



CITY of CALABASAS

May 3, 2012

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Re: Comment Letter – OWTS Policy

Dear Ms. Townsend,

1 → The City of Calabasas requests the removal of Lake Calabasas, identified on Attachment 2, Table five, as a water body impaired for nitrogen that is subject to tier three requirements. The basis of our request follows.

Lake Calabasas is a man made, completely lined lake that is boarded by residential development. A full 100% of the residential structures surrounding the lake are connected to public sewer facilities. The lake is 100% recharged by potable sources, with the only other water source being the runoff of approximately 1800 lineal feet of residential street. With an average precipitation of less than 17 inches per year the storm runoff is negligible. Additionally the lake is monitored by a City biologist on a routine basis. The lake is NOT served by any blue line stream in the City, such as McCoy Creek.

→ The closest properties (single family residential) with onsite waste water treatment systems (septic systems) are (6) homes located between 4,200 and 5,200 feet from the nearest portion of the lake. The six properties passed their septic inspection when conducted in 2011. The next cluster of properties on septic are located 1.6 miles from the lake.

it is the City's conclusion that septic sources do not contribute to any impairment which may be found in Lake Calabasas. Accordingly, we request that the lake be removed from the listing.

Sincerely,

Maureen Tamuri, AIA, AICP
Community Development Director