

# **Appendix B**

## **Water Quality Parameters**

### **for the San Gabriel River Wet Weather Models**

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Table B-1. Model Parameters Describing Suspended Sediment Washoff Behavior (SCCWRP, 2004)

Parameter	Land Use*						
	AGR	COM	HDR	IND	LDR	MIX	OPEN
<b>Pervious</b>							
<b>Splash detachment</b>							
<i>SMPF</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<i>KRER</i>	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35
<i>JRER</i>	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<i>AFFIX</i>	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003
<i>COVER</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>NVSI</i>	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
<b>Soil matrix scouring</b>							
<i>KSER</i>	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
<i>JSER</i>	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<i>KGER</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>JGER</i>	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>Impervious</b>							
<i>KEIM</i>	0.05	0.05	0.1	0.35	0.15	0.05	0.2
<i>JEIM</i>	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
<i>ACCSDP</i>	0.04	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004
<i>REMSDP</i>	0.25	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025

\*Land Use: AGR = Agriculture; COM = Commercial; HDR = High Density Residential; IND = Industrial; LDR = Low Density Residential; MIX = Mixed Urban; OPEN = Open

#### **Parameter Descriptions:**

*SMPF* is the supporting management practice factor.

*KRER* is the coefficient in the soil detachment equation.

*JRER* is the exponent in the soil detachment equation.

*AFFIX* is the fraction by which detached sediment storage decreases each day as a result of soil compaction.

*COVER* is the fraction of land surface which is shielded from rainfall erosion (not considering snow cover, which is handled by the program).

*NVSI* is the rate at which sediment enters detached storage from the atmosphere.

*KSER* and *JSER* are the coefficient and exponent in the detached sediment washoff equation.

*KGER* and *JGER* are the coefficient and exponent in the matrix soil scour equation, which simulates gully erosion.

*KEIM* is the coefficient in the solids washoff equation.

*JEIM* is the exponent in the solids washoff equation.

*ACCSDP* is the rate at which solids accumulate on the land surface.

*REMSDP* is the fraction of solids storage which is removed each day when there is no runoff.

Table B-2. Model Parameters Describing Suspended Sediment In-Stream Behavior (SCCWRP, 2004)

<b>Reach GEN</b>	<i>BEDWID</i>	<i>BEDWRN</i>	<i>POR</i>			
	1	1	0.3			
<b>Reach Sand</b>	<i>D</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>RHO</i>	<i>KSAND</i>	<i>EXPSND</i>	
	0.005	0.02	2.5	0.35	3.2	
<b>Reach Silt</b>	<i>D</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>RHO</i>	<i>TAUCD</i>	<i>TAUCS</i>	<i>M</i>
	0.0006	0.01	2.2	0.15	0.90	3
<b>Reach Clay</b>	<i>D</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>RHO</i>	<i>TAUCD</i>	<i>TAUCS</i>	<i>M</i>
	0.00006	0.0001	2	0.08	0.8	5

**Parameter Descriptions:**

*BEDWID* is the width of the cross-section over which HSPF will assume bed sediment is deposited.

*BEDWRN* is the bed depth which, if exceeded (e.g., through deposition) will cause a warning message to be printed in the echo file.

*POR* is the porosity of the bed (volume voids/total volume).

*D* is the effective diameter of the transported particles.

*W* is the corresponding fall velocity in still water.

*RHO* is the density of the particles.

*KSAND* and *EXPSND* are the coefficient and exponent in the sandload power function formula.

*TAUCD* is the critical bed shear stress for deposition.

*TAUCS* is the critical bed shear stress for scour.

*M* is the erodibility coefficient of the sediment.

Table B-3. Land Use-Specific Washoff Potency Factor (POTFW) Parameter Values for Trace Metals (SCCWRP, 2004)

<b>Land Use*</b>	<b>Trace Metal</b>		
	<b>Copper</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Zinc</b>
AGR	0.30	0.10	2.50
COM	1.00	1.00	10.20
HDR	0.80	0.80	7.50
IND	0.30	0.15	4.00
LDR	0.60	0.20	1.20
MIX	0.80	0.25	5.00
OPEN	0.12	0.02	0.50

\*Land Use: AGR = Agriculture; COM = Commercial; HDR = High Density Residential; IND = Industrial; LDR = Low Density Residential; MIX = Mixed Urban; OPEN = Open

Table B-4. KEIM and JEIM Ranges for Impervious Land Uses for Suspended Sediment Wash-off Behavior Obtained through Re-modeling of the SCCWRP Models

Parameter	Impervious Land Use*						
	AGR	COM	HDR	IND	LDR	MIX	OPEN
Maximum KEIM	0.5	0.05	0.5	0.35	0.2	0.35	0.2
Minimum KEIM	0.05	0.025	0.05	0.2	0.1	0.05	0.2
Maximum JEIM	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Minimum JEIM	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
ACCSDP	0.04	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004
REMSDP	0.25	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025

\*Land Use: AGR = Agriculture; COM = Commercial; HDR = High Density Residential; IND = Industrial; LDR = Low Density Residential; MIX = Mixed Urban; OPEN = Open

#### Parameter Descriptions:

KEIM is the coefficient in the solids washoff equation.

JEIM is the exponent in the solids washoff equation.

ACCSDP is the rate at which solids accumulate on the land surface.

REMSDP is the fraction of solids storage which is removed each day when there is no runoff.

Table B-5. Model Parameters Describing Suspended Sediment Wash-off Behavior for the San Gabriel River Watershed

Parameter	Pervious Land Use											
	Barren	Cropland	Forest	Pasture	Strip Mining	Residential	Wetlands	Commercial	Transportation	Heavy Industrial	Light Industrial	Mixed
<b>Splash detachment</b>												
SMPF	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
KRER	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002
JRER	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
AFFIX	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003
COVER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NVSI	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
<b>Soil matrix scouring</b>												
KSER	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
JSER	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
KGER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JGER	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>Impervious Land Use</b>												
Parameter	Transportation	Commercial		Heavy Industrial		Light Industrial		Residential		Mixed		
KEIM	0.35	0.05		0.35		0.35		0.5		0.35		
JEIM	2	2		2		2		2		2		
ACCSDP	0.004	0.004		0.004		0.004		0.004		0.004		
REMSDP	0.025	0.025		0.025		0.025		0.025		0.025		

Table B-6. Model Parameters Describing Suspended Sediment In-Stream Behavior (Modified from SCCWRP, 2004).

<b>Reach GEN</b>	<i>BEDWID</i>	<i>BEDWRN</i>	<i>POR</i>			
	1	1	0.3			
<b>Reach Sand</b>	<i>D</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>RHO</i>	<i>KSAND</i>	<i>EXPSND</i>	
	0.005	0.02	2.5	0.35	3.2	
<b>Reach Silt</b>	<i>D</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>RHO</i>	<i>TAUCD</i>	<i>TAUCS</i>	<i>M</i>
	0.0006	0.01	2.2	0.15	999*	3
<b>Reach Clay</b>	<i>D</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>RHO</i>	<i>TAUCD</i>	<i>TAUCS</i>	<i>M</i>
	0.00006	0.0001	2	0.08	999*	5

\* Resuspension of sediment is turned off by setting extremely high critical shear stresses for erosion 999.

**Parameter Descriptions:**

*BEDWID* is the width of the cross-section over which HSPF will assume bed sediment is deposited.

*BEDWRN* is the bed depth which, if exceeded (e.g., through deposition) will cause a warning message to be printed in the echo file.

*POR* is the porosity of the bed (volume voids/total volume).

*D* is the effective diameter of the transported particles.

*W* is the corresponding fall velocity in still water.

*RHO* is the density of the particles.

*KSAND* and *EXPSND* are the coefficient and exponent in the sandload power function formula.

*TAUCD* is the critical bed shear stress for deposition.

*TAUCS* is the critical bed shear stress for scour.

*M* is the erodibility coefficient of the sediment.

Table B-7. Land Use-Specific Washoff Potency Factor (POTFW) Parameters Values for Trace Metals for the San Gabriel River Model

<b>Land Use*</b>	<b>Trace Metal</b>		
	<b>Copper</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Zinc</b>
Barren	0.12	0.02	0.50
Cropland	0.30	0.10	2.50
Forest	0.12	0.02	0.50
Pasture	0.30	0.10	2.50
Strip Mining	0.30	0.18	4.00
Residential Pervious	0.62	0.27	1.93
Wetlands	0.12	0.02	0.50
Commercial Pervious	1.00	1.00	10.20
Transportation Pervious	0.30	0.18	4.00
Heavy Industrial Pervious	0.30	0.18	4.00
Light Industrial Pervious	0.30	0.18	4.00
Mixed Pervious	0.80	0.25	5.00
Transportation Impervious	0.30	0.18	4.00
Commercial Impervious	1.00	1.00	10.20
Heavy Industrial Impervious	0.30	0.18	4.00
Light Industrial Impervious	0.30	0.18	4.00
Residential Impervious	0.62	0.27	1.93
Mixed Impervious	0.80	0.25	5.00