



Santa Clarita Valley
Chamber of Commerce

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State Water Resources Control Board
ATTN: Jeanine Townsend
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RE: **SUPPORT** of Proposed approval of amendments to the water quality control plan for the Los Angeles region (Basin Plan) to revise the upper Santa Clara river chloride total maximum daily load (TMDL) and revise water quality objectives for chloride in the upper Santa Clara River

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Los Angeles Region to revise the Upper Santa Clara River Chloride Total Maximum Daily Load (USCR Chloride TMDL) and to incorporate new site specific objectives (SSOs) for chloride for the Upper Santa Clara River. The Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce is particularly pleased to support these Basin Plan and TMDL amendments, as they will help advance our efforts to develop local water sustainability in the Santa Clarita Valley by managing our precious water resources in a holistic manner. The Basin Plan amendment is an essential part of our water sustainability efforts, which will benefit the entire Santa Clara River Watershed and the residents, businesses, environment and economic health of the Santa Clarita Valley.

We support the averaging of chloride concentrations over a three-month period and the flow-weighting between the Valencia and Saugus Water Reclamation Plants, both of which fully protect water quality and beneficial uses in the Santa Clara River, including downstream salt-sensitive agriculture. The proposed schedule extension is essential to provide the time needed for the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District to construct the new advanced treatment facilities that will allow the Santa Clarita Valley to comply with the Chloride TMDL for the Upper Santa Clara River.

The Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce is working closely with business, industry and water leaders in the Santa Clarita Valley through the non-profit organization SCVOne Water to maximize efficient use of the SC Valley's water resources. The proposed Basin Plan and chloride TMDL amendments will help advance the goals of Santa Clarita Valley One Water, which seeks to foster collaboration and consensus between the private sector and local, regional and state agencies, including the State and Regional Water Boards, in order to put in place a plan for wise management of the Santa Clarita Valley's water resources.



This includes achieving the greatest possible use of the high-quality treated water that will be produced as a result of the SC Valley's chloride compliance project. We believe that the water to be produced through the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District's advanced treatment processes will also be useful for future groundwater recharge projects currently being studied in partnership with our local water agencies.

The Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce urges the State Water Resources Control Board to approve the proposed Basin Plan amendment and revisions to the USCR Chloride TMDL. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on these very important Basin Plan amendments, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO

cc: Sam Unger, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board