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Ms. Alexis Strauss, Director Water Division (WTR-1) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Ms. Strauss:

AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL COAST REGION TO ESTABLISH TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDLs) FOR SEDIMENT IN THE PAJARO RIVER WATERSHED

Pursuant to federal Clean Water Act section 303(d)(2), we are submitting for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) approval an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coast Region (Basin Plan) that establishes TMDLs for sediment in the Pajaro River Watershed. This amendment was adopted by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) on December 2, 2005 under Resolution No. R3-2005-0132. The Basin Plan amendment was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on September 21, 2006 under Resolution No. 2006-0068. Amendment documentation (portions of the Central Coast Water Board administrative record, State Water Board administrative record, and Office of Administrative Law approval) is being sent separately to Cheryl McGovern of your office.

We look forward to receiving your approval of this Basin Plan amendment. If you have any questions on this subject, you may contact me at (916) 341-5458 (<u>Dpolhemus@waterboards.ca.gov</u>). You may also contact Michael Buckman, Environmental Scientist in the Planning, Standards, and Implementation Unit, at (916) 341-5479 (mbuckman@waterboards.ca.gov), who is the lead staff on this amendment.

Sincerely,

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