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

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Subject: Comments - Ventura River Algae TMDL

The Resource Conservation District (RCD) in Ventura County is an independent legal subdivision of the State of California organized under Division 9 of the Public Resources Code. The District's purview includes unincorporated areas of Ventura County and its Board of Directors includes representatives from the Ojai, Santa Clara Valley, and South Ventura County areas. The RCD's mission is to collaborate with landowners, government agencies, and other willing partners to facilitate the conservation and restoration of Ventura County's natural resources.

The RCD has been working closely with the Horse & Livestock Watershed Alliance in the Ventura River Watershed to facilitate understanding of and participation in the development of this TMDL. The Regional Board Staff has been exceptional in their outreach efforts on this TMDL and in making modifications to the draft TMDL that will result in greater benefits to water quality and an increased likelihood of implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs).

We wanted to express our support for this TMDL and to thank the Regional Board Staff for their efforts.

The only discrepancy we noticed in the TMDL as presented before the State Board in comparison to what was adopted at the Regional Board hearing, is that in "Attachment A" page 8, there seems to be a typographical error using "horse intensive livestock," instead of "horse and intensive livestock."

Sincerely,

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