

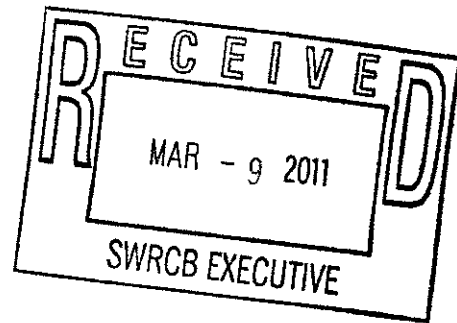


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Public Comment
Corralitos Watershed TMDL
Deadline: 3/10/11 by 12 noon

March 7, 2011

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Re: **Comment Letter –Corralitos/Salsipuedes Creek Watershed - Fecal Coliform TMDLs**

Dear Ms. Townsend:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) appreciates the opportunity to support the proposed fecal coliform total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for the Corralitos/Salsipuedes Creek Watershed, and the associated draft basin plan amendments, which the Central Coast Regional Board adopted March 20, 2009. The proposed TMDLs meet federal regulatory requirements under the Clean Water Act and appropriately set numeric targets, waste load and load allocations, and phased load reduction and milestones for the water contact recreation (REC-1) beneficial use.

These TMDLs were originally submitted in March of 2008, and were withdrawn to clarify language in the TMDLs and waste discharge prohibitions; this submittal includes those revisions and a coherent implementation plan that can result in immediate improvements to water quality. EPA supports the adoption of the TMDLs and looks forward to approving them upon the State's submittal.

If you have additional questions or need clarification on the comments above, please call me at (415) 972-3456 or Peter Kozelka at (415) 972-3448.

Sincerely,

Janet Parrish
TMDL Liaison