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Public Comment  
LA River Metals TMDL  
Deadline: 9/30/15 by 12:00 noon



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Ms. Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P. O. Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Dear Ms. Townsend:

### COMMENT LETTER – LA RIVER METALS TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD

The County of Los Angeles (County) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) support the proposed amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region to adopt site-specific objectives for copper and lead in the Los Angeles River Watershed and to revise the Los Angeles River and Tributaries Metals Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). The County and the LACFCD recommend its approval by the State Water Resources Control Board.

The copper water-effect ratio and lead recalculation studies on which the proposed amendment is based spanned over five years at a cost of over \$2 million. These studies represent state-of-the-art science and involved nationally recognized scientists. We support the proposed amendment because the revised TMDL is based on sound science and remains protective of beneficial uses.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (626) 458-4300 or [ageorge@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:ageorge@dpw.lacounty.gov) or your staff may contact Mr. Paul Alva at (626) 458-4325 or [palva@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:palva@dpw.lacounty.gov).

Very truly yours,

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