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John Robertson, Executive Officer
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Coast Region
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San Luis Obispo, California 93401-7906

Subject: Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Nitrogen and Phosphorus Compounds in the Franklin Creek Watershed


Dear Mr. Robertson:

I am pleased to approve the subject TMDLs consistent with the requirements of section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and 40 C.F.R. Part 130.7(c)(1). Supported by robust science and stakeholder outreach, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board has clearly identified TMDLs for nitrogen and phosphorus compounds in the Franklin Creek watershed.

The TMDL analysis describes the applicable water quality standards, identifies sources of the pollutants, and quantifies their contribution to the impairment. The analysis includes appropriate numeric targets and linkage calculations, provides reasonable load and waste load allocations to protect the designated uses, and sets reasonable and appropriate TMDLs. EPA's evaluation of the TMDLs is further described in the attached checklist.

I look forward to our continued partnership to advance water quality improvements in the Central Coast Region. Please call me if you would like to discuss further, or your staff may contact Matthew Mitchell at (415) 972-3508 for specific questions concerning this approval.

Sincerely,


Tomás Torres *May 9, 2019*
Director, Water Division

Enclosure

cc: Rebecca Fitzgerald, State Water Resources Control Board
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