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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED STATE WATER BOARD APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION (BASIN PLAN) TO ESTABLISH A TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD FOR METALS IN BALLONA CREEK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of an amendment to the Basin Plan that would establish a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for metals in Ballona Creek. This TMDL was originally adopted by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) and approved by the State Water Board in 2005. It was the subject of a challenge in Superior Court. The Court required the Water Boards to “consider alternatives to the project” as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. An alternatives analysis was prepared and circulated for public comment by the Los Angeles Water Board on June 22, 2007 to comply with the writ of mandate. The Los Angeles Water Board re-adopted the TMDL on September 6, 2007. Comments should be limited to the alternatives analysis and to the effect that this alternatives analysis has on the TMDL. Please refer to the State Water Board’s agenda language for further information.

The amendment, the State Water Board agenda language, and draft resolution are available on the State Water Board’s Web site at :
http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/tmdl/index.shtml#rb4 or can be received by mail by contacting Michael Buckman at (916) 341-5479. The State Water Board expects to consider the approval of the amendment in the future. Notice of that meeting will be published separately.

Comment letters to the State Water Board must be received by 12 p.m. on May 15, 2008. After the comment deadline, State Water Board staff will not accept additional written comments unless the State Water Board determines that such comments should be accepted. Please send comments on the proposed State Water Board approval of the amendment to: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board, by email at (commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov), (916) 341-5620 (fax), or addressed to State Water Resources Control Board, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Please also indicate in the subject line, “Comment Letter – Ballona Creek Metals TMDL.”

Please direct questions about this notice to Michael Buckman, Division of Water Quality, at (916) 341-5479 or (mbuckman@waterboards.ca.gov) or Senior Staff Counsel Steven H. Blum at (916) 341-5177 or (sblum@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Date

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