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Timothy Moore	The Groundwater Quality indicator in the Sustainability Assessment Appendix does not deal with “maximum benefit” properly.	DWR consultant ESA reworked that indicator.	Appendix D, page A.3-1
Orange County Public Works	...the OWOW Plan Update does not adequately consider conditions and priorities in North and Central Orange County, most notably with regard to homelessness and water quality.”	<p>An enhanced description of the OC Plan (2018) was added.</p> <p>Existing material provided by stakeholders, including OCWD, provided input to Chapter 4 and 5 that references coastal lands and their uniqueness including water quality challenges.</p> <p>Subregional plans are relevant to the OWOW Plan Update 2018 in important ways, and those that are related or officially included by the OWOW Steering Committee are listed in Appendix G.</p>	<p>Page 1-13</p> <p>Pgs. 4-20 to 4-27; pgs. 4-52 to 4-69; Section 5.2 pg. 5-13, Pg. 5-73</p> <p>Appendix G</p>
Orange County Public Works	“...the project selection process described in the OWOW Plan update does not provide sufficient weight for projects that benefit water quality nor do the metrics reflect the full benefits of projects unique to Orange County.”	Stakeholders at a workshop ranked benefits to create the weighting for Prop 1 Implementation grants, creating a system that balances the broad needs across the entire watershed.	No changes made.
Orange County Public Works	“The OWOW Plan Update focus on homeless issues needs to recognize that such efforts within Orange County are subject to a current federal lawsuit and any resulting settlement agreement, and therefore are likely to be wholly separate and distinct from the OWOW Plan.”	<p>Stakeholders contributed recommended management and policy strategies related to homelessness.</p> <p>Recommended strategies related to homelessness are compatible with the unique management and legal situations across the watershed.</p>	<p>No changes made.</p> <p>Pg. 5-77 to 5-81</p>

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Orange County Public Works	“Methodologies for selecting projects for grant funding do not align with the 2018 OWOW Plan Update goals and objectives.”	<p>The OWOW Plan Update 2018 Goals and Objectives are not intended to be perfectly aligned with the Prop 1 Implementation Grant round. The OWOW Plan is broader than any one grant opportunity.</p> <p>The system developed to select projects for Prop 1 Implementation grant funding is focused on the details of that opportunity, and future funding opportunities will cause the establishment of systems to select projects unique to the opportunity.</p>	<p>No changes made.</p> <p>Section 6.3, pg. 6-1</p>
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District	“We discovered a minor error: On page 130 in the first full paragraph, there is a reference to the amount of imported water brought to the watershed by San Bernardino Valley Water District. Please correct the statement to be “has imported nearly 1 Million acre-feet of water into the San Bernardino Basin Area since the early 1970s.””	Change made.	Pg. 5-8

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Western Municipal Water District	<p>Two significant edits that need to be made to chapter 5.9, Water Use Efficiency.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Page 255</u>. In the paragraph titled, “SoCal Yard Transformation Guide – Proposition 84 Funded” <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please insert, “in both English and Spanish.” b. Corrected sentence: “The manual, which is also available digitally in both English and Spanish at www.socalyardtrans.com, provides insightful information regarding...” 2. <u>Page 259</u>. Under “Water-Wise Demonstration Gardens/Riverside County” please remove “Western Municipal Water District’s Landscape Southern California Style Garden.” Western sold the property in which the garden resided. Replace it with “Riverside Corona Resource Conservation District’s Land Use Learning Center.” 	Changes made.	Pgs. 5-147 and 5-151.

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Orange County Water District	Table 2.1-5 Wholesale and Resale Water Purveyors Involved in the OWOW Planning Process on page 23: Orange County Water District is a special district that manages the groundwater basin and as such is neither a wholesale nor resale water purveyor. Using the term “water agency” in this section would be a more accurate term that would include OCWD.	Change made.	OCWD was removed from Table 2.1-5 and added to Table 2.1-4.
Orange County Water District	Add after the last sentence on page 66: SGMA provided an alternative compliance option that allowed for the preparation of an alternative that demonstrated sustainable management of the groundwater basin for at least 10 years. Agencies and jurisdictions overlying the Coastal Plain of Orange County complied with SGMA through the preparation of the <i>Basin 8-1 Alternative</i> (2017). Except for the Cities of La Habra and Brea who plan to manage a portion of Basin 8-1, the agencies and jurisdictions overlying Basin 8-1 do not plan on forming GSAs.	Changes made	Pg. 4-8

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Orange County Water District	Table 4.1-2 Bulletin 118 Groundwater Basins in the Santa Ana River Watershed: The Coastal Plain of Orange County is listed correctly as a Bulletin 118 groundwater basin. However, additional information should be added to the table to clarify that SGMA compliance within Basin 8-1 is achieved with (1) the formation of a GSA for the portion of the basin within the boundaries of the cities of Brea and La Habra and (2) with the preparation and submittal of the <i>Basin 8-1 Alternative (2017)</i> . As currently worded, the table implies that the City of La Habra is the GSA for the entire Coastal Plain of Orange County.	Changes made	Minor edit to Table 4.1-2. Text added pgs. 4-8 and 4-9.
Orange County Water District	Page 235, please correct the description of OCWD as follows: “which is responsible for managing water resources <u>the groundwater basin</u> and providing water to <u>that provides approximately 75% of the water supply</u> for more than two million Orange County residents...and manages 2,400 acres <u>of land as wildlife habitat</u> near the middle of the river in the Prado Basin attempting to maximize wildlife resources. ”	Change made.	Pg. 5-126
Center for Biological Diversity	Letter received with extensive recommendations, can be seen at this link: http://www.sawpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/CBD-comments-OWOW-2018-12-13-18-final.pdf	Added reference to the California Natural Diversity Database and its utility as a source for more information about Special-Status species in the watershed.	Pgs. 4-24 to 4-25

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Center for Biological Diversity	Letter received with extensive recommendations, can be seen at this link: http://www.sawpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/CBD-comments-OWOW-2018-12-13-18-final.pdf	Added recommendation for developing regional plans to ensure key plant species are re-introduced through cooperative efforts including mitigation	Pg. 5-123
Center for Biological Diversity	Letter received with extensive recommendations, can be seen at this link: http://www.sawpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/CBD-comments-OWOW-2018-12-13-18-final.pdf	Added recommendation to consider restoring flows to banked areas as a mitigation approach to supporting habitat and natural hydrology	Pg. 5-123
Center for Biological Diversity	Letter received with extensive recommendations, can be seen at this link: http://www.sawpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/CBD-comments-OWOW-2018-12-13-18-final.pdf	Added recommendation to analyze and recognize the value of streams and their adjacent riparian land as wildlife corridors	Pg. 5-124