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Subject: Garcia River Listing for Sediment Impairment

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments supporting decisions in the 2004 303(d) update. This memo puts forward a request to add the Garcia River sediment impairment back onto the 303(d) list.

The Garcia River was listed for sediment in 1992. It was later subject to consent decree deadlines agreed to by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). To that end USEPA provided an Interagency Personnel Agreement (IPA) which funded one USEPA staff person to work on developing a TMDL for control of sediment impairment to anadromous fish habitat in the Garcia River watershed, inclusive of all tributaries. The TMDL was adopted as a Basin Plan amendment by the Regional Water Board and approved by the State Water Board and USEPA. It was then removed from the 303(d) list. The Garcia River Sediment TMDL document, posted on SWRCB web links, indicates impairments will persist for decades, even in the eventuality that all responsible land owners implement aggressive erosion control measures. For this reason, it is clear that the readily available information does not support the delisting of the Garcia River watershed for sediment impairment.

Please add the Garcia River watershed to the 303(d) list for sediment impairment to anadromous fisheries habitat.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please telephone me at (707) 576-2661.

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