

The Basin Plan amendment incorporating the TMDL was approved by the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) on December 20, 2004.

The Basin Plan Amendment requires the San Jacinto Watershed region Permittees of the Santa Ana Watershed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit (Santa Ana Permit) to accomplish certain TMDL Implementation Plan tasks either separately or in cooperation with other named stakeholders including agricultural and dairy operators, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, Eastern Municipal Water District, March Air Reserve Base, March Joint Powers Authority, and the U.S. Forest Service. The Tasks are designed to reduce nutrient loads in and to Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake.

The purpose of the Agreement is to:

1. Review and develop recommendations to update the TMDL Basin Plan Amendment based on the best available scientific information,
2. Implement TMDL Implementation Plan Tasks jointly assigned to Task Force stakeholders,
3. Propose appropriate revisions to the TMDL Basin Plan Amendment to the Santa Ana RWQCB by June 30, 2010, and
4. Allow watershed stakeholders to participate in efforts to meet appropriate water quality standards so that Canyon Lake and/or Lake Elsinore can be de-listed from the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list of impaired water bodies.

The multi-year agreement requires the participants to join the TMDL Taskforce and participate in the development of task items to address the impairment. The County is one of twenty-two (22) stakeholders required to participate in the TMDL, which includes 9 cities. The financial commitments are projected over the term of the agreement based on an analysis of the required tasks and their schedule for implementation. Based on the implementation estimates, the County's cost share is a pro-rata share of the overall municipal program costs. Below are program estimated costs through FY 2009/2010.

<u>FY</u>	<u>County Costs</u>
2006/2007	\$30,000
2007/2008	\$46,000
2008/2009	\$45,000
2009/2010	\$35,000

(A companion Form 11 is scheduled for the Flood Control and Water Conservation District Board Agenda this same date)