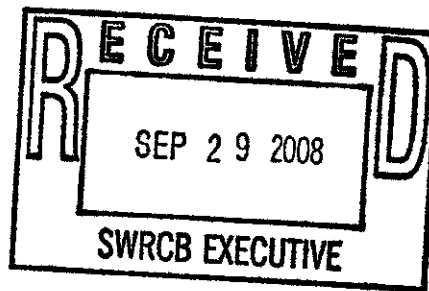




September 22, 2008



Ms. Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 'I' Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan, Los Angeles Region to  
Subdivide Reach 4 of the Santa Clara River

Dear Board Members:

Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) appreciates this opportunity to provide comments on the proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan) to subdivide Reach 4 of the Santa Clara River. CLWA supports the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's findings to subdivide Reach 4 of the River into two separate reaches, 4A and 4B.

CLWA is the wholesale water supplier for the Santa Clarita Valley. As a stakeholder within the Santa Clara River Watershed, CLWA has been an active member of the Upper Santa Clara River Chloride Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Collaborative Process. CLWA agrees with the Regional Board that subdividing Reach 4 of the river into two separate reaches better reflects the unique conditions in this stretch of the river. CLWA also believes that the subdivision of Reach 4 would better facilitate development of site-specific objectives for the Upper Santa Clara River chloride TMDL and allow greater flexibility to pursue potential alternative solutions that are being considered by the Regional Board and various stakeholders.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (661) 297-1600, Extension 239.

Sincerely,

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General Manager

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