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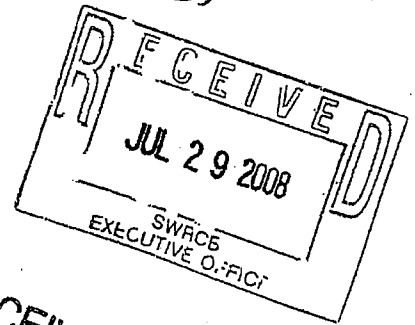
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July 24, 2008

Ms. Dorothy Rice
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State Water Resources Control Board
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Dear Ms. Rice:

Thank you for submitting the total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) to address trash in twelve waterbodies in the Los Angeles region. The submittal was dated May 12, 2008. California's action was completed with approval by the Office of Administrative Law on July 1, 2008. California adopted these TMDLs to address the following waterbody-pollutant combinations identified on the State's 2006 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list:

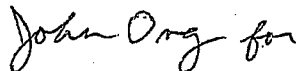
- Tujunga Wash – trash
- Los Angeles River Reach 5 – trash
- Los Angeles River Reach 4 – trash
- Los Angeles River Reach 3 – trash
- Los Angeles River Reach 2 – trash
- Los Angeles River Reach 1 – trash
- Burbank Western Channel – trash
- Verdugo Wash (Reach 1) – trash
- Verdugo Wash (Reach 2) – trash
- Arroyo Seco (Reach 1) – trash
- Arroyo Seco (Reach 2) – trash
- Rio Hondo (Reach 1) – trash

Based on EPA's review of the TMDL submittal, I have concluded the TMDLs adequately address the pollutants of concern, and will, upon implementation, result in attainment of applicable water quality standards. The TMDLs include allocations as needed, take into consideration seasonal variations and critical conditions, and provide an adequate margin of safety. The State provided adequate opportunities for the public to review and comment on the TMDLs. All required elements are adequately addressed; therefore, the TMDLs are hereby approved pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 303(d)(2).

The State's submittal also contains a detailed plan for implementing the TMDLs. Current federal regulations do not define TMDLs as containing implementation plans; therefore, EPA is not taking action on the implementation plan provided with the TMDLs. However, EPA generally concurs with the State's proposed implementation approaches.

The enclosed review discusses the basis for this approval decision. We appreciate the State and Regional Boards' work to complete and adopt these TMDLs and look forward to our continuing partnership in TMDL development. If you have questions concerning this approval, please call me at (415) 972-3572 or Janet Hashimoto at (415) 972-3452.

Sincerely yours,



Alexis Strauss, Director
Water Division

Enclosure

cc: Tracy Egoscue, Los Angeles RWQCB