

state engineer will continue to monitor the groundwater quality throughout the basin and will become involved in specific water quality issues at the request of DEQ, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), or other affected entities.

COMMENT: The plan is inconsistent when it sets forth restriction on approval of change applications (*paragraph 2.3(4)*) and then provides exceptions (*paragraph 2.3(5)*).

RESPONSE: These paragraphs will be consolidated and the text modified to eliminate this perceived contradiction.

COMMENT: Based on hydrologic parameters, the Central region should extend further south.

RESPONSE: The boundaries of the Central region are based largely upon the area of the valley where there is an upward hydraulic gradient from the principal to the shallow aquifer. There does appear to be a narrow (approximately 1,000 feet wide) strip along the Jordan River south of the boundary of the Central region where these conditions exist. We will consider modifying the Central region to reflect the approximate boundaries of this area.

COMMENT: We suggest the inorganic reporting requirements include all primary and secondary standards as well as those which indicate the "signature" of the water.

RESPONSE: The vast majority of the water quality data we receive includes the parameters suggested above.

COMMENT: We suggest water quality updates every three, rather than five years.

RESPONSE: The division will consider doing updates every three years.

COMMENT: We are concerned that injected water in Aquifer Storage Recovery projects may no longer be in the area when equalizing withdrawals take place.

RESPONSE: Each ASR application is evaluated individually based upon its own merits as stated in the plan. Conditional approval of applications will be based, in part, on how much water remains in the area and is recoverable over time.

COMMENT: Adherence to the plan must not place water users at risk of forfeiture nor encourage wasteful and destructive use of the groundwater resource in order to preserve a water right.

RESPONSE: We agree, and in our opinion it does not.