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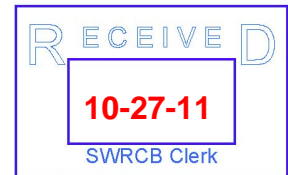
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Ms. Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
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Dear Ms. Townsend:

Subject: Comment Letter - Santa Monica Bay Marine Debris Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the TMDL for Debris in Nearshore and Offshore Santa Monica Bay. LADWP recognizes that any type and form of plastic may cause significant harm to fish and wildlife. Thus, LADWP supports the concept that no plastic debris should be discharged to the Santa Monica Bay, as stated in this TMDL.

LADWP supports the concept of zero discharge of plastic debris with an equivalent compliance definition that includes best available control measures, used to capture the entire volume of plastic debris.

LADWP recommends that the definition of compliance in the Basin Plan Amendment be modified to include best available control measures as "full capture devices." The TMDL would remain protective of the fish and wildlife using Santa Monica Bay.

If there are any questions, please call Mr. Clayton Yoshida of the Wastewater Quality and Compliance Group at (213) 367-4651.

Sincerely

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