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## TERMS AND ACRONYMS

§406	San Gabriel Basin Groundwater Quality Management and Remediation Plan
ACT	The California Safe Drinking Water Act (Health & Safety Code §§ 116275 <i>et seq.</i> )
ARARs	Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements
ARMWC	Adams Ranch Mutual Water Company
Basin	Main San Gabriel Basin
Basin Plan	LARWQCB Los Angeles Basin Plan
BATT	Best Available Treatment Technology
BPOU	Baldwin Park Operable Unit
CBMWD	Central Basin Municipal Water District
CD	Consent Decree
CDWC	California Domestic Water Company
CEM	City of El Monte
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980
CMP	City of Monterey Park
DPH	California Department of Public Health (formerly Dept. of Health Services)
DTSC	Department of Toxic Substances Control
EC	Emergent Chemicals
EMOU	El Monte Operable Unit
ESD	Explanation of Significant Differences
ESPSD	East Side Performing Settling Defendant
FFPA	Federal Funding Program Administration
General Permit	LARWQCB Issued General NPDES Permit No. CAG914001
GSWC	Golden State Water Company
IROD	Interim Record of Decision
IRWMP	Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
LACFCD	Los Angeles County Flood Control District
LARWQCB	Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
LPVCWD	La Puente Valley County Water District
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level
MSBWM	Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster
NCP	National Contingency Plan
NDMA	N-Nitrosodimethylamine
NL	Notification Level
Northrop	Northrop Grumman Space and Mission System Corporation
OEHHA	Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
OU	Operable Unit
Policy 97-005	California Department of Health Services Policy Memo 97-005
PRPs	Potentially Responsible Parties
PVOU	Puente Valley Operable Unit
PVOUSC	Puente Valley Operable Unit Steering Committee
QSA	Quantification Settlement Agreement
Restoration Fund	San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund
RI/FS	Remedial Investigation Feasibility Study
ROD	Record of Decision
SA1	Subarea 1
SEMOU	South El Monte Operable Unit

SGVWC	San Gabriel Valley Water Company
SEMOU Barrier	South El Monte Shallow Extraction Barrier
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
SWS	Suburban Water Systems
TCP	1,2,3-Trichloropropane
Title XVI	San Gabriel Basin Demonstration Project
USBR	United States Bureau of Reclamation
USEPA	The United States Environmental Protection Agency
USGVMWD	Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
UTC	United Technologies Corporation
UWMP	Urban Water Management Plan
VCWD	Valley County Water District
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound
Watermaster	Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster
WQA	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority
WQA Act	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority's Enabling Act
WSGRF	Whitmore Street Groundwater Remediation Facility
WSPSD	West Side Performing Settling Defendant

## About WQA

The San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (“WQA”) was formed by a special act of the California Legislature in 1992 (Senate Bill 1679, Russell). The statute gives WQA authority, *inter alia*, to plan for and to coordinate among several agencies with authority affecting cleanup of the San Gabriel Basin (“Basin”). §406 of the statute requires WQA to develop and adopt a basinwide groundwater quality management and remediation plan (referred to as the §406 Plan). The current §406 Plan, as referenced in this report, was adopted on April 19, 2011.

## Purpose of Ch. 404 Status Report

In 2007, legislation created Chapter 404, Statutes of 2007 (AB1010, Hernandez) added Section 711 to the WQA statutes. Under this new section, the WQA is required to provide a status report semi-annually on its activities undertaken pursuant to the §406 plan. As such, much of the information provided in this status report is already available in the §406 plan. This report to the State Water Resources Control Board (“SWRCB”) and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (“LARWQCB”) is due September 30, 2011 and is prepared to comply with Section 711 for WQA activities through June 30, 2011.

## Overview of Groundwater Contamination in the San Gabriel Basin

*The groundwater Basin has the dubious distinction of being one of the most contaminated in the nation. The Basin’s groundwater is contaminated from the ground disposal—dating back to World War II— of synthetic organic compounds used primarily as solvents in industrial and commercial activities.*

The seriousness of the groundwater contamination problem became evident when high concentrations of volatile organic compounds (“VOCs”) were discovered in Azusa in 1979 near a major industrial complex. Over the next four years, further investigation revealed widespread VOC contamination significantly impacting the Basin. This discovery led United States Environmental Protection Agency (“USEPA”) to place four portions of the Basin on the National Priorities List under authority of Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (“CERCLA”), also known as the Superfund program.

Unfortunately in 1997, newly detected contaminants, perchlorate and N-Nitrosodimethylamine (“NDMA”) liquid/solid rocket fuel, complicated and

delayed progress of cleanup activities. Most notably affected was the largest geographical area of the San Gabriel Valley Superfund site known as the Baldwin Park Operable Unit (“BPOU”). This led USEPA, state and local agencies to conduct further investigation of the sources and treatment technologies available for remediating groundwater for potable use.

In prior years, several VOC treatment/supply projects were expanded at significant costs to treat perchlorate and other emerging compounds. More recently, many of these multiple treatment train projects were further burdened with increased levels of VOCs. As a result, additional VOC treatment, also known as a secondary barrier, was needed to meet California Department of Public Health (“DPH”) permitting requirements under their Technical Memorandum 97-005. While the additional treatment is necessary, each step has incrementally increased the costs of capital construction and treatment and remediation resulting in an overall project cost 4 to 5 times the original VOC treatment/supply project. Of all of the operable units (“OUs”) in the basin, South El Monte Operable Unit (“SEMOU”) has been affected the most by the need for additional treatment.

Recently, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (“OEHHA”) released a draft revised public health goal for perchlorate of 1 ppb. If adopted, the DPH may significantly lower the current perchlorate MCL of 6 ppb which could require some water purveyors to add additional treatment to their systems. Additionally, the USEPA has announced that they will establish a federal MCL within the next two years. USEPA will most likely implement an MCL close to the 1 ppb that was suggested by their draft risk assessment released in 2002. WQA will continue to coordinate activities while reviewing the potential impact of this regulatory standard on current and planned treatment projects throughout the Basin.

## Goals for Basin Groundwater

*The long-term goal of creating a sustainable and reliable source of water supply in the Basin cannot be met unless the Basin’s giant underground aquifers can be fully utilized. The contamination of many of these aquifers stymies opportunities for local drinking water and for recharge and storage.*

WQA’s goals were developed as a result of discussions with federal, state and local agencies, various stakeholders, and comments heard at public workshops and hearings. Each year, the goals are re-evaluated as part of the §406 Plan update and are described in the following paragraphs.

**Accelerate Removal of Contaminant Mass in the Basin** - Cleanup actions, implemented earlier than CERCLA provides, are needed to address the immediate threats to the local water supplies. This is accomplished by

engaging the regulatory processes of other agencies of the State, and, wherever possible, “fast tracking” the activities, to reach the desired outcome sooner than would occur under the applicable regulatory process.

Previously, the WQA focused its accelerated removal activities on projects that could be implemented immediately to remove contaminant mass. In more recent years, the focus has changed due to the ever-growing list of threatened and impaired water supply wells. Faced with this widespread impact, water purveyors, individually and jointly with the WQA and/or other agencies, have undertaken the early implementation of several treatment facilities, thereby initiating clean up well ahead of the mandate from regulatory agencies.

With contamination rapidly migrating towards critical water supplies, the WQA now primarily focuses on projects to accelerate and advance cleanup activities while providing a clean water supply or protecting a nearby water source. More of these types of early actions are necessary to either:

- (1) remove contaminant mass to immediately prevent further degradation of downgradient aquifers,
- (2) contain the spread of contamination to protect critical water supplies,
- (3) restore critical water supplies, or
- (4) combine the aforementioned.

Although early actions are implemented before a regulatory mandate, there is always extensive coordination with USEPA and the LARWQCB to link the early action to the eventual mandate. By working closely with USEPA, the WQA and other local stakeholders can affect USEPA’s decision-making and identify certain high priority cleanup projects that are consistent with USEPA’s objectives.

Although USEPA cannot formally endorse and mandate cleanup until a rigorous process is completed, WQA can facilitate and assist in the implementation of the required action well before the mandate. Waiting on mandated actions has already had severe impacts in many parts of the Basin.

### **Prevent Migration of Contamination into Critical Groundwater Supplies**

- In many parts of the Basin, the contamination continues to spread towards, and threaten groundwater supply wells. Given that so many supply wells have already been shut down, the current situation presents a significant and ongoing threat to the Basin’s water supply. Therefore, priority is given to implementing cleanup projects that will prevent the loss of water supplies.

In order to meet this goal, remediation measures must be implemented quickly to prevent contaminants from entering clean drinking water supplies. Further, these actions must also prevent contaminants from entering drinking water supplies with existing treatment not built or suited to treat the threatening contaminant(s). The goal to contain the contamination is supported with actions that specifically address threats to groundwater pumping centers. Loss of major production centers will continue to impair the water supply unless these types of threats are immediately addressed in a cleanup plan.

The Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster (“MSGBW”) has existing rules and regulations which govern the location and production of water wells for water quality purposes. The WQA works with the MSGBW and its existing rules and regulations to help contain and control the migration of contaminants within the Basin.

**Integrate Cleanup with Water Supply** - With so much of the local water supply impaired, it is essential that water treated from the cleanup projects be put to its highest and best use. Putting the treated water back into the supply system enhances the overall water supply situation in the Basin and helps many water purveyors mitigate the threat to their water supply. The desired objectives can be achieved by maximizing the use of existing facilities that have either been shut down or have been impaired. When new facilities are needed, these should be integrated into the supply of the appropriate water purveyor.

If cleanup facilities are built without the consideration of the local supply, then many water purveyors will be forced to build redundant treatment facilities on impaired wells or import increasingly scarce surface supplies from other areas. Currently, water purveyors only use surface water sources when they are readily available or when groundwater sources become impaired or unavailable; otherwise the predominant source of supply is from the local groundwater.

Although cleanup projects that put treated water to beneficial use will provide localized benefits, there are, of course, broad benefits that impact the regional water supply situation in California. Decreasing supplies from the Colorado River and the State Water Project, as a result of recent court decisions, make it critical to protect and develop groundwater resources so that both groundwater and surface waters of the State can be managed more effectively. Critical to this statewide need is the full utilization and restoration of the Basin groundwater.

**Minimize Economic Impact to the Public** - The issue of who pays for the cleanup is often the biggest obstacle in initiating the necessary cleanup programs. Although Potentially Responsible Parties (“PRPs”) may be held



completely liable for the costs of a response action under the CERCLA mandate, actions normally do not occur until a lengthy process is completed. Equally detrimental is the fact that there is no assurance that water purveyors will be able to fully recover and collect all costs associated with protecting and fulfilling immediate water supply concerns through CERCLA cost recovery actions. Therefore, many water purveyors may still need to fund, at least partially, the construction of treatment facilities or the acquisition of alternative water supplies even after some or all of the solvent PRPs have fulfilled their obligations resulting from a CERCLA cost recovery action.

Adding to the economic complexity of the situation is the fact that USEPA conducts its own detailed financial evaluation of PRPs and may settle for a reduced amount. And even then, many businesses cannot fully absorb the financial liability without hurting their businesses. In the meantime, the contamination continues to spread, impacting more water supply sources and, by extension, the basic reliability of plentiful water to support the economic basis and vitality of the Basin.

The WQA has pursued and continues to aggressively pursue sources of funding from responsible parties and the federal/state government. Despite these efforts, organizations like WQA and some of the local water purveyors have had to pool their own resources to immediately initiate many of the required response actions. This has required a financial commitment on behalf of the local public (at least initially). Early actions financed outside of the CERCLA process have been necessary to assure that many of the critical projects are implemented quickly. In addition, cleanup projects such as those prescribed by WQA are designed from a local perspective to address groundwater cleanup in conjunction with the water supply. However, costs borne by the public for this effort would have to be absorbed or recovered through litigation.

To accommodate potentially conflicting goals between accelerating cleanup and minimizing impact to water rate payers, WQA has identified high priority response actions that can be implemented ahead of USEPA's mandate using available financial resources, including federal reimbursement funding, and in some cases, financial participation from PRPs. If a required project lacks sufficient funding, a commitment by the affected water purveyors and/or WQA through its assessment, along with other potential local sources, will be required. Where WQA is required to use its own assessment to quickly assist in the development of a project, WQA always considers cost recovery actions to minimize costs borne by the public. To that end, WQA has already filed two costs recovery actions and may consider other cost recovery actions against those responsible entities that chose not to participate in the sponsored early remedial actions.

## Coordination with Other Agencies

*The WQA was created to fulfill a need to coordinate response actions to the contamination in the Basin. The WQA continues to call for the involved federal, state, and local agencies to unite with all stakeholders to work more effectively and efficiently. Stakeholders include but are not limited to:*

- *Federal - the USEPA, the United States Bureau of Reclamation (“USBR”),*
- *State - the Department of Toxic Substances Control (“DTSC”), the SWRCB, the LARWQCB, the DPH,*
- *Local - the WQA and each of its member water districts, the MSGBW, cities affected by the Basin groundwater contamination, San Gabriel Valley Water Association (“SGVWA”), water purveyors in the Basin, and PRPs.*

The WQA engages the existing rules, regulations and standards of these agencies, to coordinate and promote the reasonable and beneficial use of water produced and treated under mandate from the USEPA. WQA recognizes that a number of voluntary or consensual arrangements ultimately will be required to implement the objective to integrate water cleanup operations and water supply operations in the Basin. In addition to engaging existing regulatory authority held by other agencies, WQA encourages the needed voluntary or consensual arrangements through the exercise of authority under the WQA Act, including its authority to seek recovery of WQA’s costs to respond to and cleanup groundwater contamination in the Basin.

Recent examples of agency coordination include:

- Overseeing the operation of remedy projects in the SEMOU through a cooperative agreement with USEPA
- Participation at the request of the Special Master in settlement meetings for the SEMOU
- Participation in BPOU and SEMOU Principals’ meetings
- Facilitating permits with the LARWQCB and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (“LACFCD”) to resolve discharge issues associated with cleanup activities that effect multiple operable units
- Participation in quarterly technical meetings sponsored by the USEPA to discuss remedial activities in the SEMOU, the El Monte Operable Unit (“EMOU”) and the Puente Valley Operable Unit (“PVOU”)

WQA's coordination efforts are broad-based, recognizing that migrating groundwater contamination threatens the drinking water supplies in adjacent communities. Recent examples include:

- The WQA's Assistant Executive Director/Senior Engineer is a member of the Leadership Committee of the Greater L.A. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan ("IRWMP"). This program had helped to facilitate a new regional approach to watershed management by establishing collaborative efforts across the watersheds and functions that may have not been done otherwise
- Participating in meetings with the Association of California Water Agencies,
- Participating in meetings with the SGVWA

Recognizing that actions elsewhere in the state or country can positively or negatively affect its cleanup efforts, during 2007 the WQA joined in an amicus brief regarding *United Sates vs. Atlantic Research Corporation*. This case could have jeopardized funding under the CERCLA. The WQA undertook a leadership role with the amicus brief to try and preserve contribution claims against responsible parties for early projects. Fortunately, this case was decided in favor of the position supported by the amicus brief.

## Public Outreach and Information

*The WQA has succeeded over a number of years in building public support for cleaning up contaminated groundwater in the Basin. The public information program seeks to foster understanding of the WQA's mission, projects and accomplishments and plans, and to encourage public participation in the cleanup process. The WQA's ongoing efforts are undertaken to ensure that all stakeholders, including the general public, understand projects that involve the WQA and have ample opportunity to contribute ideas and opinions.*

*Because the Basin is a Superfund site, the processes used must always meet requirements under the National Contingency Plan ("NCP"), including its public participation component. In addition, whenever needed or requested, WQA works closely with water purveyors to help them meet the extensive public outreach requirements set forth in the DPH Technical Memorandum 97-005. However, absent regulatory requirements, the WQA continues to be committed to informing the public of all of its activities.*

The program employs a variety of methods to reach everyone from specialized audiences, such as the local water community and legislators in Sacramento and Washington, to the general public in the Basin and beyond.

**Website** - The WQA web site is regularly updated and provides instant access to news releases, publications, agendas, minutes of meetings, and reports on projects. In addition to WQA-specific issues, the web site links to local, state and federal water agencies and organizations. It also gives access to the names of officials who can be contacted for further information. A new and improved website was launched in June, 2007. In March of 2008, WQA launched an e-mail notification page which lets subscribers know when new information is posted to the website, including Board and committee agendas. In June of 2011, WQA redesigned its webpage once again and expanded its role in social media outlets by creating an active Facebook page with additional updates through Twitter and YouTube.

**Communication with Government Officials** - The WQA keeps the local offices of federal and state legislators informed of any developments and the progress of cleanup issues in the Basin through office visits, tours of treatment facilities and invitations to participate in the WQA legislative committee. The WQA hosts the Legislative Water Forum Luncheon, inviting elected officials to update the Basin water community on state legislation. Speakers in the series to date have included United States Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein, Congressman David Dreier, former Congresswoman Hilda Solis (now U.S. Secretary of Labor), Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, former State Attorney General Bill Lockyer (now State Treasurer), former California Secretary of State Bruce McPherson and former California Board of Equalization Member Judy Chu (now Congresswoman).

In 2006, the WQA developed a DVD presentation that features Senator Dianne Feinstein and Congressman David Dreier. The DVD has been used in Sacramento and Washington, D.C to educate legislators, bureaucrats and other stakeholders about the strategic importance of the Basin. Senator Feinstein and Congressman Dreier implore the state and the state legislators to become full participants in the cleanup of the Basin.

The WQA continues to conduct briefings and tours with local, state and federal officeholders. Past briefings and/or tours were conducted for Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, California Public Utilities Commission President Michael Peevey, former Public Utilities Commissioner Diane Grunick, SWRCB member Francis Spivey-Weber, State Senator Ed Hernandez, Assemblymembers Mike Eng and Curt Hagman, and several legislative staff, as well as meetings with several members of the Administration, including representatives of the California Environmental Protection Agency and the Governor's Office.

**Media communications** - The public information program uses a variety of written publications to carry its message. These may include annual reports, brochures, bulletins for specific projects and periodic news inserts in the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*, *Pasadena Star News* and the *Whittier Daily News*, which are all published by the Los Angeles News Group. The inserts are distributed throughout the Basin, through home and business delivery and general sales of the Los Angeles News Group.

The WQA works with major news outlets, such as the Los Angeles News Group, *Los Angeles Times*, and foreign language publications, such as *La Opinion* and the *Chinese Daily News*. It also provides information to other local newspapers, city and chambers of commerce newsletters and publications directed at water and environmental interests, the business press and the electronic media. It distributes press releases, contacts and meets with reporters and editors to inform them of activities, responds to press inquiries and takes other steps to encourage media interest.

In 2007, KCET's *Life & Times* program produced a segment on the Basin. The segment focused on the status of the cleanup, the impact of the contamination on the City of Monterey Park's ("CMP's") water supply, the potential impact on ratepayers, and the need for more state involvement. A DVD of the segment is also used to educate local stakeholders on the cleanup of the Basin.

**WQA Board** - The WQA Board, through a variety of means, including public meetings and workshops, also interacts with the public to provide information and to solicit input.

In addition to regular Board meetings, Board members participate in several committees, including the Administrative/Finance Committee, the Engineering Committee and the Legislative/Public Information Committee.

As an example of the Board's outreach activities, in May 2011, the WQA Board held a one day conference to gather input on WQA's performance. In addition to staff presentations, several stakeholders gave presentations to illustrate their perspectives on how to improve WQA. This provided valuable input for the Board and staff to consider.

## **Funding From Potentially Responsible Parties and Other Sources**

The WQA is committed to accelerating cleanup, integrating cleanup with water supply, preventing migration, and minimizing the financial impact to the public through its annual assessment. In order to meet these goals, adequate funds, primarily from PRPs, state and/or federal programs, are necessary for implementation. While the WQA recognizes that PRPs must

fulfill their CERCLA liabilities, it is often a very slow process - a process that jeopardizes the groundwater and increases the cost of implementing projects.

*Although USEPA has urged PRPs to consider affected water supplies and to coordinate their cleanup efforts with the water purveyors, USEPA enforcement under the CERCLA process does not allow USEPA to require such considerations and efforts. It is for these reasons that WQA aggressively seeks funds from PRPs before, during and after project implementation, either voluntarily, through mandated CERCLA actions or through litigation measures. If funds cannot be generated from PRPs to begin an identified early action project, WQA will work with individual purveyors, the MSGBW and/or other local agencies to develop funding for the project using federal and/or state funds, WQA member agency funds, including individual purveyors, and only if necessary, its own assessment.*

A summary of funding sources and amounts is included as Table 1. In addition, Table 1 shows an estimated funding gap which is updated semi-annually to reflect changing conditions. The funding gap is \$703 million which is up \$1 million over the last reporting period. This change reflects updated information received from each project.

**Potentially Responsible Parties** - The WQA is committed to securing PRP funding for any given project. In the absence of sufficient PRP funds, WQA and others may combine resources to fund a project. In this event, WQA may choose to initiate cost recovery actions, as it did previously in the BPOU, in which WQA brought two separate legal actions against PRPs to recover costs incurred from the La Puente Valley County Water District ("LPVCWD") Treatment Plant and the Big Dalton Well Treatment Facility.

In 2002, WQA along with three affected purveyors ("water entities") jointly settled with 13 of the more than 60 PRPs in the SEMOU. Thereafter, the water entities initiated litigation against the remaining PRPs in a concerted effort to recover escalating costs and ensuring funds for future operations of the cleanup projects built with WQA participation.

In November 2007, the USEPA filed two Consent Decrees ("CDs"), for a total of \$12.5 million as a result of settlements between WQA, affected purveyors, several PRPS, USEPA and DTSC. The added funds will help to continue operating about eight water purification facilities in the SEMOU. In July 2008, WQA completed USEPA's grant application to gain access to the funds recovered in one of the CDs. The second CD was appealed by recalcitrant PRPs not included in the CD. On June 2, 2010, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals remanded the case back to the district court for further hearings. As a result of the delays associated with the challenges to the CDs the USEPA obtained \$2.2 million in gap funding from their

Superfund program in July 2010 to help offset a portion of the water entity ROD costs. This case was re-heard in the spring of 2011 and the outcome is still pending.

In June 2011, a third CD was entered by the court for settlements with additional parties totaling \$5,027,250. Ongoing settlement discussions continue with the remaining parties.

**Federal Government** - As a result of ongoing efforts by WQA and other local agencies, two federal programs have been authorized by Congress specifically for the Basin. Both programs are administered through the USBR and are used, to the maximum extent possible, to accelerate cleanup and to provide incentives for PRPs to address affected water suppliers, while implementing cleanup actions in the Basin under CERCLA.

**San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund** - In December of 2000, through the leadership of Congressman David Dreier, Congress authorized the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund ("Restoration Fund"). The authorization provides \$85 million for groundwater cleanup, \$10 million for the CBMWD to cleanup the Central Basin and \$75 million for the WQA to cleanup the Basin. This program requires a 35% non-federal match to obtain a maximum reimbursement of 65% from federal sources. These funds are available for design, construction and operation for up to 10 years following construction. To date, the CBMWD has received its full \$10 million appropriation and WQA has received \$68.7 million of its \$75 million appropriation.

In recognition of the cleanup progress, and the need for additional funding to meet an estimated \$702 million funding gap, Congressman Dreier along with his colleagues in the San Gabriel Congressional Delegation introduced H.R. 123 in January 2007 to raise the authorization on the Restoration Fund by \$50 million. The additional authorization would increase the total cap to \$135 million.

H.R. 123 passed the House on December 12, 2007 and was referred for approval to the United States Senate. On June 16, 2008, H.R. 123 was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar. Unfortunately by the close of 2008, H.R. 123 was not heard or voted on in the United States Senate.

In January 2009, Congressman Dreier reintroduced the H.R. 123 language as H.R. 102 in the new Congressional session. In addition, Senator Harry Reid introduced S. 22 in the U.S. Senate and it also included the language of H.R. 102. S. 22 passed the U.S. Senate and awaited passage in the U.S. House of Representatives.

However, in March 2009, Congress passed the large Omnibus Land Bill H.R. 146. H.R. 146 included the language from Congressman Dreier's H.R. 102 and effectively raised the total cap of the Restoration Fund to \$146.2 million. This total includes an additional \$50 million for the San Gabriel Basin and an additional \$11.2 million for the Central Basin over the original \$85 million authorization.

For 2011, the WQA sought a \$10 million appropriation from the Restoration Fund for the San Gabriel Basin. That request was reduced to \$3 million in committee and approved by the House as part of the FY 2011 Energy & Water Development Appropriations bill. However, that legislation was not enacted prior to the conclusion of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress.

WQA continues to seek additional appropriations for FY2012.

**Title XVI** - In 1992, Congress authorized the San Gabriel Basin Demonstration Project to implement conjunctive use projects in the Basin. By implementing cleanup projects that provide a reliable source of water and reduce the need for outside sources of water, many of the Basin's cleanup projects are eligible for this program. This program requires a 75% non-federal match to reimburse the project up to a maximum of 25% from federal sources. Funds from this program may be used for design and construction only.

In 2004, Congresswoman Grace Napolitano authored H.R. 1284 which was passed and signed into law. The legislation raised the cap on the Title XVI program by \$6.5 million. The total authorization for the Title XVI program is now \$44.5 million.

**New Water Supply Coalition/Tax Credit Bond Legislation** - The WQA is a member of the New Water Supply Coalition ("Coalition"). The Coalition is composed of water districts located from California to Florida. The Coalition seeks to fund water infrastructure projects throughout the United States by using Tax Credit Bonds. In 2007, the Coalition was successful in having Congressman Xavier Becerra and Congressman Jon Porter introduce H.R. 3452, the Clean Renewable Water Supply Bond Act ("CREWS Bonds"). CREWS Bonds would provide a potential source of funding for the WQA's cleanup projects. The CREWS Bond program would allow the WQA to float Tax Credit Bonds that would provide the holder of the bond with a tax credit to offset their tax liability. Unfortunately, the legislation was not enacted prior to the end of the 110th Congress.

In 2009, Representatives Xavier Becerra and Ginny Brown-Waite reintroduced the Clean Renewable Water Supply Bond Act, H.R. 4132 along with original cosponsors Representatives Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA), Adam Putnam (R-FL), and Laura Richardson (D-CA). The Coalition



was ultimately able to secure 22 co-sponsors. A companion bill, S. 1371, was also introduced in the Senate by Bill Nelson (D-FL). Unfortunately, neither bill was enacted by the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress.

**State Government** - The WQA has been working tirelessly to educate State agencies, the Administration, and Legislators and their staff on the merits of financial participation in the near term and the potential impacts of lack of participation on State and local agencies in the future. The WQA continues to emphasize that stemming the flow and mitigating the spread of contamination is more cost effective and reduces the impact on both the State and local ratepayers.

As described in the previous federal funding sections regarding the Restoration Fund and Title XVI funds, a non-federal match is required in order to release the federal funds. While WQA will continue to work with PRPs to help meet that match, additional funds are still needed to release available federal dollars.

The WQA has actively worked with the current Administration and other stakeholders in Sacramento to identify State-partnership funding opportunities. With a new Administration coming to Sacramento in 2011, the WQA will need to familiarize the Executive Branch leadership within CAL EPA, the Department of Public Health, the Governor's Office, as well as incoming members of the Legislature, with the funding needs and challenges associated with clean up of the San Gabriel Basin.

AB 2823, introduced in 2008 by Assemblymember Eng, proposed establishing a San Gabriel Basin State Restoration Fund, similar to the Federal San Gabriel Restoration Fund. It passed the Assembly on a 73/2 vote and unanimously passed the Senate Environmental Quality Committee. However, it was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee due to concerns about cost pressures on the State.

**Clean Up and Abatement Account Funding from the SWRCB** - In September, 2007, the SWRCB awarded a grant of \$1.42 million to the WQA from its Clean Up and Abatement Account to provide funding for the removal of 1,4-dioxane and other VOCs at WQA's Whitmore Street Groundwater Remediation Facility ("WSGRF"). Under the USEPA Record of Decision, no PRPs are liable for the cleanup costs of 1,4-dioxane. The funding will cover the costs of construction and five years of operation for six extraction wells that will remove the contaminants and protect many down gradient drinking water wells. WQA received the fully executed and signed grant agreement from the SWRCB on June 30, 2008. The Whitmore Street Groundwater Remediation Facility was completed and dedicated in 2008. (See Appendix A - SEMOU Shallow Zone Extraction for the status of this project.)

**State Bond Funds** - In 2000, California voters passed Proposition 13, which authorized the sale of \$1.9 billion for the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Bond Act. This bond included an authorization of \$7 million in funding assistance for groundwater cleanup programs. Although the original intent of the language was to provide grant funds, the DTSC interpreted the funding language to mean “loans” and established procedures in 2001 for low interest 20-year loans. WQA applied for the full \$7 million on behalf of the Valley County Water District (“VCWD”) Subarea 1 (“SA1”) project and was awarded the entire amount.

In November, 2002, California voters passed a \$3.44 billion bond, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, also known as Proposition 50. Very little of the funds in this bond are available for groundwater cleanup and protection activities and those funds that are available are limited to construction costs only. The WQA partnered with the San Gabriel Valley Water Company (“SGVWC”) and submitted a grant request for Proposition 50 funding to the Department of Public Health (DPH), but the project was not ranked high enough to receive funding.

The WQA, through its Assistant Executive Director/Senior Engineer, is actively engaged in the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (“IRWMP”) for the San Gabriel Basin and the Greater Los Angeles area. Funding to implement projects within IRWMPs may be forthcoming in future years from Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, which provides \$5.3 billion for water, parks, habitat and natural resources projects and programs.

Proposition 84 also provides \$60 million to the DPH for groundwater cleanup projects that provide drinking water. But the language in the initiative limited these funds to capital costs only, excluding treatment and remediation costs which are the actual costs of clean up. The costs to extract the contaminated water and treat it comprise the bulk of the current funding gap in the Basin of approximately \$703 million.

In 2008, the Proposition 84 appropriations bill SB 2XX was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. It included language appropriating \$10 million for groundwater contamination projects which meet certain criteria, two of which include being located at Superfund sites and being able to leverage other funds. In October 2009, the WQA submitted Notices of Intent to apply for five cleanup projects in the Basin per the implementation guidelines released by DPH in the prior weeks. Unfortunately, the expedited grant schedule did not allow enough time for

the project proponents to complete CEQA before the final application was due to DPH on January 7, 2010. Therefore, the projects are no longer under consideration for this funding. However, DPH indicated that they planned to solicit projects for an additional round of funding by the summer of 2011. WQA has focused its efforts on identifying potentially qualified projects within the San Gabriel Basin, and actively supported and facilitated the completion of CEQA and other requirements to ensure these projects will be eligible for consideration when the next funding round is opened.

In November 2009, the State Legislature passed several water bills including SB 7X2, an \$11.1 billion water bond, titled The Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010, which was subsequently signed by Governor Schwarzenegger, for inclusion on the November, 2010 ballot for voter consideration. However, in August 2010, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed a bill delaying the bond measure to the November, 2012 ballot.

Through the united efforts of the San Gabriel Valley State Legislative Caucus SB 7X2 includes language that is favorable to the WQA's efforts to secure future funding for projects in the Basin. However, due to drafting errors, SB 7X2 again included language that limited the funds to capital projects. The Legislature's leadership assured the Caucus of their support to remedy the deficiencies.

To that end, AB 153 was introduced by the leadership of the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus (Hernandez, Eng, and Huff), to correct the drafting errors in the water bond. The section of the water bond that allocates \$100 million for projects to address groundwater contamination would cover the costs of projects, programs, and activities necessary to clean up the ground water. This language will also permit the bond funds to be used for actual treatment and remediation. AB 153 required a two thirds vote of both the Senate and the Assembly to pass (any amendment to this water bond requires a two thirds vote). On August 31st, the bill passed its final vote and was sent to Governor Schwarzenegger for signature.

If the water bond is passed by voters in November, 2012, the WQA will be well positioned to access bond funds for the first time, to use as a match for federal funds for actual clean up of contamination. We will continue to work with the San Gabriel Valley State Legislative Caucus to further enhance the WQA's ability to access funding.

The WQA will continue to seek to ensure that any proposed State water bonds include significant funding and appropriate language for groundwater remediation projects. Working with other water entities in the Basin, the WQA will lead efforts to formulate a comprehensive approach to water

infrastructure in the Basin. The WQA will look to any future proposed bond packages for much needed funding for cleanup projects in the Basin

**Water Quality Authority** - WQA imposes an annual pumping rights assessment for capital and operational costs of \$7.25 per acre-foot which generates \$1.45M annually. These funds are utilized only when available federal and/or state funding is insufficient, in addition to PRP funds. If PRPs do not voluntarily provide funds to a project, then the WQA, on a project-by-project basis, considers the use of assessment funds to underwrite the project costs with or without other local dollars. However, the WQA is committed to recovering its costs from non-participating PRPs at a later date, so that the cost to the local consumer will ultimately be minimized.

**Water Purveyors/Cities/Member Agencies/Other Local Water Agencies-**

The WQA requires impacted water purveyors to fund or secure funds other than WQA's assessment representing a minimum of 25% of capital costs. In the event projects cannot be otherwise fully funded using any or all of the above funding sources, WQA will work with an affected city, member water agency and/or other local water agencies to develop potential funding sources. The WQA will pursue the recovery of these funds on behalf of the participating agency, if necessary.

## **Status of Non-Operable Unit Specific Plans**

Within the Basin the majority of contamination is located within the boundaries of the six identified operable units. However isolated pockets of contamination exist throughout the Basin. Inside the known operable units, USEPA has established a methodical process that includes the review of the extent of contamination, development of cleanup options and selection of the most appropriate cleanup plan. Contamination outside the known operable units has no such process for cleanup activities to take place. Affected purveyors must assess the need for treatment or try to secure other sources of water. WQA endorses the construction of treatment facilities that are consistent with WQA's Administrative Procedure No. 38, discussed later in this report, and will assist in any means possible.

Currently there are four treatment facilities operating outside the boundaries of known operable units. Three of the treatment facilities are currently treating VOC's by carbon adsorption technology:

- City of Arcadia's Longden Wells treatment facility began operation in January of 1985. It has treated approximately 65,066.12 acre-feet and removed approximately 717 pounds of contamination as of June 2011. There is no current estimate on how long the treatment facility will need to operate.

- City of Monrovia's Myrtle Well field treatment facility began operation in March of 1996. It has treated approximately 39,187.35 acre-feet and removed approximately 599 pounds of contamination as of June 2011. There is no current estimate on how long the treatment facility will need to operate.
- San Gabriel Valley Water Company's Well 11B treatment facility began operation March of 1991. It has treated approximately 38,735.26 acre-feet and removed approximately 302 pounds of contamination as of June 2011. There is no current estimate on how long the treatment facility will need to operate.

The remaining treatment project utilizes ion exchange technology for the removal of a combination of nitrates and perchlorate:

Golden State Water Company's Highway treatment facility began operation in May of 2005. It has treated approximately 10,838.35 acre-feet and removed approximately 130 pounds of contamination as of June 2011. There is no current estimate on how long the treatment facility will need to operate.

There are numerous wells that are vulnerable to contamination in the Basin with the bulk located within known operable units. Some of the water purveyors that may need treatment in the future and are located outside of known operable units include but not limited to City of Arcadia, City of Glendora, Valencia Heights Water Company and the City of Whittier.

## **Operable Unit Specific Plans**

After more than 20 years of studies and investigations, USEPA's CERCLA activities have progressed to a point where the configuration of the required remedies, in conjunction with local needs, can be determined in most areas. In general, these remedies include multiple groundwater extraction and treatment facilities designed to remove and contain the spread of contamination. Appendix A presents the WQA's specific plans for the individual OUs including key components and OU specific issues. Table 1 identifies the project costs of each OU within the Basin boundaries.

## **Projected activities of the next reporting period**

During the next reporting period WQA will continue to play an integral role in protecting the groundwater supplies of the Basin by actively participating in all operable unit remedies to ensure that the necessary facilities are constructed and treatment and remediation continues to occur in a manner that provides the greatest benefit to the residents of the Basin. In addition, WQA expects to submit several grant applications for Prop 84 funding.

**BPOU** - It is expected that all modifications necessary to operate the BPOU remedy projects in the most cost effective way possible will continue with construction activities, and have a scheduled completion date of December 2011. Once all modifications are complete the BPOU projects combine to provide up to 25,900 gpm of potable supply. WQA will continue to participate in decisions that affect project treatment and remediation activities as a member of the project committee.

**SEMOU** - WQA anticipates that additional CDs for the SEMOU will be finalized, allowing funds recovered from PRPs to be funneled by WQA to the SEMOU water entities to ensure continued treatment and remediation of the SEMOU plume. In addition, the Whitmore Street Groundwater Remediation Facility will continue operations of extraction wells and the centralized treatment facility, thereby protecting down-gradient water supply wells from further contamination. The six extraction wells and treatment facility began full-time treatment and remediation of the contaminant plume in January 2008.

**EMOU** - WQA will continue to participate in the remedial activities including but not limited to remedial design, project oversight and federal reimbursement activities associated with the EMOU. It is anticipated that the work parties will begin construction of the extraction wells and associated pipelines. In addition WQA will encourage that the end use of the treated water be put for beneficial use whenever possible.

**PVOU** - WQA will continue to participate in the remedial activities including but not limited to remedial design, project oversight and federal reimbursement activities associated with the PVOU remedy. WQA anticipates that the discharge issues that have halted work in the PVOU will be rectified and construction activities will resume.

**Area 3** - It is anticipated that the City of Alhambra will continue to operate its Phase I and Phase II treatment facilities. In addition, WQA will continue to assist Alhambra with its treatment and remediation costs for Phase II via Alhambra's most recent federal funding award of \$500,000. In addition, WQA will assist USEPA and LARWQCB whenever possible to further characterize contamination within the Area 3 boundaries.

**Non-Operable Unit Projects** - The City of La Verne will continue to operate its 2,575 gpm nitrate and VOC treatment.

## Priorities for Project Funding

*WQA utilizes a number of tools to prioritize projects for funding. To be eligible for funding consideration, proposed projects must meet all of the following conditions:*

- *Project must be located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the WQA*
- *Applicant(s) must demonstrate, through WQA's Procedure No. 38 process, (described in the following section) that the project in the area of the proposed groundwater remediation project removes contamination, and protects and/or prevents groundwater contamination from spreading into clean areas*
- *Applicant(s) must demonstrate that the project water will be put to beneficial use, with priority given to those projects which include an affected water purveyor and provides potable water, if applicable*
- *Project must conform and further the objectives of the WQA §406 Plan or the intent thereof*
- *Project must be consistent with the legislative intent of the statute(s) authorizing or appropriating the public funds used for project funding reimbursement*
- *Project cannot have been used in calculating the 35% credit provision in the Restoration Funds*
- *Project cannot have begun operating prior to July 1, 1999 (this provision may be waived by the WQA Board)*
- *Start of project construction for a new project must be anticipated within 18 months of executed agreement between WQA and applicant(s)*
- *Applicant(s) must provide a plan that commits 100% of the required funds in WQA's account in advance of each payment owed on the project and prior to each reimbursement request.*

**San Gabriel Basin WQA Policy and Procedures Manual** - Administrative Procedure 38 - WQA evaluates projects submitted to determine whether the projects are "necessary" and "consistent" with the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP). For cost recovery purposes, remediation projects are considered "necessary" if there

is evidence of a release of hazardous substances, the project is designed to mitigate the impact of such releases and the project is needed to meet regulatory requirements for remediation and/or water supply. The determination of necessity shall be based on data of sufficient quality and quantity to satisfy the WQA. Remediation projects are considered “consistent” with the NCP if the remediation project is in substantial compliance with the applicable requirements of the NCP and results in a CERCLA-quality clean-up. Specific potentially applicable NCP requirements are addressed below.

Criteria to which a proposed project shall be measured, but not required, are as follows:

- Project conforms and furthers the objectives of WQA’s §406 Plan or the intent thereof
- Ranking on priority list if multiple requests are competing for available funds
- Project is “necessary” and “consistent” with the NCP
- Requesting party to pay no less than 25% of capital costs
- Funding for operation and maintenance secured from funds other than WQA assessment
- Implementation of construction anticipated within one year of executed agreement

Projects are scored according to the questions and corresponding scores listed in Table 2. Once scored, the projects are then ranked according to the criteria in Table 3. The higher scores represent a higher ranked priority position within each category for available funding.

## **Contractor Selection**

Competitive bids are typically used for contractor selection when project funding sources include WQA assessments, local water funds, or funding from the State or Federal government. Projects with federal dollars follow the federal contracting guidelines regarding competitive bids. Sole source awards may occur, consistent with either federal guidelines, or the criteria established by the individual water purveyor.



## Criteria used to quantitatively evaluate projects for effectiveness

During the initial stages of a potential treatment project extensive studies are conducted to ensure the project is located in the appropriate area to achieve:

- *an effective contaminant capture and containment zone*
- *the halting of contamination migration into adjacent clean water supplies*
- *meeting the water supply objectives of the affected water purveyor*

WQA plays a key role during this evaluation process to ensure that each project provides the greatest protection to the water supply of the residents of the Basin while minimizing any economic impact. WQA has developed the following criteria to evaluate projects for effectiveness:

- *How much contaminant mass is removed from the Basin?*
- *How much of the treated water is used for beneficial purposes?*
- *How many downgradient wells are being protected?*
- *Does the project integrate cleanup with water supply?*

WQA also considers that overall impact of the combined cleanup projects. Figure 9 demonstrates the number of treatment plants coming online has grown steadily since WQA's inception in 1993. The total pounds of contaminants removed and acre-feet of water treated are shown in Figure 10.

## **APPENDIX A**

## **Appendix A – Operable Unit Area Plans**

### **BALDWIN PARK OPERABLE UNIT**

Of the five areas of contamination in the Basin, the BPOU is considered the most significant because of the geographic size and degree of contamination. For this reason USEPA prioritized this area for investigation back in the late 1980's. By 1994, there was a general consensus on the technical approach including a financial arrangement whereby sales from the water produced by the treatment plant would be used to offset the costs of the project. However, just as designs were being prepared, the discovery of new contaminants prompted a complete reevaluation of cleanup plans.

In 1997, perchlorate, a contaminant derived from solid rocket fuel, was discovered in many of the active production wells within the OU. This discovery had widespread impacts, primarily because traditional treatment methods were ineffective in removing perchlorate from the groundwater. The new discovery not only disrupted the design of the CERCLA remedy, but also shut down many of the existing treatment plants that had been operating for water supply purposes. In one case, a water purveyor's (LPVCWD) complete water supply was shut down due to excessive concentrations of perchlorate that could not be removed by treatment facilities currently in place. This forced the water purveyor to buy alternative groundwater supply from neighboring water purveyors and supplemental imported water costing five times the cost of groundwater before the discovery of perchlorate.

Based on the discovery of perchlorate, USEPA chose to update its ROD and issue a plan update. This update was similar to the original ROD except that the containment requirement in the southern portion of the OU unit was shifted further downgradient to address the new contaminants and the larger VOC plume resulting from several years of movement since the original ROD was issued. USEPA's plan required that about 22,000 gpm of contaminated groundwater be extracted and treated. The update did not, however, specify how the water was to be used.

In 1998, although USEPA had recently accepted a "good faith offer" from a portion of the BPOU PRPs to conduct the required cleanup, the specifics of the offer suggested that the PRPs intended to construct cleanup facilities without addressing the local water supply needs. The promise of the good faith offer was to extract water from the specified locations, treat the water at centralized facilities using emerging (unapproved) treatment technology and then discharge the water into nearby surface water channels. This approach was met with strong resistance that could have resulted in further delays and continuance of the existing water supply crisis. In addition,

USEPA's approach focused on overall containment of the plume and did not include projects that were outside of USEPA's primary objectives that would have beneficial effects on both cleanup and water supply.

In response to this situation, WQA prescribes a cleanup plan developed by the MSGBW (Figure 2) that integrates cleanup and water supply objectives. The first phase of this plan focused on the southern portion of the plume where the priority is highest to contain the plume, protect critical water supplies and restore critical water supplies.

In 1999, due to the critical need for immediate action, WQA, MSGBW and the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District ("USGVMWD") joined resources and began implementation of the plan by constructing the first facility to treat both perchlorate and NDMA for drinking water at the LPVCWD well site. Following the success of the LPVCWD project, WQA prescribed additional early actions that build on the LPVCWD project development model.

In 2002, eight of the 20 BPOU PRPs entered into a comprehensive project agreement with WQA, MSGBW and local purveyors to fund the prescribed remedy described in this section.

**Southern Remedy** - In conjunction with the LPVCWD treatment project constructed in 2000, a new treatment facility located at the SGVWC Plant B6 near the southern extension of the plume was prescribed for immediate implementation. The project also included the construction of four new extraction wells (B25A, B25B, B26A and B26B) and transmission pipelines connecting the extraction wells to the Plant B6 treatment facility.

The project finished construction in 2004 and received its 97-005 amended water supply permit from the DPH in 2005. The water extracted from this facility is needed by SGVWC to replace production capacity lost when contamination forced the closure of the then operating water treatment facilities that lacked the ability to remove the newly discovered contaminants, perchlorate and NDMA. The project has the ancillary benefit of protecting downgradient water supply wells by halting the southeastern migration of contaminant mass.

The next component of the remedy prescribed for the southern area is a new treatment facility that is located at the SGVWC Plant B5. The project finished construction and began testing in 2007. In June 2008, the Plant B5 treatment facility received its amended water supply permit from DPH. The Plant B5 treatment facility will treat water from an existing well (B5B), from a new extraction well drilled on site (B5E) and from an existing City of Industry well located in the San Fidel Well Field. The Plant B5 facility will be necessary to meet water supply demand and to serve as a final containment

point to prevent the further degradation of clean aquifers resulting from the migrating BPOU contamination plume.

This plan prescribes immediate implementation and long term operation of the southern remedies for the BPOU including all of the necessary facilities to achieve full containment of the BPOU plume at the downgradient edge. In June 2008, the last component of the BPOU remedy became operational. These facilities will accelerate removal of contaminant mass in the Basin, prevent migration of contamination into critical groundwater water supplies, and through the integration of cleanup with water supply objectives, mitigate the existing water supply crisis in the area.

**Northern Remedy** - In 2005 construction was completed on a new treatment facility at the VCWD Arrow/Lante wellfield. The new treatment facility known as SA1 treatment facility will consist of all necessary treatment technology and two new extraction wells (SA1-1 and SA1-2) that were constructed east of the treatment facility which will deliver raw water to the facility via new transmission pipelines. The plan also includes a treated water pipeline to deliver some of the treated water to Suburban Water Systems (“SWS”). In 2007, VCWD discovered TCP in its SA1 extraction wells and was forced to construct additional Liquid Phase Granular Activated Carbon (“LPGAC”) treatment at SA1 to combat the new found contamination.

Implementation of the northern remedy will provide significant removal of mass from the Basin and is a necessary component of the overall BPOU plan. However, with the exception of the SA1 treatment facility, the northern remedy provides only ancillary benefits towards preventing migration of contamination towards critical water supplies. This is primarily because no groundwater production is currently occurring in the central and northern portions of the plume. With the southern remedy in place, the most severe water supply crises are addressed; however, it will still be important to put the treated water to beneficial use and not waste such a valuable resource.

To achieve rapid implementation in both areas, only treatment processes that are approved as Best Available Treatment Technologies (“BATT”) by DPH shall be used to meet drinking water requirements. This requirement is necessary to assure that lengthy approval processes normally associated with emerging technologies are eliminated. Use of BATTs will be necessary to accelerate removal of contaminant mass from the Basin and to restore impacted potable water supplies. However, wherever practical, other technologies may be considered if significant and exceptional benefits are shown to outweigh the need for urgency.

In addition, as new technologies become available, the WQA prescribes that cost effective studies and pilot programs are pursued in order to maximize

the potential savings in cleanup costs over the life of the projects. For example, multiple projects are using an ion exchange technology that may be outdated and costly. New resin technology has been introduced that could provide alternatives to the existing technology, and studies have been undertaken to assess the benefits of switching over if the lifetime benefits appear to be substantial. In 2009, these studies have led to changing out the existing ion exchange treatment technologies at LPVCWD's treatment facility, SGVWC's Plant B6 treatment facility and VCWD's SA1 treatment facility from a regenerable resin technology to a more efficient single-pass resin technology. As a result of changing from a regenerable resin ion exchange technology to a single-pass technology SGVWC will lose the ancillary benefit of some nominal nitrate treatment. Therefore, DPH is requiring SGVWC to construct additional nitrate treatment at its Plant B6 to ensure continued operation of the treatment facility. The new nitrate treatment will utilize an ion exchange treatment system but will be designed specifically for nitrate removal. In the cases where existing technology remains in place, careful optimization will be performed regularly on the equipment in order to achieve the best effective operation and the lowest operating cost possible.

**Other Remedies** - California Domestic Water Company's ("CDWC") Well No. 14 is threatened by contamination emanating from the BPOU, including perchlorate and NDMA. CDWC expanded their existing VOC and NDMA treatment systems by including a perchlorate treatment system. The project is also designed to protect CDWC's downgradient wells. Construction was completed in June of 2002.

After losing their Plant 139 wellfield to the BPOU contamination, SWS constructed new production wells at their Plant 121, Plant 142 and Plant 152 wellfields. The interim project also included the construction of a pipeline that will allow for better operational flexibility and provide additional supply to their affected service area.

## **SOUTH EL MONTE OPERABLE UNIT**

The SEMOU is generally characterized by shallow groundwater contamination that is mostly contained in the upper 100 feet of the aquifer; however some contamination in the northwest and southern portions of the OU has migrated below 100 feet into the intermediate zone aquifers currently used for potable supplies. Contamination in the SEMOU is predominately VOCs with perchlorate concentrations in certain wells exceeding the State MCL of 6 ppb. Furthermore, cleanup has been complicated by the presence of low concentrations of 1,4-Dioxane in the OU.

The contamination in the SEMOU presents significant threats to local water supplies. One threat is to the aquifers and groundwater supply centers in the northwest portion of the OU and to the northwest of the OU itself. The other is directed towards the Whittier Narrows Dam and the Central Basin to the south. The threat to the northwest has already impacted several critical water supply wells, primarily those owned by the CMP, SGVWC and Golden State Water Company (“GSWC”). These water purveyors have had to implement treatment facilities in order to resolve their water supply crises. The other predominant threat is from contamination in the shallow aquifers near the source areas that provide a continuous source of contamination that has traveled as far south as the Whittier Narrows Dam. Continued migration of the contamination past the Whittier Narrows Dam threatens many production wells and the sensitive recharge areas within the Central Basin. Immediate action is clearly needed to address these imminent threats.

To address the VOC groundwater contamination in the SEMOU, USEPA released its Interim ROD (“IROD”) in September 2000. The IROD specifies extraction from the intermediate zone at or near CMP’s existing well No. 5, CMP’s existing well No. 12, SGVWC’s existing Plant No. 8 wellfield, and GSWC’s existing San Gabriel (SG1 & SG2) wellfield. USEPA’s plan also includes a new extraction well (CMP No. 15) northeast of CMP No. 12. USEPA’s goal is to contain the flow of contaminants and prevent exposure to downgradient pumping centers operated by CMP, SGVWC, and other purveyors. Although USEPA recommends the use of existing water supply facilities, the PRPs are not mandated to use these facilities in their response, nor are they obligated to integrate water supply with the required remedy. After the discovery of perchlorate in several SEMOU water supply wells and 1,4-Dioxane in the shallow zone of the SEMOU, USEPA considered issuing either an IROD Amendment or an Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) to require treatment for emerging chemicals (“ECs”). In 2005 USEPA issued an ESD for the SEMOU to include treatment of perchlorate in the intermediate zone and reserved the right to include treatment for 1,4-Dioxane and other ECs at a later date.

With the exception of perchlorate treatment, WQA’s prescribed actions for the SEMOU have, for the most part, been put into place and are consistent with USEPA’s proposed plan. They address specific concerns that (1) action needed to take place immediately to halt further migration into critical water supplies, (2) complications in the negotiations with the PRPs would delay USEPA’s implementation schedule, and (3) PRPs may choose to fulfill their CERCLA responsibility to USEPA without addressing the need to restore water supplies. Specifically, the prescribed actions referenced below have and will address both the immediate threat and water supply crisis prevalent in the northwest portion of the OU and the long-term threat to Central Basin to the south.

In 2007, USEPA lodged two CDs embodying settlements with 39 PRPs for costs associated with implementation of the SEMOU remedy. The funds recovered by USEPA will be used to reimburse affected water purveyors for future treatment and remediation costs associated with the continued operation of remedy wells and treatment facilities as described in the SEMOU remedy through a cooperative agreement between USEPA and WQA.

**Intermediate Zone Remedy** - To address the threat presented in the northwest portion of the OU, WQA's prescribed action (Figure 3) includes the existing VOC and perchlorate blending treatment facility at CMP No. 5 along with the existing VOC treatment facilities at CMP No. 12, SGVWC Plant 8 and GSWC SG1 & SG2. Additionally, the plan specifies that water from CMP remediation Well No. 15 be treated at the existing treatment facility at CMP No. 12.

This plan promotes the beneficial use of the treated water by the appropriate water purveyors. To that end, WQA entered into funding contracts in the year 2000 with CMP, GSWC and SGVWC to construct VOC treatment projects ahead of enforcement action by USEPA.

SGVWC's Plant No. 8 VOC treatment facility was completed in October 2000 and is currently operating. Rising levels of VOCs in the wells at Plant 8 caused the DPH to require SGVWC to install a secondary barrier treatment system. Construction of a LPGAC secondary barrier treatment system to polish the air stripper effluent was completed in 2005. As part of the amended water supply permit issued to SGVWC by DPH to operate the Plant No. 8 VOC treatment facility, a sentinel well had to be installed upgradient and within two years travel time of the Plant No. 8 wells. The primary purpose of the sentinel well is to provide an "early warning" of emerging contaminants that might affect the operation of the Plant No. 8 VOC treatment facility.

SGVWC's recent analyses of the sentinel well revealed and confirmed the presence of perchlorate and 1,4-Dioxane at concentrations just below the DPH MCL and NL, respectively. Because the current Plant No. 8 VOC treatment facility is not capable of removing perchlorate or 1,4-Dioxane, SGVWC has plans to construct a 5,000 gpm, single pass ion exchange and advanced oxidation ultraviolet ("UV") light treatment facility for the removal of perchlorate and 1,4-Dioxane if levels reach 50% of the respective MCL and NL. The addition of the ion exchange UV light treatment facility will ensure continued operation of the Plant No. 8 VOC treatment facility and continued remediation of the SEMOU groundwater.



Both CMP's and GSWC's VOC treatment facilities for Well No. 12 and SG1 & SG2, respectively, were completed. However, the wells for both plants were subsequently found to be contaminated with perchlorate and immediately shut down. In 2004, CMP completed construction of a perchlorate treatment plant for Well No. 12. In addition to the VOC treatment, GSWC currently operates an interim perchlorate treatment facility for Well SG1. However based on two years of non-detects for perchlorate contamination, GSWC and CMP are in the process of deactivating their perchlorate treatment. If required by DPH, GSWC may retrofit their perchlorate treatment system to accommodate nitrate treatment equipment. The new nitrate treatment will allow GSWC to return well SG2 to service and restore plant capacity. This plan endorses both projects as they are designed to restore lost water supply and protect existing downgradient production wells.

CMP has completed the construction of Well No. 15 and the pipeline to Well No. 12. Additionally, CMP has proposed to construct additional VOC treatment at the Well No. 5 site. The additional treatment is necessary to ensure proper remediation of VOC contamination and to restore treatment facility capacity by connecting existing Well No. 6 to the treatment facility at Well No. 5. Construction of the additional treatment and a pipeline connection is anticipated to begin in mid 2011.

**Other Intermediate Zone Extraction** - In addition to the extraction and containment projects identified in the SEMOU IROD, purveyors in the SEMOU had to construct treatment facilities at several of their wells to ensure a safe and reliable water supply in the event that the IROD projects are temporarily removed from service.

In 2004, CMP constructed a VOC treatment facility at its Delta Plant to treat VOC contamination that was recently discovered in CMP Well Nos. 1, 3, 10 and Fern. Although not included in USEPA's remedy, the project is consistent with USEPA's IROD.

SGVWC has constructed a VOC treatment facility at their Plant G4 located within the SEMOU. Although not included in USEPA's remedy, the project is consistent with USEPA's IROD.

These actions, as prescribed by this plan, will accelerate removal of contaminant mass and help to prevent migration of contamination into critical water supplies. In addition, integrating the cleanup action with the surrounding water supply will mitigate the current water supply crisis caused by the presence of the contamination.

**Shallow Zone Extraction** - Part of WQA's prescribed response to address the threat to Central Basin was the South El Monte Shallow Extraction

Barrier (“South El Monte Barrier”). The South El Monte Barrier was constructed under a voluntary partnership including WQA, several of the local businesses and the City of South El Monte. The objective of the response action was to halt the flow of contaminants near the primary source areas within the SEMOU.

The project consisted of two extraction wells, treatment facilities and discharge pipes which allow the treated water to infiltrate back into the aquifer downgradient of the extraction. The project was originally constructed to remove VOCs and later modified with ozone/peroxide treatment to remove 1,4-Dioxane. Given that there are no water supply wells directly affected in the immediate areas and that water from the shallow aquifer is not normally used for potable use by the purveyors, low priority was given to mandating beneficial use of the water.

In 2004, the WQA discontinued operation of the South El Monte Barrier after it was determined that USEPA’s fund-led Whittier Narrows project (see the Whittier Narrows Operable Unit (“WNOU”) portion of this plan) would halt the contaminant migration farther downgradient. While this situation was not the preferred alternative, the WQA determined that no water supplies would be affected by discontinuing the project. Additionally, funds made available by discontinuing the South El Monte Barrier were redirected to contain an alternate source of contaminants that was threatening water supplies.

In 2005, the WQA initiated design on a shallow groundwater barrier to be constructed in and around the area of the former J.A. Bozung facility. The WSGRF project will remove a hot spot plume of VOCs and 1,4-Dioxane that threatens downgradient water supplies. The barrier started full-time operation in January of 2008 with treatment and remediation estimated to continue through 2012. To date the treatment facility has treated approximately 18.6 million gallons of contaminated groundwater and removed approximately 59 pounds of contamination.

## **EL MONTE OPERABLE UNIT**

The EMOU investigation phase has been completed and the remedial objectives have been specified in an USEPA IROD. This OU is generally characterized by shallow groundwater VOC contamination that is mostly contained in the upper 100 feet of the aquifer. Limited amounts of VOC contamination have migrated into the deeper drinking water supplies and the recent discovery of perchlorate in monitoring wells and production wells threatens to complicate cleanup efforts further.

Fortunately, several of the water purveyors have already responded to the spread of contamination by installing wellhead VOC treatment facilities to restore impaired sources of supply before the discovery of perchlorate.

However, although many sources were restored, the impact of the contamination on the local water supply remains severe. The City of El Monte (“CEM”), in particular, lost several wells and experienced a shortage of supply. New sources of supply, either from new cleanup facilities or reactivation of existing supplies are greatly needed to enhance and secure the local water supply situation. WQA has provided assistance by leasing the CEM four surplus LPGAC vessels from past WQA projects.

To provide long-term protection of these supplies, immediate actions were needed to cut off and contain the movement of contaminants in the shallow aquifer. Elimination of the high concentrations of contaminants near the sources is necessary to provide for rapid reduction of mass from the aquifer and establish long-term protection of downgradient water supplies. To address this emergency need, in 1997 WQA prescribed the immediate implementation of two shallow extraction barriers to stop the flow of contamination on the western and eastern portion of the OU (Figure 4).

Anticipating that this type of removal would be required, WQA and many of the PRPs for the EMOU executed agreements to fund the construction of these projects. As part of this early response, WQA sponsored three components (extraction and treatment at the Clayton Manufacturing facility and individual extractions with centralized treatment for Hermetic Seal, and Crown City Plating facilities) which operated for several years. Immediate implementation of the shallow extraction barriers ahead of USEPA’s mandate will complement these other early responses and help to accelerate the removal of mass from the Basin and prevent the further migration of contamination into critical groundwater supplies.

In June 1999, USEPA released its IROD which requires containment of the shallow contaminant plume on the western and eastern sides of the OU and containment of the deep contaminant plume on the northwestern and southeastern edges of the OU. In 2002, USEPA released an ESD that requires the containment of emerging chemicals in addition to VOCs. In 2004, due to unrest within the EMOU PRP group, USEPA entered into a CD effectively dividing the PRPs into two distinct work parties, the West Side Performing Settling Defendants (“WSPSD”) and the East Side Performing Settling Defendants (“ESPSD”).

**West Side Remedy** - The WSPSD will be responsible for containment of the western shallow zone contaminant plume and the containment of the northwestern deep zone plume. Containment of the western shallow plume will be accomplished via five extraction wells and a centralized treatment facility. The treatment facility will be designed to treat not only VOCs but all emergent chemicals to below drinking water standards. Four of the five extraction wells have been constructed with the fifth still in the design phase. The designs of the centralized treatment and pipeline runs are

currently being finalized and construction is anticipated to begin in late 2009.

The existing GSWC Encinita Plant treatment facilities, owned and operated by GSWC and partially funded by the WPSD, along with a VOC treatment facility, owned and operated by Adams Ranch Mutual Water Company (“ARMWC”), will help address the deep zone contaminant plume in the northwestern sector. Both deep zone projects received federal reimbursement from WQA.

In addition to the shallow and deep zone remediation projects identified in the EMOU IROD, WQA endorses the reactivation of Hermetic Seal’s shallow zone treatment facility. The treatment facility was removed from service due to a decline in the water table beneath the EMOU. In the past year water table levels have rebounded to the point that reactivation of the treatment plant at Hermetic Seal will provide containment and remediation of a known hot-spot of contamination.

**East Side Remedy** - The ESPSD will be responsible for containment of the eastern shallow zone contaminant plume and the containment of the southeastern deep zone contaminant plume. Containment of the eastern shallow plume will be accomplished via five extraction wells, a centralized treatment facility and three re-injection wells. The treatment facility will be designed to treat not only VOCs but all ECs.

In addition, the ESPSD in conjunction with CEM will be installing three extraction wells in the intermediate zone aquifer in the southeastern sector and constructing a centralized treatment facility to control migration of low levels of VOCs. The treated water will be conveyed into CEM’s existing distribution system in the area. WQA is currently working with the ESPSD to provide federal reimbursements for their projects.

As a result of the elevated levels of Nitrates and Total Dissolved Solids (“TDS”) in both west and east shallow zone extraction projects, local water purveyors are not interested in integrating the treated water into the local supply. Thus, WQA prescribes that, to the extent possible, the water extracted from the shallow extraction projects be put to beneficial use for one of the following alternatives: (1) potable source through blending, (2) industrial reuse, (3) re-injection for groundwater recharge, or (4) used as a reclaimed water source. If no beneficial end use is available and all alternatives have been exhausted, the treated water may be discharged to a nearby channel under direction of the LARWCB and pursuant to the MSGBW’s rules and regulations.

The WSPSD are planning to use a portion of the treated water for industrial processes and discharging the remainder to a nearby channel. The ESPSD

will be re-injecting all shallow zone treated water up-gradient of the extraction wells under an LARWQCB discharge permit.

Together, all of these facilities will serve to contain the migration of the contamination in the intermediate (potable) aquifers and prevent the further spread of contamination into critical groundwater supplies. Requiring the beneficial use of shallow zone treated water will enhance the local water supply and help to mitigate the current water shortage caused by impairment of water supply wells.

### **WHITTIER NARROWS OPERABLE UNIT**

In 1999, USEPA issued an amendment to the ROD for the WNOU which identifies the need for a groundwater extraction barrier approximately ¼ mile north of the Whittier Narrows Dam to halt the flow of contamination traveling towards Central Basin. To form an effective containment barrier, five or six extraction sites were required to remove and treat a total of about 12,000 gpm extracting from both the shallow and intermediate zone aquifers. Because USEPA was implementing this remedy under its “fund lead” authority, the responsibility for administering the design, construction and operation of the comprehensive cleanup facility was USEPA. In 2002, USEPA finished construction of the comprehensive cleanup facility.

In recognition of the immediate threat to downgradient water supplies in Central Basin and the potential for significant delays associated with a large-scale treatment facility, WQA had prescribed a phased approach (Figure 5) that addressed the most severe threats first with an immediate early action at well EW4-3. WQA prescribed that well EW4-3 be integrated into the comprehensive potable treatment facility proposed by USEPA. WQA implemented the first component of this early action with the construction of a temporary treatment facility located at well EW4-3. Water from well EW4-3 was treated and temporarily discharged into nearby surface drainages until the full-scale remedy could be implemented. USEPA has completed construction of their centralized treatment facility and integrated well EW4-3 into their extraction system.

In 2005, the City of Whittier reached an agreement with USEPA to take most of the water extracted from the intermediate zone aquifer and use it as a potable supply for its customers. Water from the shallow zone is extracted at a reduced rate and is being discharged into Legg Lake. In 2006, USEPA conducted a five-year review of the WNOU remedy to ensure that it remains protective of human health and the environment. USEPA concluded that the remedy for the WNOU is protective of human health and the environment. USEPA is required to conduct the next five year review by September 2011.

## **PUEUNTE VALLEY OPERABLE UNIT**

In 1998, the USEPA released the Interim ROD for the PVOU (Figure 6) that described, in part, USEPA's selected remedy for both shallow and intermediate zone contamination. It stated that the remedial action for the shallow zone shall prevent contaminated groundwater from migrating beyond its current lateral and vertical extent as described in the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study ("RI/FS"). The remedial action selected by USEPA for the intermediate zone shall prevent contaminated groundwater from migrating beyond the SGVWC B7 Well Field Area (an area defined by 14 wells in the immediate area of SGVWC's B7 Well Field). Furthermore, perchlorate was recently discovered in the B7 Well Field Area causing USEPA to further evaluate remedy options.

In 2005 USEPA issued an ESD for the PVOU mandating treatment for all ECs in both the shallow and intermediate zones.

In 2009, the PVOU remedial activity was stalled due to conflicting interpretations by two separate divisions of the USEPA, namely the Superfund Division and the Water Division which enforces the Clean Water Act.

As a result, USEPA required additional feasibility studies to be conducted to re-evaluate alternatives for the disposition of the treated water in both the shallow and intermediate zone remedies. USEPA is currently evaluating the feasibility studies.

WQA will continue to help facilitate solutions that will resolve the cleanup stalemate as soon as possible.

**Shallow Zone Remedy** - In 2005 USEPA entered into a CD with United Technologies Corporation ("UTC") to perform the shallow zone remedy in the PVOU. The shallow zone remedy will consist of the installation of nine extraction wells, associated pipelines and a centralized treatment facility at the mouth of the valley. Since water from the shallow zone is not suitable for potable use due to high Nitrates and TDS, UTC plans to discharge the treated water into a neighboring creek under a discharge waiver from the LARWQCB. However, UTC continues to actively search for a beneficial end use of the treated water. In 2008, UTC completed the installation of all extraction wells and is the process of securing access agreements for the pipelines.

**Intermediate Zone Remedy** - The Northrop Grumman Space and Mission System Corporation ("Northrop"), formerly known as the PVOU Steering Committee, has submitted an intermediate zone extraction plan to USEPA for approval. Northrop plans to construct six new extraction wells and pipelines in the mouth of the valley and to utilize the existing VOC treatment

facility located at SGVWC's Plant B7. If any ECs are found in the extracted water Northrop will add additional treatment. It is anticipated that SGVWC will take the treated water and blend it with water extracted from new Wells B24A and B24B. The blended water would then be conveyed into SGVWC's existing distribution system. In 2008, Northrop finished construction of the extraction wells and a portion of the pipeline. In addition, Northrop has reached an agreement with SGVWC to accept the treated water and to provide a blending component with other SGVWC sources. SGVWC is also constructing a transmission main from its B6 service area to its Plan B24 to facilitate blending of the PVOU treated water.

### **AREA 3**

In 1999, USEPA began RI/FS investigations in the Area 3 ("ATOU"). The purpose of the RI/FS is to determine the nature and extent of soil and groundwater contamination and to identify likely sources. USEPA has completed the installation of additional monitoring wells in order to collect additional data to assess the extent of the contamination and its relationship to suspected source areas. USEPA released the RI in 2010 and is currently evaluating the results to identify cleanup options. Conclusions of the RI will form the basis of an FS to evaluate cleanup alternatives to prevent the release of contaminants at the site.

ATOU VOC contamination has impacted a number of the City of Alhambra's ("Alhambra") wells. In 2001, Alhambra started operation of Phase I of its pump and treat program. Phase I consists of a VOC treatment facility at Well No. 7. In 2008, Alhambra finished most of the construction of Phase II of its pump and treat program. Phase II consists of VOC and Nitrate treatment technologies at Well No. 8 and has the ability to treat contaminated groundwater from Wells Nos. 8, 11, 12. Alhambra finished construction of Phase II in 2008 and it is operational. All water treated from both Phase I and Phase II projects is used by Alhambra in its distribution system (Figure 7). Both phases of the Alhambra's pump and treat program received reimbursement from WQA's federal funding programs.

**SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY**

**CHAPTER 404 STATUS REPORT**

**TABLE 1 - SCHEDULE OF FUNDING FROM POTENTIALLY RESPONSIBLE PARTIES AND OTHER SOURCES  
AS OF JUNE 30, 2011**

**FUNDING FOR CAPITAL AND**

<b>TREATMENT &amp; REMEDIATION COSTS<sup>1, 2</sup></b>	<b>SEMOU</b>	<b>BPOU<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>EMOU<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>PVOU<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>ATOU<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Other<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
Responsible Parties	\$ 6,571,576	\$ 320,105,994	\$ 47,876,307	\$ 51,629,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 426,183,377
EPA Federal Grants & Settlements with Responsible Parties <sup>3</sup>	7,871,725	-	-	-	-	-	7,871,725
Federal Grants - Bureau of Reclamation	14,170,610	48,954,144	10,132,688	4,430,000	3,169,703	3,403,803	84,260,948
State Grants - SWRCB	-	4,629,416	-	-	-	-	4,629,416
State Grants - SWRCB Clean Up & Abatement	1,420,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,420,000
State Grants - DTSC	-	2,853,658	-	-	-	684,499	3,538,157
State Loan - DTSC (Responsible Parties) <sup>7</sup>	-	6,440,000	-	-	-	-	6,440,000
Water Producers	17,729,756	30,053,876	83,000	2,500,000	13,997,626	2,778,546	67,142,804
Watermaster	-	358,319	-	-	-	-	358,319
WQA Sources (Assessments, interest, etc.)	5,292,041	4,328,578	1,608,653	-	-	836,548	12,065,821
<b>Total Funding for Capital and Treatment &amp; Remediation (A)</b>	<b>\$ 53,055,708</b>	<b>\$ 417,723,984</b>	<b>\$ 59,700,648</b>	<b>\$ 58,559,500</b>	<b>\$ 17,167,329</b>	<b>\$ 7,703,397</b>	<b>\$ 613,910,566</b>

**ESTIMATED COSTS FOR CAPITAL**

<b>AND TREATMENT &amp; REMEDIATION<sup>2, 4, 8</sup></b>	<b>(B) \$ 159,106,214</b>	<b>\$ 851,248,959</b>	<b>\$ 123,860,477</b>	<b>\$ 120,074,584</b>	<b>\$ 33,562,131</b>	<b>\$ 28,941,523</b>	<b>\$ 1,316,793,888</b>
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**UNFUNDED BALANCE FOR CAPITAL**

<b>AND TREATMENT &amp; REMEDIATION</b>	<b>(A) minus (B)</b>	<b>\$ (106,050,506)</b>	<b>\$ (433,524,975)</b>	<b>\$ (64,159,829)</b>	<b>\$ (61,515,084)</b>	<b>\$ (16,394,802)</b>	<b>\$ (21,238,126)</b>	<b>\$ (702,883,321)</b>
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- <sup>1</sup> Funding for Capital Projects and Treatment & Remediation ("T & R") Costs reflects funding obligations per current agreements including funds received to date and future anticipated funds.
- <sup>2</sup> The dollar amounts for future anticipated funds and estimated costs do not include an inflation factor. Although there are currently agreements in place for the funding of future Capital Projects and T & R Costs, the agreements do not specify the timing of the funding contributions, nor is the funding itself guaranteed.
- <sup>3</sup> The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the U.S. Department of Justice have lodged Consent Decrees which require Responsible Parties to pay a certain amount. WQA has entered into a cooperative agreement with EPA for \$5.22 million of these funds. Also included is \$2,651,725 of additional Superfund funding added to the cooperative agreement by EPA.
- <sup>4</sup> The BPOU agreement currently covers Capital Projects as well as T & R Costs for 15 years of operation. Treatment costs shown above are projected to be ongoing for 30 years.
- <sup>5</sup> ATOU (Area 3 Operable Unit) does not currently have a source of funding for T & R Costs. Treatment is projected for 15 years.
- <sup>6</sup> Funding for Capital Projects and T & R has been provided for treatment facilities that are operating outside the bounds of known operable units but are located within the San Gabriel Basin boundaries.
- <sup>7</sup> State Loan - DTSC, shown above as a source of funding, is being repaid to the State of California by the BPOU Responsible Parties.
- <sup>8</sup> Responsible Parties are projected to fund T & R Costs for the EMOU and the PVOU for 8 years as required by the Consent Decrees. Treatment Costs shown above are projected to be ongoing for 30 years, therefore the remaining 22 years are considered unfunded.



**Table 2 – Project Scoring**

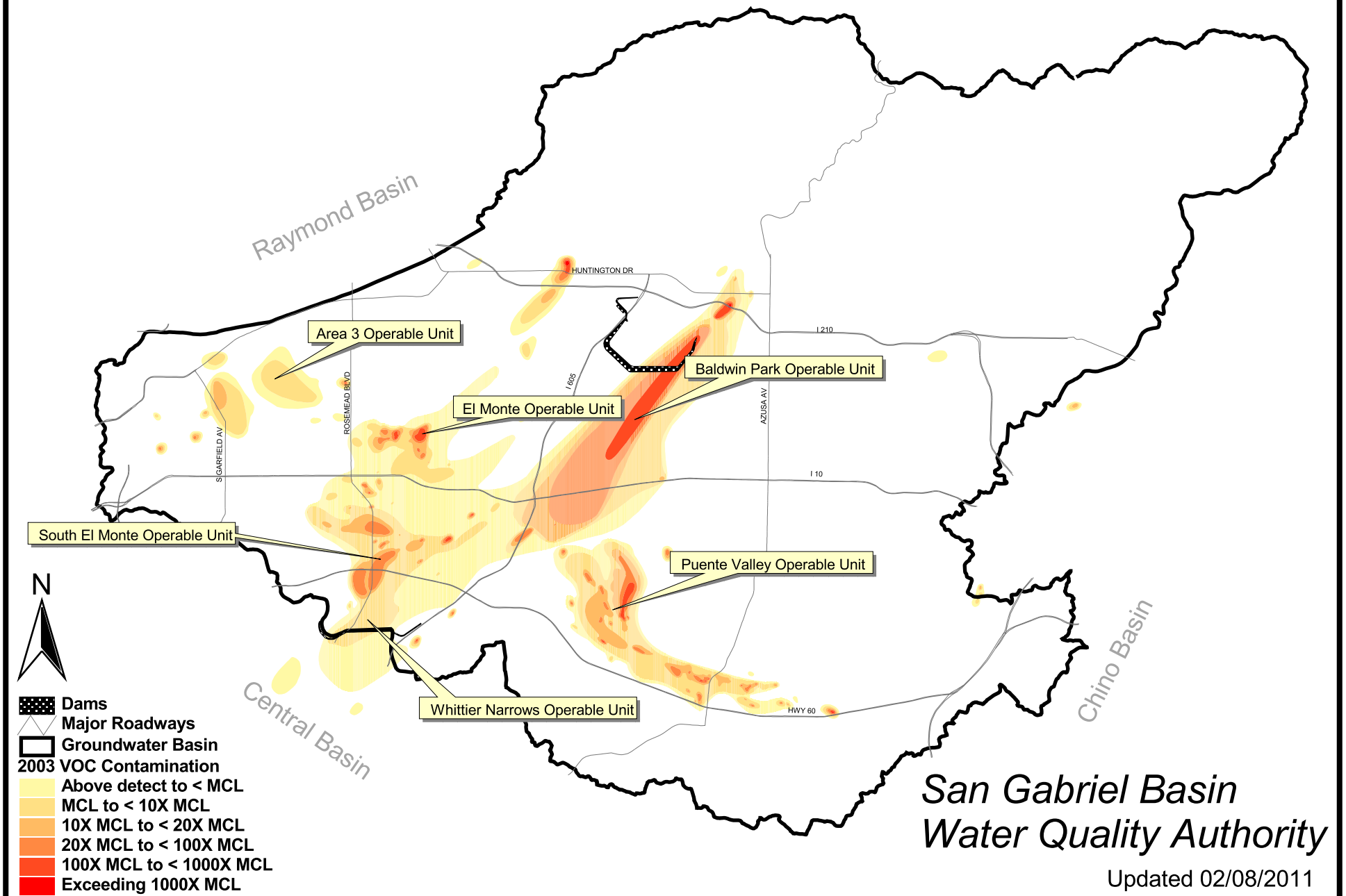
QUESTION	PTS.	RESPONSE
Is applicant(s) ready to proceed with the groundwater remediation project?	0	Not fully ready to proceed
	10	Yes, ready to proceed
Does the project complement U.S. USEPA's plans? Is it consistent with USEPA's plans and the NCP?	0	Does not complement plan and is not consistent
	5	Complements and is consistent with USEPA plans
	10	Complements and is consistent with USEPA plans and NCP
How effective is project relative to amount of water treated and made available for use? Does the project use technology consistent with BAT?	0	Not effective relative to amount treated & available for use
	5	Somewhat effective and consistent with BAT
	10	Effective relative to amount treated & available for use, consistent with BAT
What are the impacts or potential impacts to the plume within the Main San Gabriel Basin?	0	No
	5	Some impact
	15	Very significant impact
Is project a joint cleanup and water supply project?	0	Not a joint cleanup and supply project
	5	Only a cleanup project
	15	Yes, project is a joint cleanup/supply project
Is project partially or solely funded by affected purveyor(s)?	0	N/A
	5	Yes, partially funded by purveyor(s)
	10	Yes, solely funded by purveyor(s)
Does the project address immediate water supply needs in the MSG Basin?	0	No
	15	Yes
Does the project address a need for migration control?	0	No
	15	Yes
Is project partially or solely funded by PRPs through an executed agreement?	0	No PRP agreement
	5	Yes, partially funded by PRPs with an agreement
	10	Yes, solely funded by PRPs with an agreement

**Table 3 – Priority Ranking**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>SCORING RANGE</b>	<b>TITLE XVI</b>	<b>RESTORATION FUNDS</b>
Category 1	90-100	0 to 25%	up to 65% capital and/or T&R
Category 2	80-89	0 to 25%	up to 50% capital and/or T&R
Category 3	70-79	based upon availability	up to 40% capital and/or T&R
Category 4	0-69	based upon availability	up to 30% capital and/or T&R

-Figure 1-

# San Gabriel Basin Contamination



**-Figure 2-  
Prescribed Remedy  
Baldwin Park  
Operable Unit**



- .... Pipeline
- ⊕ Remedial Extraction Well
- ▲ Treatment Plant

**Washes**

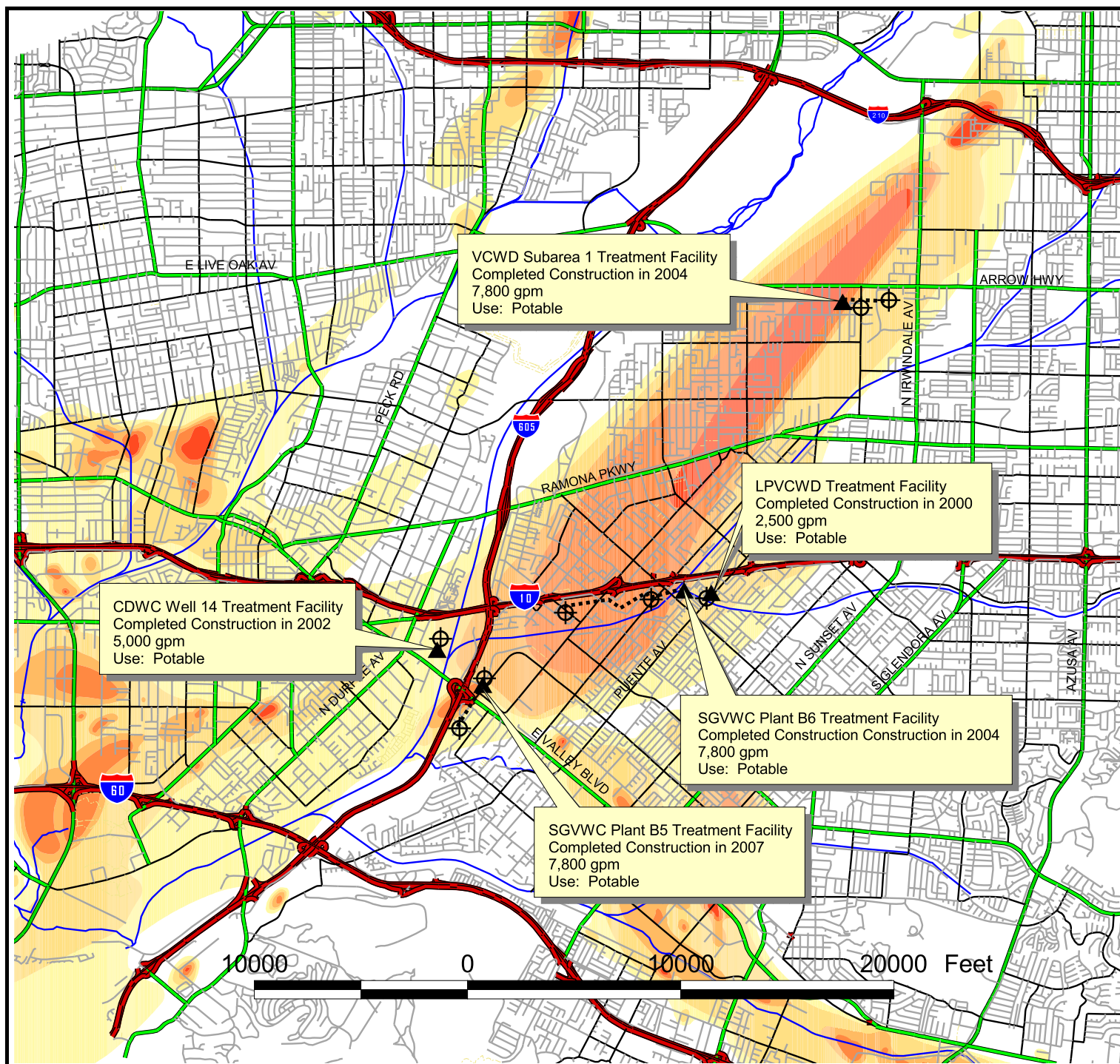
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  - MCL to < 10X MCL
  - 10X MCL to < 20X MCL
  - 20X MCL to < 100X MCL
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  - Exceeding 1000X MCL

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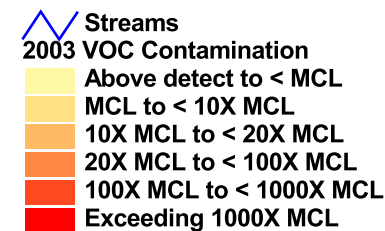
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**-Figure 3-  
Prescribed Remedy  
South El Monte  
Operable Unit**



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- ⊕ Remedial Extraction Well
- ▲ Treatment Plant

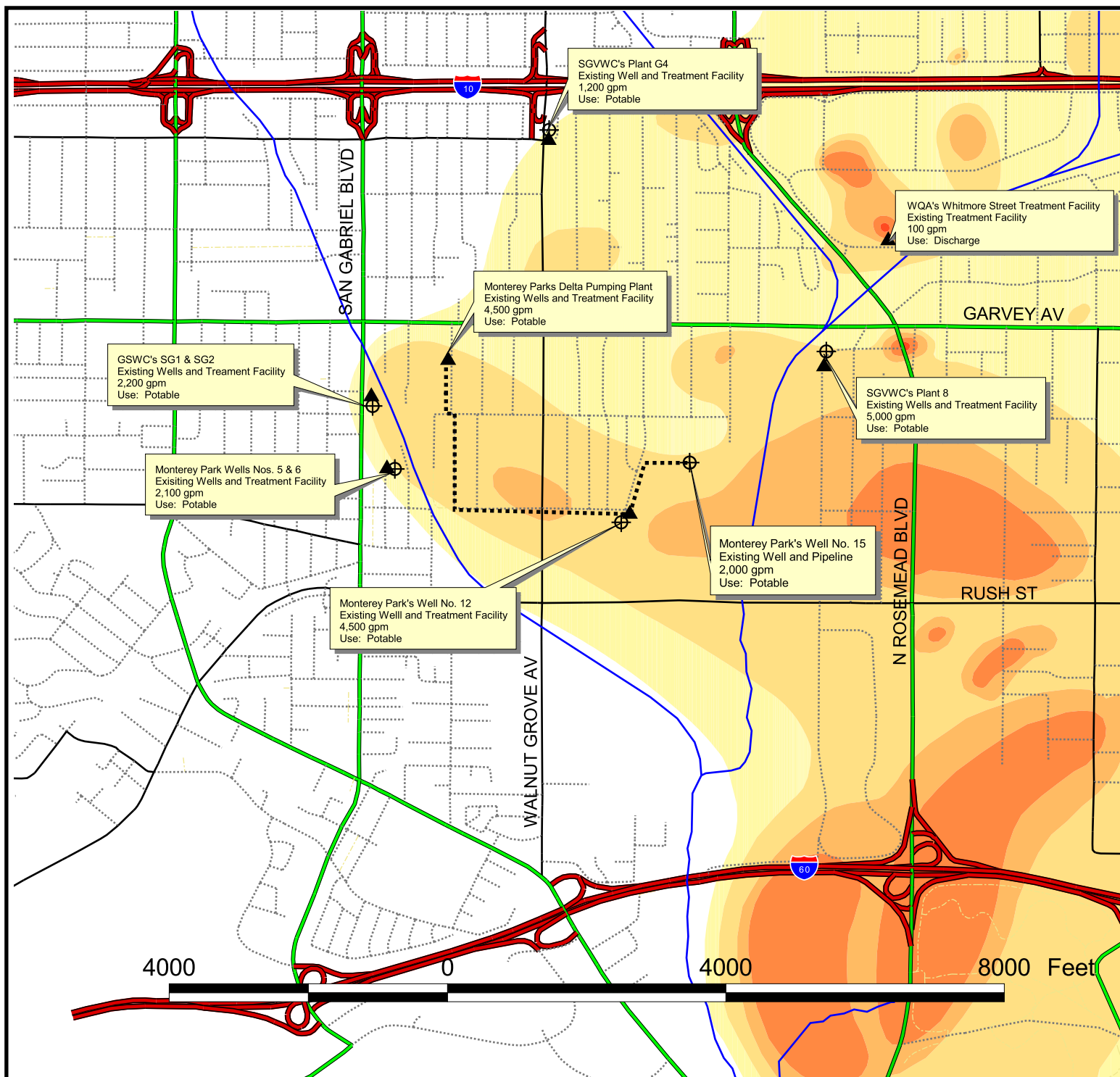


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**-Figure 4-  
Prescribed Remedy  
El Monte  
Operable Unit**



- .... Pipeline
- ⊕ Remedial Extraction Well
- ⊗ Injection Well
- ▲ Treatment Plant

**Streams**

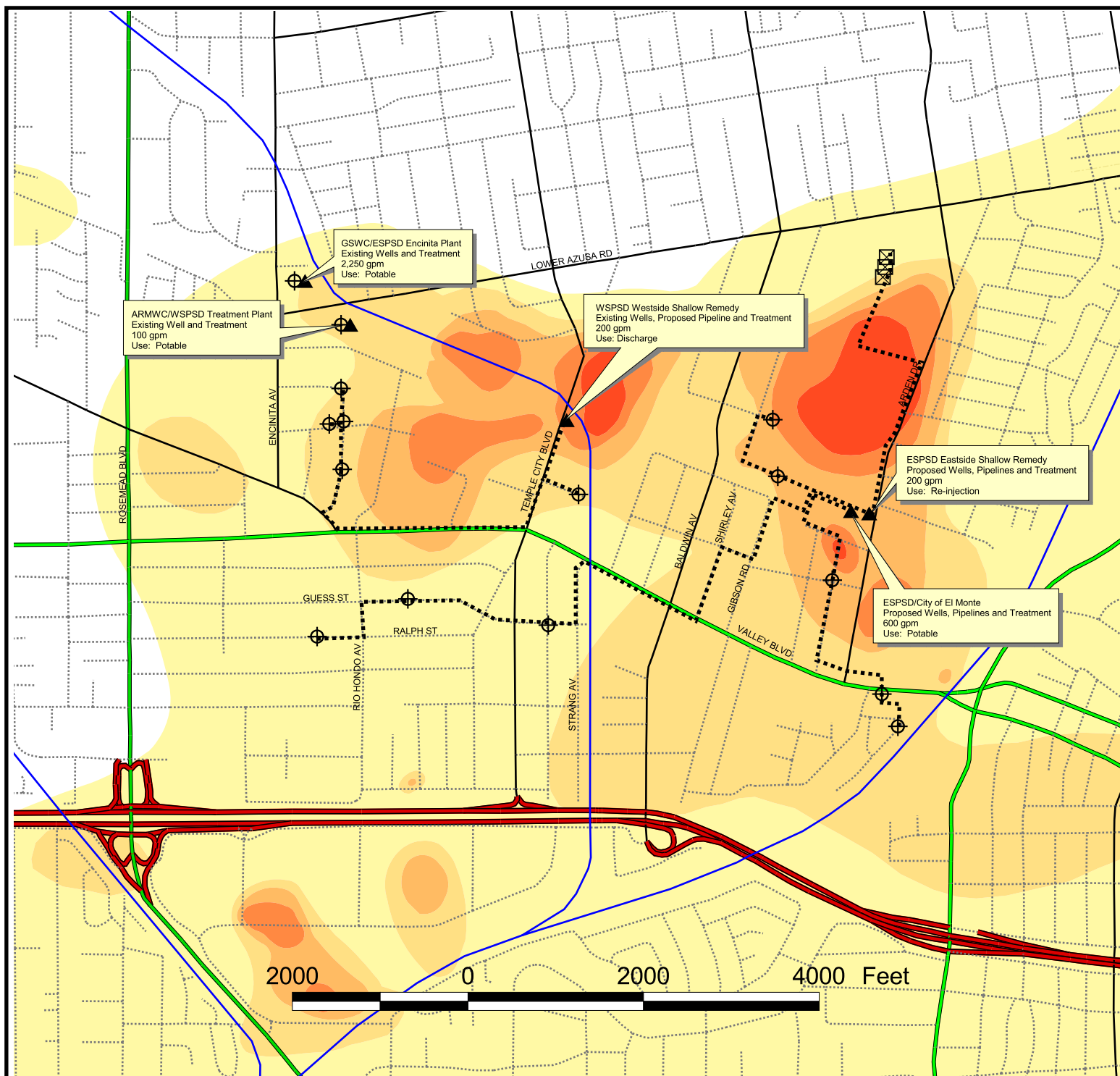
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**-Figure 5-  
Prescribed Remedy  
Whittier Narrows  
Operable Unit**



- .... Pipeline
- ⊕ Remedial Extraction Well
- ▲ Treatment Plant

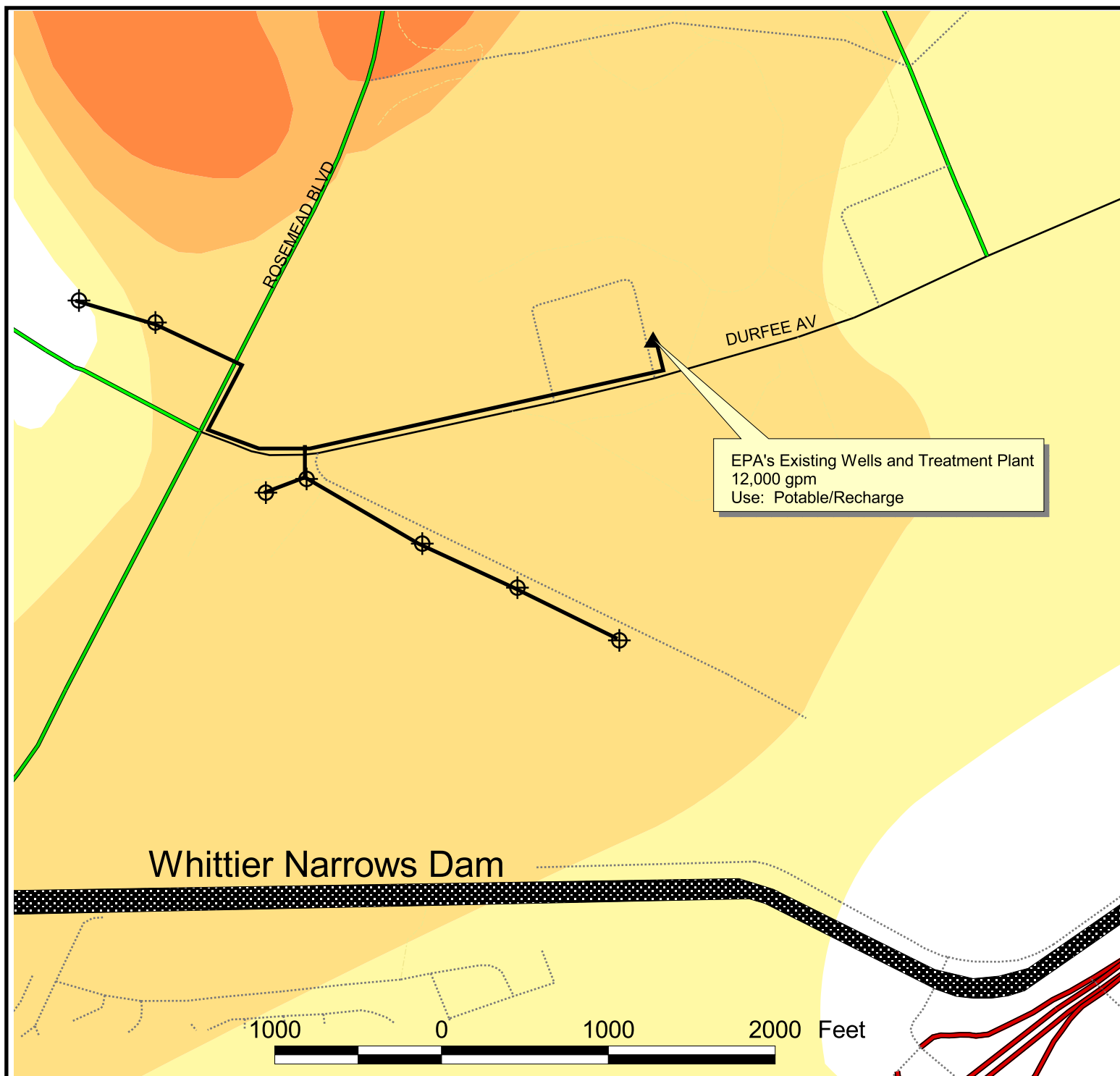
- Dams
- 2003 VOC Contamination
- Above detect to < MCL
- MCL to < 10X MCL
- 10X MCL to < 20X MCL
- 20X MCL to < 100X MCL
- 100X MCL to < 1000X MCL
- Exceeding 1000X MCL

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**-Figure 6-  
Prescribed Remedy  
Pueante Valley  
Operable Unit**



- ⊙ Proposed Shallow Zone Extraction Wells
- ⊕ Proposed Intermediate/Deep Zone Extraction Wells
- .... Proposed Shallow Pipeline
- Proposed Intermediate Pipeline
- ▲ Proposed Treatment Plant

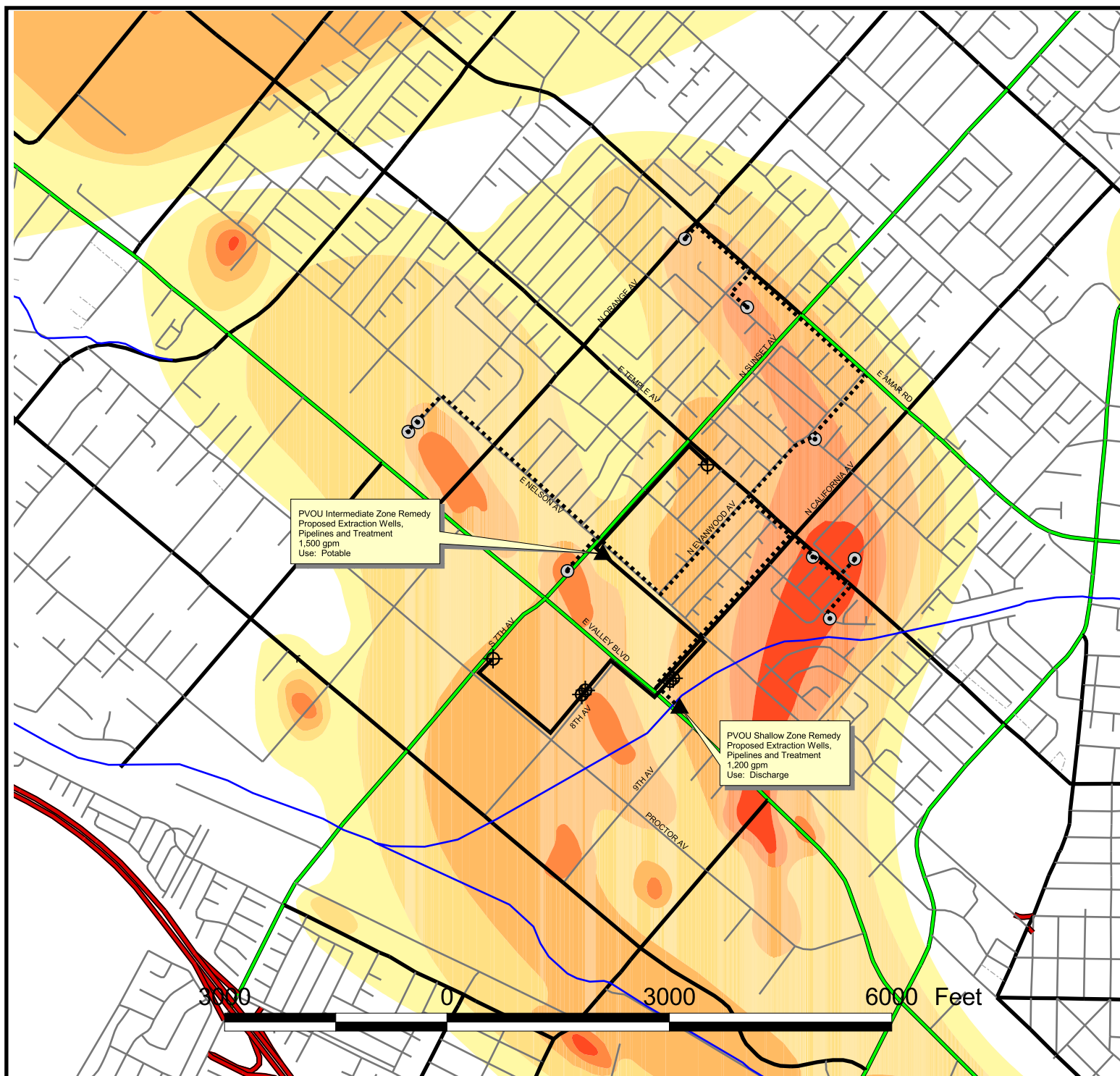
- Streams
- 2003 VOC Contamination**
- Yellow: Above detect to < MCL
  - Light Orange: MCL to < 10X MCL
  - Orange: 10X MCL to < 20X MCL
  - Dark Orange: 20X MCL to < 100X MCL
  - Red-Orange: 100X MCL to < 1000X MCL
  - Red: Exceeding 1000X MCL

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**-Figure 7-  
Early Investigation  
Area 3**



- ★ Existing Groundwater Monitoring Well Locations
- ▲ Existing Treatment Facility

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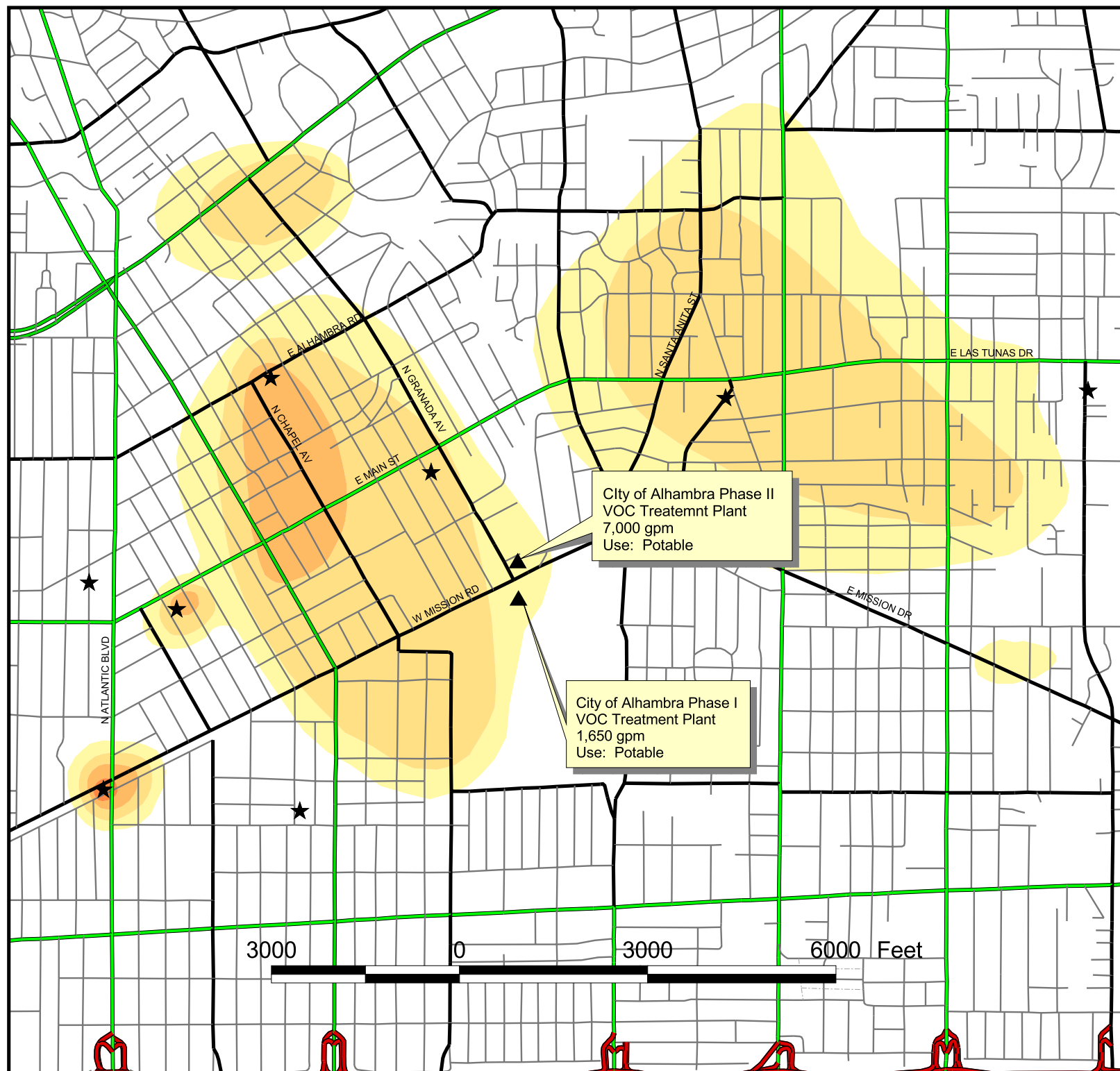
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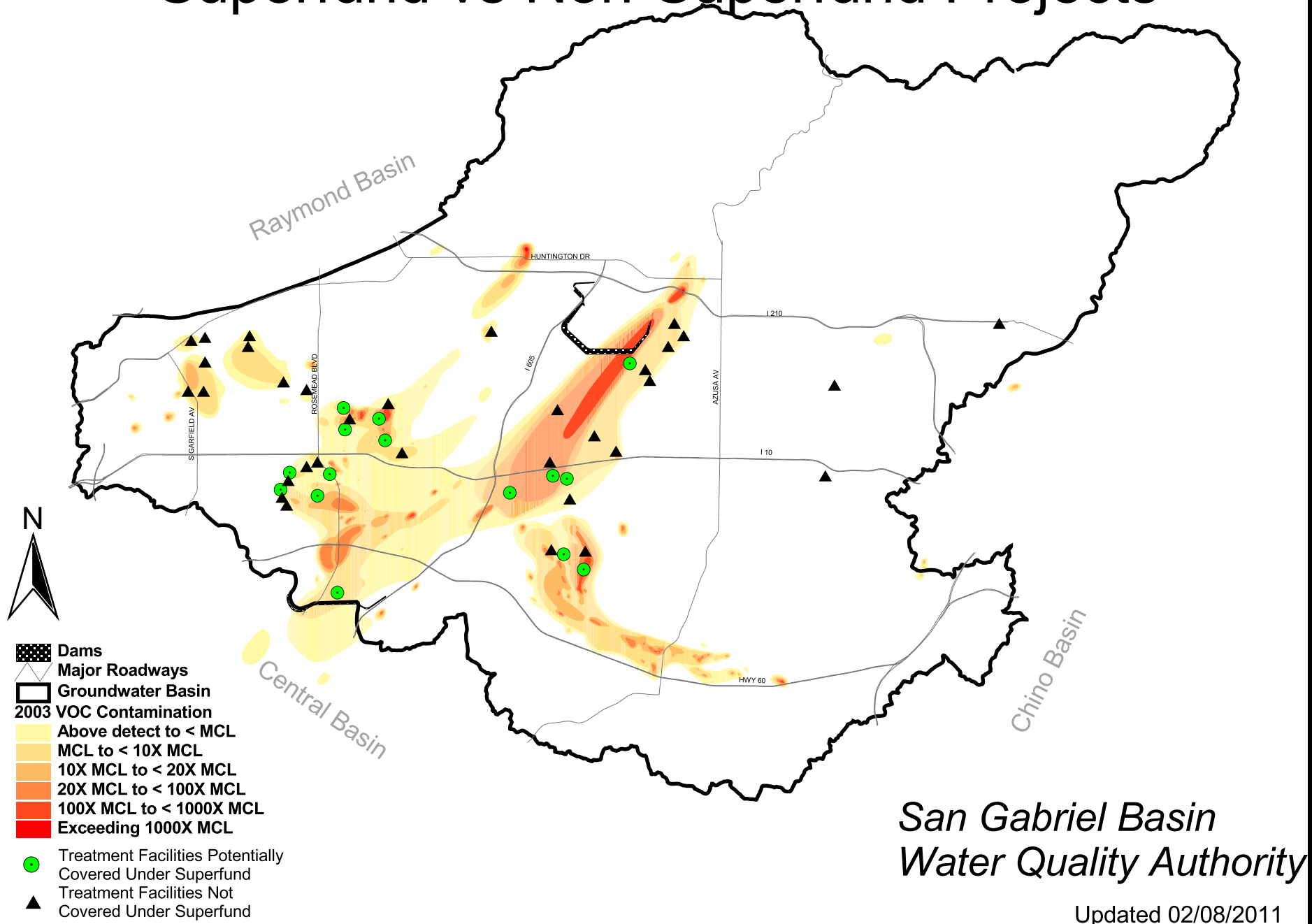
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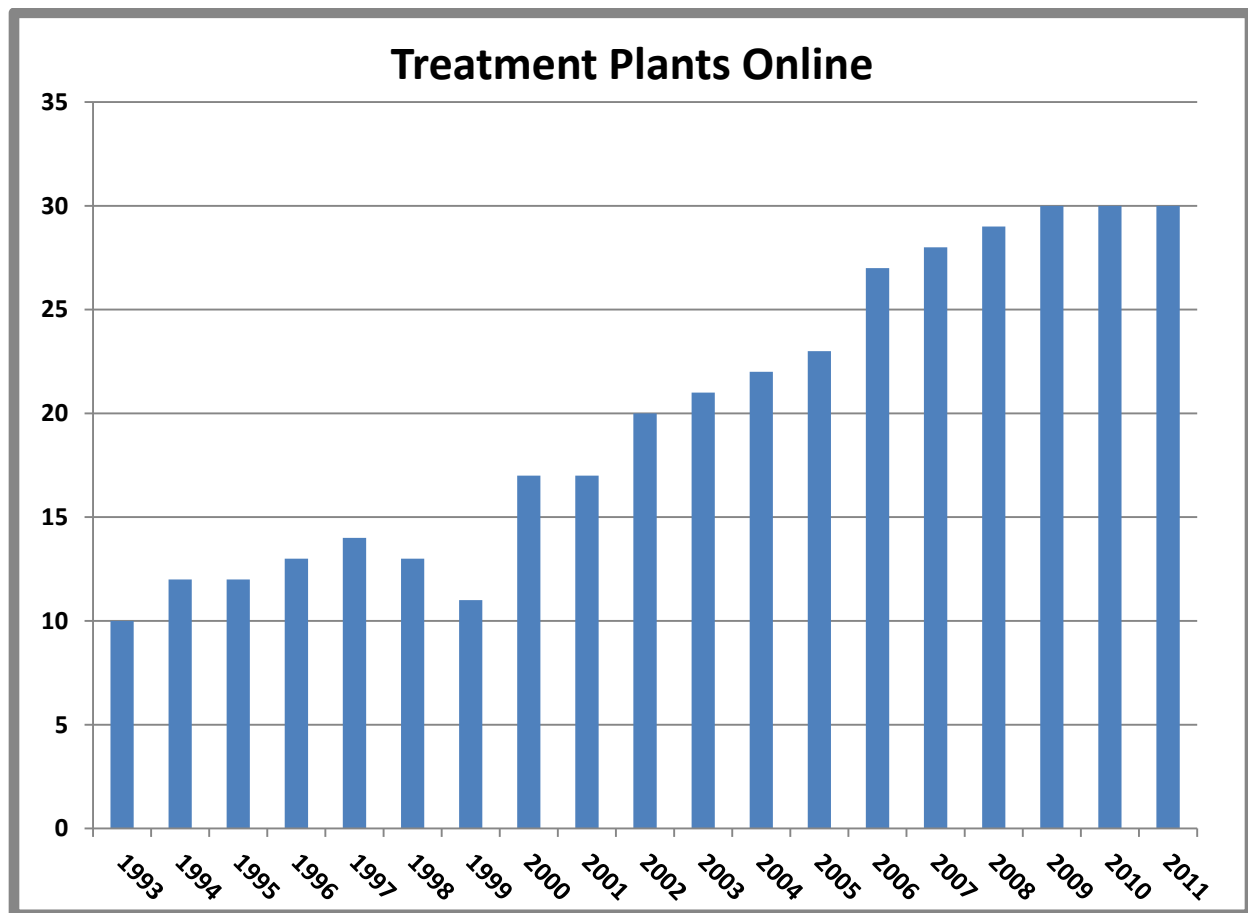
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# -Figure 8- Superfund vs Non-Superfund Projects



**FIGURE 9 – The number of treatment plants operating in the Basin.**



**FIGURE 10 – The total amount of water treated and contaminants removed in the Basin.** WQA considers the overall impact of the combined cleanup projects. This chart demonstrates how much contaminant mass has been removed from the Basin and how much treated water the projects have made available for beneficial use.

