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Attachment 12 Statewide Priorities

Statewide priorities have been established by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The following table lists the statewide priorities according to Section II.F of the Guidelines, and whether they are met in the Los Angeles County South Bay Region's proposal. In addition, a statewide priority for wetlands was set forth in the California Wetlands Conservation Policy (Executive Order W-59-93) of no overall net loss and long-term net gain in the quantity, quality, and permanence of wetlands acreage in California. The applicable priorities are discussed individually, in detail below.

Met within Proposal	Statewide Priorities
	Reduce conflict between water uses or resolve water rights disputes, including interregional water rights issues
✓	Implementation of Total Maximum Daily Loads that are established or under development
✓	Implementation of Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) Watershed Management Initiative chapters, plans, and policies
✓	Implementation of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Non-Point Source Program Plan
	Assist in meeting Delta Water Quality Objectives
	Implementation of recommendations of the floodplain management task force, desalination task force, and recycling task force
	Address environmental justice concerns
✓	Assist in achieving one or more goals of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program

To enhance the specificity of these objectives, supporting sub-regional objectives have been developed for the three different watersheds using the statewide priorities as a guideline:

Ballona Creek Watershed

- Promote stewardship of the landscape
- Promote coordinated planning across jurisdictions
- Increase multi-objective planning and projects
- Utilize science as a basis of planning
- Increase public involvement
- Plan as part of ongoing management process

Dominguez Watershed

- Protect and enhance water quality
- Conserve, reuse and recharge water supply
- Protect, enhance, and restore native habitats and biological resources
- Promote public awareness and involvement in watershed management
- Implement stewardship of the watershed in balance with economical and environmental impacts

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Santa Monica Bay Watershed

- Emphasize pollution prevention and reduction
- Reduce urban runoff flows and pollutant content
- Upgrade all sewage wastewater discharges to at least secondary treatment
- Maintain, protect, and restore the few remaining wetlands in the watershed
- Protect mountain and upland areas from practices that degrade coastal lagoons and riparian corridors
- Increase sophistication and coordination of educational programs and materials, and tailor outreach to target audiences
- Provide an integrated comprehensive Bay monitoring program to address key public concerns
- Create a Plan Implementation Committee to ensure communications between individuals and organizations, and emphasize incentives and consensus building over the command-and-control approach

The following sections discuss the priorities met by the proposal in detail.

1 Implementation of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)

The following contaminants have TMDLs that are relevant to one or more watersheds in the Region, as well as the corresponding harbors and coastlines.

- Bacteria, heavy metals, organics, nutrients, and trash

This proposed IRWMP Implementation package includes numerous stormwater runoff collection and treatment projects as well as stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) and a feasibility study for wetlands treatment. Within the proposal, a total of four projects implement the existing Santa Monica Bay Beaches Bacteria (SMBBB) TMDL which targets stormwater runoff. Three projects implement the existing Los Angeles Harbor Bacteria TMDL also targeting runoff; and fifteen projects implement the Trash TMDL. As presented in the table below, all of these projects will directly support TMDL implementation.

Watersheds	TMDLs	Applicable Projects in the IRWMP Implementation Proposal
Ballona Creek and Santa Monica Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bacteria • Metals • Toxic Pollutants • Trash 	3. 16 th Street Watershed Runoff Treatment, Reuse, and Infiltration Project
		5. North Santa Monica Watershed Runoff Treatment, Reuse, and Infiltration – Stage 1
		6. Dockweiler Watershed Runoff Treatment, Reuse, and Infiltration – Stage 1
		8. Ozone Park Retrofit Runoff Treatment, Reuse, and Infiltration
		9. Freeway Runoff Infiltration
		11. Grand Boulevard Tree Wells
		14. Imperial Highway Sunken Median
		15. Culver City BMPs
Dominguez and the Los Angeles Harbor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bacteria 	12. Los Angeles Harbor Low-Flow Diversion
		13. Peck Park Canyon
		20. Lomita Integrated Storm to Vadose to Water Supply – Cypress Hill Reservoir
		21. Lomita Integrated Storm to Vadose to Water Supply – Oceanview Depression

2 Implementation of Regional Water Quality Control Board Watershed Management Initiative

The proposal works to implement projects consistent with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Watershed Management Initiative (WMI) Chapter, plans and policies. The WMI is designed to integrate various surface and groundwater regulatory programs while promoting cooperative, collaborative efforts within a watershed, and focus limited resources on key issues and use sound science.

The WMI Chapter has identified several watershed issues for the Region. The proposal includes a mix of water supply and quality projects, along with groundwater management, habitat enhancement, flood management, and non-point source (NPS) pollution control projects to address these issues in an integrated, watershed context. The mix of Tier 1 projects was chosen in part on allowing the greatest number of agencies to be involved, thus promoting cooperative, collaborative efforts within the watershed and within the Region as well. The project mix focuses efforts in key areas such as water quality and environmental and habitat protection and improvement. All projects included in the proposal have a sound scientific basis, as discussed in Attachment 6, Section 4.

By presenting a mix of integrated projects, encouraging agency and stakeholder collaboration, and requiring a strong scientific foundation for each project, the proposal will implement the WMI chapters and plans set forth.

3 Implementation of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Non-Point Source Program Plan

The four main objectives of the current NPS Five Year Implementation Plan (2005-2008) include:

- Promote implementation of management measures (MMs) and related practices by all levels of water quality managers (federal, State, watershed groups, and other stakeholders)
- Preserve water quality in water bodies that are currently meeting California water quality standards and protect them from future degradation from the impacts of NPS pollution
- Promote the implementation of MMs and use of Management Practices for the NPS component of TMDLs or in CWA section 303d listed water bodies in order to improve water quality
- Promote better leverage of inter-agency and private entity resources for NPS Programs

NPS pollution control is a significant element of this proposal. Of the 22 projects within this proposal, 16 projects address NPS pollution control as a project element. These NPS projects range from runoff treatment, reuse, and infiltration projects to artificial lake aeration projects. MMs are incorporated into the 16 projects for implementation. Water quality elements are also found within 21 of the 22 projects. These projects work specifically to protect and improve water quality in impaired water bodies to prevent future degradation.

4 CALFED Bay-Delta Program Goals

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program seeks to address its four water quality objectives of water supply reliability, levee system integrity, water quality, and ecosystem restoration through implementation of 11 major program elements. Several projects in this proposal will achieve the CALFED Bay-Delta primary objective of water supply reliability by incorporating the program elements of water management, storage, water use efficiency, watershed management, ecosystem restoration, and science. Of the 22 projects within the proposal, 14 projects will achieve the CALFED Bay-Delta primary objective of water supply reliability.