



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX

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February 27, 2008

Ms. Dorothy Rice
Executive Director
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Dear Ms. Rice:

Thank you for submitting the total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) to address trash in eight waterbodies in Los Angeles region. The submittal was dated December 21, 2007 and supplemental information was received by EPA on January 14, 2008. California adopted these TMDLs to address the following waterbody-pollutant combinations identified on the State's 2006 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list:

- Lake Elizabeth – trash
- Lake Hughes – trash
- Legg Lake – trash
- Machado Lake – trash
- Munz Lake – trash
- Beardsley Wash – trash
- Revolon Slough – trash
- Ventura River estuary – trash

Based on EPA's review of the TMDL submittal, I have concluded the TMDLs adequately address the pollutants of concern, and will, upon implementation, result in attainment of applicable water quality standards. The TMDLs include allocations as needed, take into consideration seasonal variations and critical conditions, and provide an adequate margin of safety. The State provided adequate opportunities for the public to review and comment on the TMDLs. All required elements are adequately addressed; therefore, the TMDLs are hereby approved pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 303(d)(2).

The State's submittal also contains a detailed plan for implementing 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 the TMDLs. However, EPA generally concurs with the State's proposed implementation approaches.

The enclosed review discusses the basis for this approval decision. We appreciate the State and Regional Boards' work to complete and adopt these TMDLs and look forward to our continuing partnership in TMDL development. If you have questions concerning this approval, please call me at (415) 972-3572 or Peter Kozelka at (415) 972-3448.

Sincerely yours,

/signed by/

Alexis Strauss, Director
Water Division

Enclosure

cc: Tracy Egoscue, Los Angeles RWQCB