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RE: Comment Letter – Incorporation of Stakeholder-Proposed Groundwater Quality Control Measures for Salt and Nutrients in the Central and West Coast Groundwater Basins of Los Angeles County

Dear Ms. Townsend,

The Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) greatly appreciates the opportunity to again express our strong support of the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) proposed resolution to approve a Basin Plan Amendment associated with the Central and West Coast Groundwater Basins of Los Angeles County. By incorporating the stakeholder-proposed groundwater quality management measures for salts and nutrients in these basins, WRD will be better able to maintain the high quality water the 4 million residents within these basins have come to expect.

As the largest groundwater agency in the State of California, WRD replenishes, manages, and protects two of the most utilized urban groundwater basins in the nation, the Central Basin and West Coast Basin. Our 420-square mile service area covers the southern half of Los Angeles County and encompasses 43 cities, including a portion of the City of Los Angeles, and uses about 250,000 acre-feet (82 billion gallons) of groundwater annually. Groundwater in the Central Basin and West Coast Basin supply 40% of the total water demand in the region; the remaining 60% of the demand is water imported from Northern California and the Colorado River. Recycled water, as well as stormwater, have been used by WRD for groundwater replenishment in the Central Basin and West Coast Basin for over 50 years to ensure the reliability and sustainability of the overall water supply.

WRD and the other stakeholders in the basins have long been aware of the challenges posed by climate change and the environmental costs associated with the continued use of imported water for groundwater replenishment. As a result, WRD has worked diligently over the past 10 years to significantly reduce our dependence on imported water by implementing our Water Independence Now (WIN) effort, a suite of programs and projects that aim to maximize our use of stormwater and recycled water to create a completely locally sustainable groundwater supply. The careful development of the Salt and Nutrient Management Plan by the basin stakeholders in

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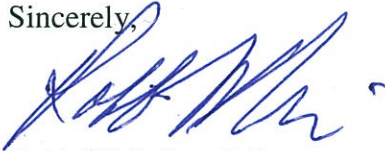
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close consultation with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) was a key milestone in these efforts, one that will further our common goal of preserving and protecting our precious groundwater resources.

The Los Angeles Water Board's input and guidance throughout the planning and preparation of the Salt and Nutrient Management Plan was invaluable to our efforts in bringing this comprehensive plan to fruition. WRD looks forward to working with the Los Angeles Water Board as we continue to implement groundwater recharge projects that are designed to achieve the goals of the Recycled Water Policy, sustainable groundwater basins, and Water Quality Objectives for the benefit of all of the water supply needs of our environment and communities.

Sincerely,



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