. The monitoring plan shall also include a plan to collect water samples and analyze them for chloride, TDS, and sulfate trend monitoring for in surface water for Reaches 4B, 5, and 6. The monitoring plan shall include plans to monitor chloride, TDS, and sulfate at a minimum of once per quarter for groundwater and at a minimum of once per month, and in groundwater in the alluvial basins underlying Reaches 5 and 6 and the Saugus Aquifer at a minimum of twice per year for surface water. At a minimum, the monitoring plan should include a network of three groundwater wells with multiple screens to evaluate impacts to groundwater. The plan should include propose a monitoring schedule that extends beyond the final implementation deadline completion date of this TMDL to support continual evaluate evaluation of impacts of compliance measures to downstream groundwater and surface water and groundwater quality. This TMDL shall be reconsidered if chloride, TDS, and sulfate trend monitoring indicates degradation of groundwater or surface water due to implementation of compliance measures.</p> <p>Trend monitoring: The Reach 4A Permittee will submit a monitoring plan to conduct chloride, TDS, and sulfate trend monitoring to ensure that the goal of chloride export in the watershed is being achieved, water quality objectives are being met, and downstream groundwater and surface water quality is not degraded due to implementation of compliance measures. The Reach 4A permittee monitoring plan shall include plans to monitor chloride, TDS, and sulfate in groundwater and identify representative wells to be approved by the Regional Board Executive Officer in the following locations (a) Fillmore Basin, and (b) Santa Paula Basin. The monitoring plan shall also include a plan for chloride, TDS, and sulfate trend monitoring for surface water for Reaches 3 and 4A. The monitoring plan should include plans to monitor chloride, TDS, and sulfate at a minimum of once per quarter for groundwater and at a minimum of once per month for surface water. The plan should propose a monitoring schedule that shall extend beyond the completion date of this TMDL to evaluate impacts of compliance measures to downstream groundwater and surface water quality. This TMDL shall be reconsidered if chloride, TDS, and sulfate trend monitoring indicates degradation of groundwater or surface water due to implementation of compliance measures.</p>
<p>Margin of Safety</p>	<p>An implicit margin of safety is incorporated through conservative model assumptions and statistical analysis.</p> <p>An implicit margin of safety is incorporated through conservative model assumptions and chloride mass balance analysis. The model is an integrated groundwater surface water model which shows that chloride</p>

	<p>discharged from the WRP accumulates in the east Piru Basin. Further mass balance analysis shows that the chloride mass removed from the Piru Basin exceeds the chloride loaded into the Piru Basin from implementation of the conditional SSOs.</p>
<p><i>Seasonal Variations and Critical Conditions</i></p>	<p>During dry weather conditions, less surface flow is available to dilute effluent discharge, groundwater pumping rates for agricultural purposes are higher, groundwater discharge is lower, poorer quality groundwater may be drawn into the aquifer, and evapotranspiration effects are greater than in wet weather conditions. During drought, reduced surface flow and increased groundwater extraction continues through several seasons with greater impacts on groundwater resources and discharges. -Dry and critically dry periods affecting the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Valleys reduce fresh-water flow into the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and result in higher than normal chloride concentrations in the State Water Project supply within the California aqueduct system. -These increased chloride levels are transferred to the upper Santa Clara River. This critical condition is defined as when water supply concentrations measured in Castaic Lake are ≥ 80 mg/L.</p> <p>These critical conditions were included in the GSWI model to determine appropriate allocations and implementation scenarios for the TMDL.</p>

Table 7-6.2. Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL: Implementation Schedule

Table 7-6.2. Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL Implementation Implementation Tasks	Completion Date
<p>1. Alternate Water Supply</p> <p>a) Should (1) the in-river concentration at Blue Cut, the Reach 4B boundary, exceed the <u>water quality objective of 100 mg/L conditional SSO of 117 mg/L</u>, measured for the purposes of this TMDL as a rolling <u>three-month rolling average</u>, (2) each agricultural diverter provide records of the diversion dates and amounts to the Regional Board and Santa Clarita Valley County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (SCVSD) for at least 2 years after the effective date of the TMDL and (3) each agricultural diverter provides photographic evidence that diverted water is applied to avocado, strawberry or other chloride sensitive crop and evidence of a water right to divert, then the SCVSD will be responsible for providing an alternative water supply, negotiating the delivery of alternative water by a third party, or providing fiscal remediation to be quantified in negotiations between the SCVSD and the agricultural diverter at the direction of the Regional Water Quality Control Board until such time as the in-river chloride concentrations do not exceed the conditional SSO.</p> <p>b) Should the instream concentration exceed 230 mg/L more than two times in the three year period, the discharger identified by the Regional Board Executive Officer shall be required to submit, within ninety days of a request by the Regional Board Executive Officer, a workplan for an accelerated schedule to reduce chloride discharges.</p>	<p>Effective Date of TMDL (05/04/2005) (Does not apply upon completion of Task 4)</p>
<p>2. Progress reports will be submitted by the SCVSD to Regional Board staff on a semiannual basis from the effective date of the TMDL for tasks 4, 6, and 7, and on an annual basis for Tasks 5 and 11.</p> <p>Progress reports will be submitted by the Reach 4A Permittee to Regional Board staff on an annual basis for Task 12.</p>	<p>Semiannually and annually</p>
<p>3. Chloride Source Identification/Reduction, Pollution Prevention and Public Outreach Plan: Six months after the effective date of the TMDL, the SCVSD will submit a plan to the Regional Board that addresses measures taken and planned to be taken to quantify and control sources of chloride, including, but not limited to: execute community wide outreach programs, which were developed based on the pilot outreach efforts conducted by the SCVSD, assess potential incentive/disincentive programs for residential self-regenerating water softeners, and other measures that may be effective in</p>	<p>6 months after Effective Date of TMDL (11/04/2005)</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">Implementation Tasks</p> <p>controlling chloride. The SCVSD shall develop and implement the source reduction/pollution prevention and public outreach program, and report results annually thereafter to the Regional Board. Chloride sources from imported water supplies will be assessed. The assessment will include conditions of drought and low rainfall, and will analyze the alternatives for reducing this source.</p>	
<p>4. The SCVSD will convene a technical advisory committee or committees (TAC(s)) in cooperation with the Regional Board to review literature develop a methodology for assessment, and provide recommendations with detailed timelines and task descriptions to support any needed changes to the time schedule for evaluation of appropriate chloride threshold for Task 6. The Regional Board, at a public hearing will re-evaluate the schedule for Task 6 and subsequent linked tasks based on input from the TAC(s), along with Regional Board staff analysis and assessment consistent with state and federal law, as to the types of studies needed and the time needed to conduct the necessary scientific studies to determine the appropriate chloride threshold for the protection of salt sensitive agricultural uses, and will take action to amend the schedule if there is sufficient technical justification.</p>	<p>12 months after Effective Date (05/04/2006)</p>
<p>5. Groundwater/Surface Water Interaction Model: The SCVSD will solicit proposals, collect data, develop a model in cooperation with the Regional Board, obtain peer review, and report results. The impact of source waters and reclaimed water plans on achieving the water quality objective and protecting beneficial uses, including impacts on underlying groundwater quality, will also be assessed and specific recommendations for management developed for Regional Board consideration. The purpose of the modeling and sampling effort is to determine the interaction between surface water and groundwater as it may affect the loading of chloride from groundwater and its linkage to surface water quality.</p>	<p>2.5 years after Effective Date of TMDL (11/20/2007)</p>
<p>6. Evaluation of Appropriate Chloride Threshold for the Protection of Sensitive Agricultural Supply Use and Endangered Species Protection: The SCVSD will prepare and submit a report on endangered species protection thresholds. The SCVSD will also prepare and submit a report presenting the results of the evaluation of chloride thresholds for salt sensitive agricultural uses, which shall consider the impact of drought and low rainfall conditions and the associated increase in imported water concentrations on downstream crops utilizing the result of Task 5.</p>	<p>2.5 years after Effective Date of TMDL (11/20/2007)</p>

<p>Table 7-6.2. Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL Implementation</p> <p>Implementation Tasks</p>	<p>Completion Date</p>
<p>7. Develop SSO for Chloride for Sensitive Agriculture: The SCVSD will solicit proposals and develop technical analyses upon which the Regional Board may base a Basin Plan amendment.</p> <p>8. Develop Anti-Degradation Analysis for Revision of Chloride Objective by SSO: The SCVSD will solicit proposals and develop draft anti-degradation analysis for Regional Board consideration.</p> <p>9. Develop a pre-planning report on conceptual compliance measures to meet different hypothetical final conditional wasteload allocations. The SCVSD shall solicit proposals and develop and submit a report to the Regional Board that identifies potential chloride control measures and costs based on different hypothetical scenarios for chloride SSOs and final conditional wasteload allocations.</p>	<p>2.8 years after Effective Date of TMDL (02/20/2008)</p>
<p>10. a) Preparation and Consideration of a Basin Plan Amendment (BPA) to revise the chloride objective by the Regional Board.</p> <p>b) Evaluation of Alternative Water Supplies for Agricultural Beneficial Uses: The SCVSD will quantify water needs, identify alternative water supplies, evaluate necessary facilities, and report results, including the long-term application of this remedy.</p> <p>e) Analysis of Feasible Compliance Measures to Meet Final Conditional Wasteload Allocations for Proposed Chloride Objective: The SCVSD will assess and report on feasible implementation actions to meet the chloride objective established pursuant to Task 10a).</p> <p>d) Reconsideration of and action taken on the Chloride TMDL and Final Conditional Wasteload Allocations for the Upper Santa Clara River by the Regional Board.</p>	<p>3.5 years after Effective Date of TMDL (12/11/2008)</p>
<p>2.11- Trend monitoring: The SCVSD will submit to the Regional Board and upon approval implement a revised monitoring plan to conduct chloride, TDS, and sulfate trend monitoring to ensure that the goal of chloride export in the watershed is being achieved, water quality objectives and waste load allocations are being met, and downstream groundwater and surface water quality is not degraded, and groundwater underlying Reach 5 upstream of the Valencia WRP outfall 001 and Reach 6 is not degraded due to implementation of</p>	<p>9/30/2015 4 years after Effective Date of TMDL (05/04/2009)</p>

<p><u>Table 7-6.2. Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL Implementation</u></p> <p>Implementation Tasks</p>	<p>Completion Date</p>
<p>compliance measures by SCVSD. The monitoring plan shall include a plan to collect water samples and analyze them for chloride in surface water for Reaches 4B, 5, and 6 at a minimum of once per month. The monitoring plan shall also include a plan for chloride trend monitoring in the alluvial groundwater basins underlying Reaches 5 and 6 and in the Saugus Aquifer at a minimum of twice a year. At a minimum, the monitoring plan should include a network of three groundwater wells with multiple screens to evaluate impacts to groundwater. The SCVSD monitoring plan shall include plans to monitor chloride, TDS, and sulfate in groundwater and identify representative wells to be approved by the Regional Board Executive Officer, in the following locations: (a) Shallow alluvium layer in east Piru Basin, (b) San Pedro Formation in east Piru Basin, and (c) groundwater basins under Reaches 5 and 6, which shall be equivalent or greater than existing groundwater monitoring required by NPDES permits for Saugus and Valencia WRPs. The monitoring plan shall also include a plan for chloride, TDS, and sulfate trend monitoring for surface water for Reaches 4B, 5 and 6. The monitoring plan shall include plans to monitor chloride, TDS, and sulfate at a minimum of once per quarter for groundwater and at a minimum of once per month for surface water. The plan should propose will include a monitoring schedule that extends beyond the completion date final implementation deadline of this TMDL to support continual evaluate evaluation of impacts of compliance measures to downstream groundwater and surface water and groundwater quality. -This TMDL shall be reconsidered if chloride, TDS, and sulfate trend monitoring indicates degradation of groundwater or surface water due to implementation of compliance measures.</p>	
<p>12. Trend monitoring: The Reach 4A Permittee will submit a monitoring plan to conduct chloride, TDS, and sulfate trend monitoring to ensure that the goal of chloride export in the watershed is being achieved, water quality objectives are being met, and downstream groundwater and surface water quality is not degraded due to implementation of compliance measures. The Reach 4A permittee monitoring plan shall include plans to monitor chloride, TDS, and sulfate in groundwater and identify representative wells to be approved by the Regional Board Executive Officer in the following locations (a) Fillmore Basin, and (b) Santa Paula Basin. The monitoring plan shall also include a plan for chloride, TDS, and sulfate trend monitoring for surface water for Reaches 3 and 4A. The monitoring plan should include plans to monitor chloride, TDS, and sulfate at a minimum of once per quarter for groundwater and at a minimum of once per</p>	<p>Submitted with permit application</p>

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<p>month for surface water. The plan should propose a monitoring schedule that shall extend beyond the completion date of this TMDL to evaluate impacts of compliance measures to downstream groundwater and surface water quality. This TMDL shall be reconsidered if chloride, TDS, and sulfate trend monitoring indicates degradation of groundwater or surface water due to implementation of compliance measures.</p>	
<p>13. <u>3.</u> Begin monitoring per approved SVCS <u>SCVSD revised</u> monitoring plan completed in Task 11 <u>2</u>.</p>	<p>Six months <u>One year</u> after Executive Officer approval of Task 11 <u>2 revised</u> monitoring plan for SCVSD</p>
<p>14. Begin monitoring per approved Reach 4A Permittee monitoring plan.</p>	<p>One year after Executive Officer approval of Task 12 monitoring plan for Reach 4A Permittee</p>
<p>15. a) Implementation of Compliance Measures, Planning: The SCVSD shall submit a report of planning activities which include but are not limited to: (1) identifying lead state/federal agencies; (2) administering a competitive bid process for the selection of EIR/EIS and Engineering Consultants; (3) Development of Preliminary Planning and Feasibility Analyses; (4) Submittal of Project Notice of Preparation/Notice of Intent; (5) Preparation of Draft Wastewater Facilities Plan and Programmatic EIR; (6) Administration of Public Review and Comment Periods; (7) Development of Final Wastewater Facilities Plan and Programmatic EIR and incorporation and response to comments; (8) Administration of final public review and certification process; and (9) Filing a Notice of Determination and Record of Decision.</p> <p>b) Implementation of Compliance Measures, Planning: The SCVSD shall provide a schedule of related tasks and subtasks related to Task 15a, and provide semi-annual progress reports on progress of planning activities, thereafter, until completion of Final Wastewater Facilities Plan and Programmatic EIR.</p>	<p>5 years after Effective Date of TMDL (05/04/2010)</p> <p>5 years after Effective Date of TMDL (05/04/2010)</p>
<p>16. The Regional Board staff will re-evaluate the schedule to</p>	<p>6 years after</p>

<p>Table 7-6.2. Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL Implementation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Implementation Tasks</p>	<p>Completion Date</p>
<p>implement control measures needed to meet final conditional WLAs adopted pursuant to Task 10 d) and the schedule for Task 17. The Regional Board, at a public meeting will consider extending the completion date of Task 17 and reconsider the schedule to implement control measures to meet final conditional WLAs adopted pursuant to Task 10 d). The SCVSD will provide the justification for the need for an extension to the Regional Board Executive Officer at least 6 months in advance of the deadline for this task.</p>	<p>Effective Date of TMDL (05/04/2011)</p>
<p>17.a) Implementation of Compliance Measures, Complete Environmental Impact Report: The SCVSD shall complete a Wastewater Facilities Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact Report for facilities to comply with final effluent permit limits for chloride.</p> <p>b) Implementation of Compliance Measures, Engineering Design: The SCVSD will begin the engineering design of the recommended project wastewater facilities.</p> <p>c) Implementation of Compliance Measures, Engineering Design: The SCVSD will provide a design schedule of related tasks and sub-tasks, and provide semi-annual progress reports on progress of design activities, thereafter, until completion of Final Design. In addition the SCVSD will provide a construction schedule of related tasks and sub-tasks, and provide semi-annual progress reports on progress of construction activities, thereafter, until completion of recommended project wastewater facilities.</p> <p>d) Implementation of Compliance Measures, Construction: The SCVSD shall have applied and received all appropriate permits and have completed construction of the recommended project wastewater facilities.</p> <p>e) Implementation of Compliance Measures, Start-Up: The SCVSD shall have completed start-up, testing and certification of the recommended project wastewater facilities.</p>	<p>6 years after Effective Date of TMDL (05/04/2011)</p> <p>6 years after Effective Date of TMDL (05/04/2011)</p> <p>7 years after Effective Date of TMDL (05/04/2012)</p> <p>9.5 years after Effective Date of TMDL (11/04/2014)</p> <p>10 years after Effective Date of TMDL (05/04/2015)</p>
<p><u>4. Implementation of Compliance Measures by SCVSD</u></p> <p>a) <u>Deep Well Injection Test Well</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. <u>Complete design for deep well test well</u></p>	<p><u>09/30/15</u></p>

<u>Table 7-6.2. Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL Implementation</u> Implementation Tasks	Completion Date
<u>ii. Award contract for deep well injection test well</u>	<u>01/20/16</u>
<u>iii. Construction and testing of test well</u>	<u>11/08/16</u>
<u>b) UV Disinfection Facilities at Valencia and Saugus WRPs</u>	
<u>i. Complete design of UV disinfection facilities</u>	<u>4/12/2017</u>
<u>ii. Award contract for UV disinfection facilities</u>	<u>7/10/2017</u>
<u>iii. Start onsite construction of UV disinfection facilities</u>	<u>3/10/2018</u>
<u>iv. Start-up of UV disinfection facilities</u>	<u>7/1/2019</u>
<u>c) Microfiltration/Reverse Osmosis (MF/RO) and Brine Minimization Facilities</u>	
<u>i. Complete design of MF/RO and brine minimization facilities</u>	<u>4/12/2017</u>
<u>ii. Award contract for MF/RO and brine minimization facilities</u>	<u>7/10/2017</u>
<u>iii. Start onsite construction of MF/RO and brine minimization facilities</u>	<u>3/10/2018</u>
<u>iv. Start-up of MF/RO and brine minimization facilities</u>	<u>7/1/2019</u>
<u>d) Final Deep Well Injection Production Wells</u>	
<u>i. Complete design for the final deep well injection production wells</u>	<u>6/6/2017</u>
<u>ii. Start onsite construction</u>	<u>12/29/2018</u>
<u>iii. Start-up of the deep well injection production wells</u>	<u>7/1/2019</u>
<u>e) Brine Force Main and Pump Station</u>	
<u>i. Complete 50% design of brine force main and pump station</u>	<u>11/6/2017</u>
<u>ii. Complete design of brine force main and pump station</u>	<u>5/6/2018</u>
<u>iii. Start-up of the brine force main and pump station</u>	<u>7/1/2019</u>
The Regional Board may consider extending some of the completion	

<p>Table 7-6.2. Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL Implementation</p> <p>Implementation Tasks</p>	<p>Completion Date</p>
<p>dates of this task as necessary to account for events beyond the control of the SCVSD.</p>	
<p>5. <u>Progress reports will be submitted by the SCVSD to the Regional Board on a semiannual basis for Task 4 and an annual basis for Task 3. Progress reports shall include supporting documentation that tasks were completed by the deadline.</u></p>	<p>Semiannually for Task 4 (10/31/15, 4/30/16, 10/31/16, 4/30/17, 10/31/17, 4/30/18, 10/31/18, 4/30/19, 10/31/19); Annually for Task 3 (Eighteen months after Executive Officer approval of Task 2 monitoring plan for SCVSD, and annually thereafter)</p>
<p>18. The Regional Board Executive Officer may consider conditional SSOs for TDS and sulfate for Reaches 4B, 5, and 6 based on results of groundwater-surface water interaction studies on accumulation of TDS and sulfate in groundwater, potential impacts to beneficial uses, and an anti-degradation analysis.</p>	<p>7 years after Effective Date of TMDL (05/04/2012)</p>
<p>19. The Regional Board staff will re-evaluate the schedule to implement control measures needed to meet final conditional WLAs adopted pursuant to Task 10 d) and the schedule for Task 17. The Regional Board, at a public meeting will consider extending the completion of Task 17 and reconsider the schedule to implement control measures to meet final conditional WLAs adopted for chloride pursuant to Task 10 d). The SCVSD will provide the justification for the need for an extension to the Regional Board Executive Officer at least 6 months in advance of the deadline for this task. The Regional Board will also consider conditional SSOs and final conditional WLAs for TDS and sulfate based on results of Task 18.</p>	<p>9.5 years after Effective Date of TMDL (11/04/2014)</p>
<p>6. 20. The interim WLAs for chloride shall remain in effect for no more than until the deadline for completion of the SCVSD flow weighting project facilities identified in Task 4 10 years after the effective date of the TMDL. By that date, SCVSD shall achieve compliance with the Conditional SSO applicable water quality objectives and WLAs for chloride in the USCR shall be achieved. Final conditional WLAs for chloride in Reaches 4B, 5, 6 shall apply</p>	<p>10 years after Effective Date of TMDL (05/04/2015) 07/01/2019</p>

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by May 5, 2015. The Regional Board may consider extending the completion date of this task as necessary to account for events beyond the control of the SCVSD.	
21. The interim WLAs for TDS and sulfate contained in this BPA (Resolution No. R4-2008-012) shall be implemented no sooner than the effective date of this BPA, and shall remain in effect until May 4, 2015. Final WLAs shall apply by May 5, 2015 unless conditional SSOs and final conditional WLAs for TDS and sulfate are adopted as described in Task 19.	10 years after Effective Date of TMDL (05/04/2015)