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Attachment

Proposed Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan – Los Angeles Region to Remove the Potential REC-1 Beneficial Use Associated with the Swimmable Goal - as Expressed in the Federal Clean Water Act Section 101(a)(2) - for “Ballona Creek,” Replace the Potential REC-1 Beneficial Use for “Ballona Creek to Estuary” with an Existing Limited REC-1 Use, and Add Bacteria Objectives to Protect the New Limited REC-1 Use.

Amendments:

In Chapter 2 “Beneficial Uses” of the Basin Plan, add the following paragraph under “*Water Contact Recreation REC-1*” on p. 2-2:

Limited Water Contact Recreation (LREC-1): Uses of water for recreational activities involving body contact with water, where full REC-1 use is limited by physical conditions such as very shallow water depth and restricted access and, as a result, ingestion of water is incidental and infrequent.

In Chapter 2, Table 2.1 “Beneficial Uses of Inland Surface Waters”:

Include column for LREC-1 to the right of the REC-1 column - throughout Table 2.1.

Add an existing limited REC-1 use for “Ballona Creek to Estuary” by adding “E” in the LREC-1 column.

Amend the potential REC-1 use for “Ballona Creek” and “Ballona Creek to Estuary” by adding “ac” beside the “Ps” in the REC-1 column.

Add the following footnote to Table 2.1 on p. 2-10: ac: The REC1 use designation does not apply to recreational activities associated with the swimmable goal as expressed in the Federal Clean Water Act section 101(a)(2) and regulated under the REC-1 use in the Basin Plan, or the associated bacteriological objectives set to protect those activities. However, water quality objectives set to protect other REC1 uses associated with the fishable goal as expressed in the federal Clean Water Act section 101(a)(2) shall remain in effect for waters where the (ac) footnote appears.

(See attached sample Table 2.1)

In Chapter 3 “Water Quality Objectives” of the Basin Plan, include the following to the second paragraph under “Bacteria, Coliform” (as amended in the attachment to the Regional Board Resolution No. 2001-018 “Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region to Update the Bacteria Objectives for Water Bodies Designated for Water Contact Recreation”) on page 3-3:

In Fresh Waters Designated for Limited Contact Recreation (LREC-1)

1. Geometric Mean Limits

- a. *E. coli* density shall not exceed 126/100 ml.
- b. Fecal coliform density shall not exceed 200/100 ml.

2. Single Sample Limits

- a. *E. coli* density shall not exceed 576/100ml.
- b. Fecal coliform limits shall not apply.

The single sample limit for *E. coli* is based on EPA's determination of the most appropriate single sample maximum density for water bodies infrequently used for full-body contact recreation.¹

¹U.S. EPA. 1986. Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Bacteria – 1986. Report No. EPA 330/5-84-002. January 1986.