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Samuel Unger  
Executive Officer  
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board  
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200  
Los Angeles, California 90013

Subject: Santa Clara River Lakes Nutrient Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)

Dear Mr. Unger:

Pursuant to Clean Water Act section 303(d) and implementing regulations, EPA hereby approves the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's TMDLs for total phosphorus and total nitrogen in Elizabeth Lake, Munz Lake, and Lake Hughes in the Santa Clara River Watershed.<sup>1</sup> The TMDLs provide nutrient-related numeric targets and corresponding load and waste load allocations for each of the lakes.

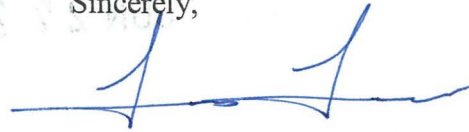
The TMDLs appropriately translate narrative water quality objectives for biostimulatory substances to numeric targets and provide load and waste load allocations for total phosphorus and total nitrogen to protect beneficial uses in the Santa Clara River Lakes. In addition, the TMDLs appropriately consider seasonal variation and critical conditions and provide an adequate margin of safety. Upon full implementation, the TMDLs should result in the attainment of the narrative biostimulatory substances water quality objectives in this watershed.

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<sup>1</sup> The Amendment record, which includes State Water Resources Control Board Resolution 2017-0011 and Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Resolution R16-006, was certified by the California Office of Administrative Law on June 22, 2017 (OAL Matter 2017-0512-01S) and submitted to EPA on June 23, 2017. The public process leading to the Resolutions is consistent with the procedural requirements of CWA section 303(d) and its implementing regulations, including 40 C.F.R. § 130.7(c)(1).

I look forward to our continued partnership to realize water quality improvements in the Santa Clara River watershed. Please call me if you would like to discuss further or your staff may contact Nicole Tachiki of the Water Quality Assessment Section at (415) 972-3161 for specific questions concerning this approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tomás Torres', written over a horizontal line.

Tomás Torres  
Director, Water Division

*June 27, 2017*

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