

# Los Angeles Gateway Region

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CEQA Scoping Mtgs (10/7 & 14/10)  
Policy for Controlling Trash  
Deadline: 11/3/10 by 12 noon

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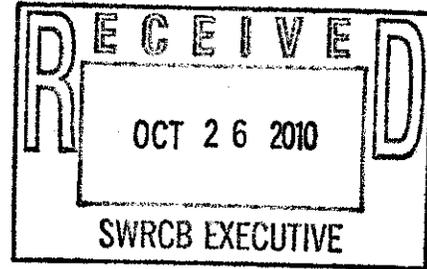
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Ms. Joanne Cox  
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Subject: Statewide Trash Policy - Scoping



Dear Ms. Cox:

The Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority (Gateway Authority) is pleased to learn that the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) is evaluating a possible statewide Trash Policy. Most of our member agencies are constituents of Region 4, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LA Regional Board), and we are actively involved in the abatement of trash in local waterways.

In fact, the Gateway Authority is presently implementing a \$10 million ARRA-funded project (through the Water Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund) that will achieve 100% compliance with the Los Angeles River Trash TMDL. We would like the Water Board to note that for purposes of the Los Angeles River Trash TMDL, the LA Regional Board defines trash as anthropogenic particles larger than 5mm.

At its October 14 Board meeting, the Gateway Authority discussed your request to receive input on the scope of your CEQA analyses. The Board is unanimous in its request to ask for a full evaluation of existing trash programs as part of your analyses. Nearly every city in the Los Angeles River watershed has invested significant time and resources in the implementation of a trash program. The efficacy, cost, and benefits of these local programs should be examined during the scoping and formation of Water Board's trash policy.

Similar to the statewide strategy for addressing copper in local waterways (which resulted in Senate Bill 346 - Source Control of Copper Water Pollution) the Gateway Authority is supportive of a statewide trash policy that will lead to a statewide strategy of source control. We look forward to participating in the development of a statewide Trash Policy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annette Hubbell".

Annette Hubbell  
Executive Officer  
Gateway Authority

cc: Mary Ann Lutz, Chair, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Jule Rizzardo, State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Financial Assistance