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TO: Interested Stakeholders

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SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) SCOPING MEETING, JULY 29, 2008 TO RE-CONSIDER THE UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER CHLORIDE TMDL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND REVISE CHLORIDE WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES**

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) staff is in the process of re-considering the Upper Santa Clara River (USCR) chloride TMDL implementation plan and revising chloride water quality objectives for the USCR. Pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 21083.9, as amended by AB 1532, and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) section 21080.5, Regional Board staff will conduct a CEQA scoping meeting to receive comments on the appropriate scope and content of the "functionally equivalent" substitute environmental documents supporting Basin Plan Amendments that would re-consider the USCR chloride TMDL implementation plan and revise water quality objectives. The proposed amendments would involve:

- Revisions to water quality objectives for surface water and groundwater in Reaches 4B, 5, and 6 of the Santa Clara River to support an Alternative Water Resources Management (AWRM) program
- Implementation of an AWRM approach to meet revised water quality objectives while protecting beneficial uses and achieving an overall salt balance in the watershed

The CEQA Scoping Meeting for the USCR chloride TMDL re-consideration will be held at:

1 PM to 4 PM, Tuesday, July 29, 2008
City of Fillmore, Council Chamber
250 Central Avenue
Fillmore, CA 93015

Please contact Dr. Yanjie Chu at (213) 576-6681 if you have any questions about this matter. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.

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