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Samuel Unger, Executive Officer  
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board  
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Los Angeles, California 90013

Dear Mr. Unger:

On March 17, 2016 the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) submitted revisions to the Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Trash in the Los Angeles River watershed and for Trash in the Ballona Creek watershed for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approval. EPA finds that all the required elements are adequately addressed and approves both TMDLs pursuant to Clean Water Act (CWA), Section 303(d). The TMDL, upon completion, will result in the attainment of the trash-related objectives in the Los Angeles River and Ballona Creek watersheds.

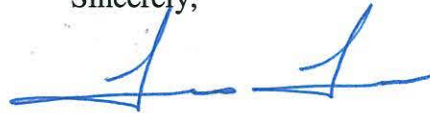
The State took action on the TMDL on the following dates:

- On April 3, 2015 the Regional Board public noticed the draft TMDLs.
- On June 1, 2015 the Regional Board posted its response to comments and the revised TMDLs.
- On June 11, 2015 the Regional Board approved the TMDLs (Res. No. 15-006).
- On November 17, 2015 the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) approved the TMDLs (Res. No. 2015-0068).
- On May 4, 2016 the State Office of Administrative Law approved the TMDLs.

The TMDLs appropriately consider the use of water quality objectives related to trash, including "Floating Material" and "Solid, Suspended or Settleable Materials" in the Basin Plan to meet multiple water quality uses. The TMDLs appropriately consider seasonal variation and critical conditions, and provide adequate margins 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.

Implementation of the TMDLs is a critical next-step to realize improvements in water quality in the watershed. EPA is available to support the regulated community and the State in fostering ongoing watershed stewardship to achieve the TMDLs. If you have any questions concerning this approval, please call me at (415) 972-3337 or Terry Fleming at (415) 972-3452.

Sincerely,



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