



2009 Basin Plan Triennial Review

Public Workshop
San Diego Regional Board
December 8, 2008

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Agenda

Opening remarks by John Robertus

Overview of Triennial Review

Questions/Comments



Basin Plan

- “Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (9)”
- Foundation for the San Diego Regional Board water quality regulatory programs
- Latest version includes amendments effective prior to April 25, 2007:
<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/>



Why do a Triennial Review?

- State law requires that water quality control plans be reviewed periodically [CWC §13240]
- Federal law requires that water quality standards be reviewed every three years [CWA §303(c)(1)]



What is a Triennial Review?

- Process to identify and prioritize issues that require Basin Plan amendments
- Process that results in a Regional Board Resolution adopting a priority list of issues to address in the subsequent three year period



A Triennial Review is NOT...

- A Basin Plan Amendment



Past Triennial Reviews

- 2004 Triennial Review
 - Resolution No. R9-2004-0156 with 7 issues
- 1998 Triennial Review
 - Resolution No. 98-221 with 20 issues
- 1994 Major Update



Process

1. **Public Comment Solicitation Period**
Solicitation Period opened: Oct 31, 2008
Workshop 1: Dec 8, 2008
Solicitation Period ends: Jan 9, 2009
2. **Issue Formulation**
Issue summaries and resource estimates
3. **Issue Prioritization**
Priority issues for next three years



Process (cont.)

4. **Public Review of Draft Documents**
Draft Staff Report, Draft Resolution
Public Workshop 2
5. **Public Review of Revised Documents**
Revised Staff Report, Tentative Resolution
Response to Comments document
6. **Adoption Hearing**
Board considers Resolution with priority list



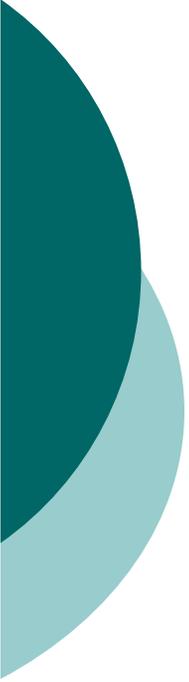
Issue Prioritization

➤ Why?

- More issues than PYs to address them
- Currently ~2 PYs per year available
- 2004 Triennial Review identified 53 years of work (106 PYs)

➤ How?

- Rank issues based on set of criteria



Issue Prioritization (cont.)

Note: Criteria are under development

A. Screening considerations

- Conflict with state or federal statutes
- Fall under purview of another agency
- Have been (or are being) addressed
- Do not need a Basin Plan amendment
- Require a TMDL (other funds, process)



Issue Prioritization (cont.)

B. Primary considerations

- ✓ Restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of Region's waters
- ✓ Improve effectiveness of RB regulatory programs to preserve, enhance, and restore Region's waters
- ✓ Address RB, State Board, and USEPA priorities
- ✓ Address State Board or USEPA Mandates



Issue Prioritization (cont.)

- c. Additional considerations
 - ✓ Strength of argument
 - ✓ Geographic Scope
 - ✓ Public support
 - ✓ Resources invested
 - ✓ Resources available



Timeline

Deadline for Comments	January 9, 2009 at 5:00
Draft Documents available for Public Review	~March – April 2009
Public Workshop 2	~mid-March 2009
Revised Documents and Response to Comments available for Public Review	~May 2009
Adoption Hearing	~June 10, 2009



2009 Triennial Review Issues

- 2004 Triennial Review Issues
 - 62 issues (see handout)
 - All will be re-evaluated based on 2009 ranking criteria
- New Issues
 - From comments received during solicitation period

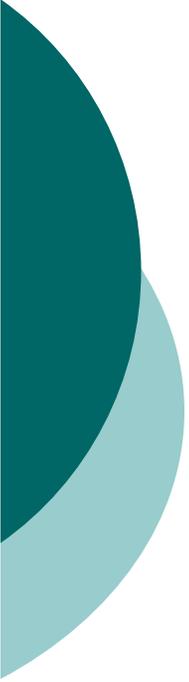


Issues Submitted by RB Staff

Note: This is an un-prioritized, preliminary list only.

- **Beneficial Uses (BUs)**
 - Develop BUs for wetlands
 - Add reference approach to shellfishing BU
 - Develop BUs for San Diego Formation

- **Water Quality Objectives (WQOs)**
 - Develop WQOs for wetlands
 - Develop WQOs for biological communities (narrative biocriteria)
 - Develop WQOs for flow & hydrodmodification



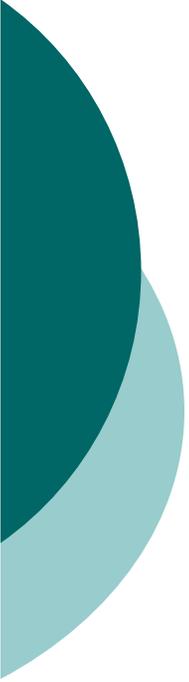
Issues Submitted by RB Staff (con't)

➤ Plans & Policies

- Develop 401 WQ Certification Policy
- Develop Subsurface Disposal Exemption Policy
- Add statewide Compliance Schedule Policy

➤ Other

- Update Monitoring & Surveillance Chapter
- Rewrite bacteria WQOs section
- Present WQOs by water body
- Add approved TMDLs / move TMDLs to appendix
- Add numeric section titles throughout



Comment Submittal

Comments must be received by
Jan 9, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Use of Comment Submittal
Form is encouraged
(available on web)



Send Comments via:

Email: RB9_tri_review@waterboards.ca.gov

Surface:

Regional Water Quality Control Board,
San Diego Region
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100,
San Diego, CA 92123-4340

Fax: (858) 571-6972

*Please include "Triennial Review" in subject line



Useful Resources

- See SD Regional Board website:
<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/>
(click "Basin Plan" and scroll to "Triennial Review")
- Subscribe to "Basin Planning Issues"
Electronic Mailing List:
(click "Email Subscriptions" on screen left)



Thank you for your interest in the 2009 Triennial Review

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Questions and Comments
