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1.	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	<p>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) appreciates the opportunity to support the proposed fecal coliform total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for the Salinas River Watershed, including the Lower Salinas River, Old Salinas River, Tembladero Slough, Salinas Reclamation Canal, Alisal Creek, Gabilan Creek, Natividad Creek, Salinas River Lagoon (North), Santa Rita Creek, Chualar Creek, and Towne Creek, and the associated draft basin plan amendments, adopted by the Central Coast Water Board on September 2, 2010. The TMDLs meet federal regulatory requirements under the Clean Water Act and appropriately set numeric targets, waste load and load allocations, and phased load reduction and milestones for the water contact recreation (REC-1) beneficial use.</p> <p>These TMDLs were originally presented to the Central Coast Water Board on March 18, 2010 [date corrected from original document], but the decision to adopt was deferred in order to allow additional time for stakeholder review, and for staff to meet with stakeholders. This proposal includes a coherent implementation plan that can result in immediate improvements to water quality. EPA</p>	Comment noted.

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		supports the adoption of the TMDLs and looks forward to approving them upon the State's submittal.	