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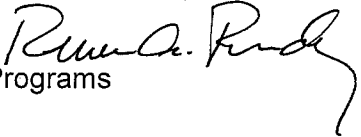
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TO: Interested Persons

FROM: Renee A. Purdy 
Chief, Regional Programs

DATE: September 30, 2011

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PROPOSED NON-REGULATORY AMENDMENTS TO ADD CHAPTER 7 "TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS" TO ADMINISTRATIVELY UPDATE THE BASIN PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of proposed non-regulatory amendments to administratively update the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region* (Basin Plan) by incorporating Chapter 7 "Total Maximum Daily Loads," (TMDLs) which contains previously adopted Basin Plan amendments. The goal in adding Chapter 7 to the Basin Plan is to incorporate the TMDLs that have been adopted and approved since the current Basin Plan was adopted in 1994. The incorporation of the 30 previously adopted TMDLs into the Basin Plan is a non-regulatory administrative update and simply serves to enhance the utility of the Basin Plan. The draft Staff Report, tentative Resolution, and proposed Chapter 7 are available on the Regional Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/index.shtml

**The Public Hearing will be held on
Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at:**

**City of Simi Valley*
Council Chambers
2929 Tapo Canyon Road
Simi Valley, California**

The Regional Board will take formal action on the proposed amendments to incorporate Chapter 7 "Total Maximum Daily Loads" as an administrative update to the Basin Plan. Any person may present relevant statements or arguments. Please be advised that comments concerning the appropriateness of any previously adopted Basin Plan amendment are not relevant to this action and will not be accepted or responded to. Comments shall be limited to the addition of Chapter 7 as an administrative update to the Basin Plan. Written comments

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must be received by the Regional Board staff no later than November 14, 2011. Written comments should be submitted electronically to shada@waterboards.ca.gov. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Regional Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or exhibit into evidence (Cal. Code of Regs. Title 23, Section 649.4). Where electronic submittal is not feasible, comments should be submitted to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region
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ATTN: Stefanie Hada

Interested persons may also present oral comments to the Regional Board at the hearing. Oral presentations should be summarized in writing to the extent possible. Time limitations on oral presentations will be imposed.

For additional information, contact Stefanie Hada at (213) 576-6804 or shada@waterboards.ca.gov. The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Theresa Rodgers at (213) 576-6789 at least five working days prior to the meeting.

Background on the Administrative Update of Chapter 7 of the Basin Plan

The current Basin Plan was adopted by the Regional Board on June 13, 1994, and approved by the State Water Resources Control Board on November 17, 1994 and by the State Office of Administrative Law on February 23, 1995. Since then, several Basin Plan amendments have been adopted by the Regional Board and approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board), the State Office of Administrative Law (OAL), and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA). Included in these Basin Plan amendments are 30 Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). These changes have yet to be reflected in the current Basin Plan.

During the most recent triennial review, an administrative update of the Basin Plan was identified as a priority project to be addressed (Resolution No. R10-001). The administrative update is being conducted in phases, and the current proposed update is the addition of Chapter 7 to the Basin Plan, which contains the region's 30 previously adopted and approved TMDLs.

This update to the Basin Plan to add Chapter 7 is non-regulatory in nature and does not involve changes to any of the already approved TMDLs. It neither modifies nor deletes any component of the 30 existing TMDLs in the Los Angeles region. It is part of a multi-step plan to administratively update the entire Basin Plan. These non-regulatory changes are intended solely to improve the convenience of the Basin Plan. Regulatory updates to Chapter 7 of the Basin Plan may be addressed in the future as separate Regional Board actions.