

Water Quality Objectives, Ambient Water Quality, and Assimilative Capacity for TDS

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UPPER SANTA ANA RIVER BASIN							
Beaumont – “max benefit” ⁷	330	290	260	260	280	290	40
Beaumont – “antideg”	230	290	260	260	280	290	-60**
Bunker Hill A	310	350	320	330	340	340	-30**
Bunker Hill B	330	260	280	280	270	280	50
Lytle	260	240	230	230	240	240	20
San Timoteo – “max benefit” ⁷	400	300	?	?	420 ⁸	410	-10**
San Timoteo – “anti-deg”	300	300	?	?	420 ⁸	410	-110**
Yucaipa – “max benefit” ⁷	370	330	310	310	320	320	50
Yucaipa – “antideg”	320	330	310	310	320	320	0
SAN JACINTO RIVER BASINS							
Canyon	230	220	420	370	420	340	-110**
Hemet South	730	1030	850	920	910	940	-210**
Lakeview – Hemet North	520	830	840	880	870	860	-340**
Menifee	1020	3360	2220	2140	2050	2030	-1010**
Perris North	570	750	780	730	770	760	-190**
Perris South	1260	3190	2200	2600	2470	2400	-1140**
San Jacinto Lower	520	730	950	810	800	800	-280**
San Jacinto Upper – “max benefit” ⁷	500	370	370	350	350	350	150
San Jacinto Upper – “anti-deg”	320	370	370	350	350	350	-30**
CHINO, RIALTO/ COLTON, & RIVERSIDE BASINS							
Chino North – “max benefit” ⁷	420	300	320	340	340	350	70

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Temescal	770	780	700	780	790	790	-20**
Warm Springs	?	?	?	?	?	?	--**
ORANGE COUNTY BASINS							
Irvine	910	910	880	920	910	940	-30**
La Habra	?	?	?	?	?	?	--**
Orange County	580	560	560	590	600	610	-30**
Santiago	?	?	?	?	?	?	--**

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UPPER SANTA ANA RIVER BASIN							
Beaumont – “max benefit” ⁷	5	2.6	2	1.6	2.5	2.9	2.1
Beaumont – “antideg”	1.5	2.6	2	1.6	2.5	2.9	-1.4**
Bunker Hill A	2.7	4.5	4.3	4	4	4	-1.3**
Bunker Hill B	7.3	5.5	5.8	5.4	5.4	5.6	1.7
Lytle	1.5	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.5	-1**
San Timoteo – “max benefit” ⁷	5	2.9	?	?	0.8 ⁸	2.3	2.7
San Timoteo – “anti-deg”	2.7	2.9	?	?	0.8 ⁸	2.3	0.4
Yucaipa – “max benefit” ⁷	5	5.2	5.4	5.3	6.2	6.3	-1.3**
Yucaipa – “antideg”	4.2	5.2	5.8	5.3	6.2	6.3	-2.1**
SAN JACINTO RIVER BASINS							
Canyon	2.5	1.6	2.1	1.9	2.7	2	0.5
Hemet South	4.1	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.2	5.7	-1.6**
Lakeview – Hemet North	1.8	2.7	3.4	2.7	2.6	2.5	-0.7**
Meniffee	2.8	5.4	6	4.7	4.4	4.6	-1.8**
Perris North	5.2	4.7	6.7	6.5	7.4	7.3	-2.1**
Perris South	2.5	4.9	5.9	5.5	5.8	5.8	-3.3**
San Jacinto Lower	1	1.9	1.8	1.2	1.1	1.1	-0.1**
San Jacinto Upper – “max benefit” ⁷	5	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	3.6
San Jacinto Upper – “anti-deg”	1.4	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	0
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Chino North – “max benefit” ⁷	5	7.4	8.7	9.7	9.5	10	-5**
Chino 1 – “antideg”	5	8.4	8.9	9.3	9.1	10	-5**
Chino 2 – “antideg”	2.9	7.2	9.5	10.7	10.3	10.7	-7.8**
Chino 3 – “antideg”	3.5	6.3	6.8	8.2	8.4	8.5	-5**
Chino East	10	29.1	9.6	12.7	15.7	21	-11**
Chino-South	4.2	8.8	15.3	25.7	26.8	28	-23.8**
Colton	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.7	0
Cucamonga – “max benefit” ⁷	5	4.4	4.3	4	4.1	4.1	0.9
Cucamonga – “anti-deg”	2.4	4.4	4.3	4	4.1	4.1	-1.7**
Rialto	2	2.7	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.2	-1.2**
Riverside A	6.2	4.4	4.9	4.9	5.2	5.4	0.8
Riverside B	7.6	8	7.8	8.3	8.4	6.7	0.9
Riverside C	8.3	15.5	15.5	15.3	14.8	14.5	-6.2**
Riverside D	10	?	?	?	?	?	--**
Riverside E	10	14.8	15.4	15.3	15.2	10.2	-0.2**
Riverside F	9.5	9.5	10.6	10.3	10.6	10.1	-0.6**
Prado Basin	Surface water objective applies	22	-	-	-	-	-
ELSINORE/ TEMESCAL VALLEYS							
Arlington	10	--	26	20.4	18.1	18.3	-8.3**
Bedford	--	--	2.8	?	?	?	--**
Coldwater	1.5	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.8	-1.3**
Elsinore	1	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.1	-1.1**

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Lee Lake	?	?	?	?	?	?	--**
Temescal	10	13.2	12.8	12.6	12	10.9	-0.9**
Warm Springs	?	?	?	?	?	?	--**
ORANGE COUNTY BASINS							
Irvine	5.9	7.4	6.5	6.5	6.7	6.7	-0.8**
La Habra	?	?	?	?	?	?	--**
Orange County ⁸	3.4	3.4	3.1	3	3	2.9	0.5
Santiago	?	?	?	?	?	?	--**

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