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California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Coast Region  
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Dear Mr. Harris:

Thank you for submitting the Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for diazinon and chlorpyrifos/diazinon additive toxicity impairments in the Arroyo Paredon watershed. Based on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) review of the TMDL submittal under Clean Water Act (CWA) section 303(d), I have concluded the TMDLs adequately address the pollutants of concern and, upon implementation, will result in attainment of the applicable water quality standards for the Arroyo Paredon watershed. All required elements are adequately addressed; therefore, the TMDLs are hereby approved pursuant to CWA section 303(d)(2).

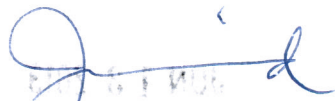
EPA received the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Board's) complete TMDL package for approval on May 20, 2013. Under State Board Resolution 2005-0050, a Basin Plan Amendment is not required for single-vote implementation actions which resolve impairments; accordingly, the Regional Board directly requested EPA to approve these TMDLs.

The TMDLs include load allocations as needed. These TMDLs take into consideration seasonal variations and critical conditions, and provide an adequate margin of safety. The State has provided adequate opportunities for public review and comment on the TMDLs, and demonstrated how public comments were considered in the final TMDLs.

The TMDL submittal also contains details of the implementing actions for the TMDLs. Current federal regulations do not define TMDLs as containing implementation plans; therefore, EPA is not taking action on the implementation plan provided with these TMDLs. However, EPA has reviewed and supports the State's proposed implementation approach. In particular, we support the Regional Board's efforts to utilize its regulatory authorities to more effectively protect and restore water quality, consistent with California's Nonpoint Source Management Plan, as approved by EPA under the Clean Water Act Section 319. EPA applauds your efforts to achieve the TMDLs by your March 2019 target date.

If you have any questions concerning this approval, please call me at (415) 972-3275 or Janet Parrish at (415) 972-3456.

Sincerely yours,



Jane Diamond  
Director, Water Division

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