

Ventura County Watershed Protection District



Public Comment
SNMP for Lower Santa Clara River
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November 12, 2015

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Subject: PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION TO INCORPORATE STAKEHOLDER-DEVELOPED GROUNDWATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR SALTS AND NUTRIENTS IN THE LOWER SANTA CLARA RIVER BASIN

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The Ventura County Public Works Agency/Watershed Protection District; Cities of Ventura, Santa Paula, and Fillmore; Ventura County Water Works District 16; United Water Conservation District; and the Ventura County Agricultural Irrigated Lands Group (collectively Stakeholders) appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the approval of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Water Board) amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan) that would incorporate the Lower Santa Clara River Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (LSCR SNMP).

Stakeholders worked closely together to develop a SNMP that reflects the unique characteristics and status of recycled water planning in the LSCR basins. The Stakeholders developed the plan to achieve the goal of protecting, conserving, and augmenting water supplies to improve water supply reliability in the planning area. As municipal and agricultural users in the LSCR rely heavily on the use of groundwater for water supply, the Stakeholders feel the plan will support sustainable use of this important resource into the future.

We have reviewed and **support approval** of the *Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region to Incorporate Stakeholder-Developed Groundwater Quality Management Measures for Salts and Nutrients in the Lower Santa Clara River Basin* (Basin Plan Amendment). We feel the Basin Plan Amendment provides a good representation of the contents of the SNMP. Stakeholder comments on the Basin Plan Amendment were addressed by the Regional Water Board during the adoption process. Additionally, Stakeholders appreciate the feedback, support, and participation of Regional Water Board staff during the development of the SNMP.

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If you have any questions, please contact Gerhardt Hubner at (805) 654-5051.

Sincerely,



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On behalf of the Salt and Nutrient Management Plan Technical Advisory Group