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MORRO BAY TMDL FILE

# State Water Resources Control Board



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Ms. Alexis Strauss, Director (WTR-1)  
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Dear Ms. Strauss:

**REQUEST FOR U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (USEPA) APPROVAL  
OF A TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD FOR SEDIMENT IN THE MORRO BAY  
ESTUARY AND CHORRO AND LOS OSOS CREEKS**

Pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act's section 303(d)(2), the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) is submitting a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for sediment in the Morro Bay and Chorro and Los Osos Creeks for the USEPA's approval. This TMDL and an implementation plan in the form of a basin plan amendment were adopted by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) on May 16, 2003 under Resolution No. R3-2002-0051. They were approved by the State Board on September 16, 2003 under Resolution No. 2003-0062 and by the Office of Administrative Law on December 3, 2003.

The TMDL with the Regional Board's staff report, response to comments, and a copy of the implementing basin plan amendment with approving documentation are being sent with a copy of this letter to Cheryl McGovern of USEPA.

We look forward to receiving your approval of this TMDL. If you have any questions on this subject, you may contact me at (916) 341-5458 ([marts@swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:marts@swrcb.ca.gov)). You may also contact Ling Tseng, Division of Water Quality, at (916) 341-5558 ([tseml@swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:tseml@swrcb.ca.gov)), who is the lead staff on this matter, or Ken Harris, Chief of the TMDL Section, at (916) 341-5550 ([harrk@swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:harrk@swrcb.ca.gov)).

Sincerely,

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