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Attention Ms. Jenny Newman

### **COMMENT LETTER – LOS ANGELES RIVER METALS TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD RECONSIDERATION**

The County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District appreciate the opportunity to review the proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region to adopt site-specific objectives for copper and lead in the Los Angeles River Watershed and to revise the Los Angeles River and Tributaries Metals Total Maximum Daily Load. The County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District support and hereby incorporate by reference the comments provided by the Los Angeles River Metals Total Maximum Daily Load Steering Committee.

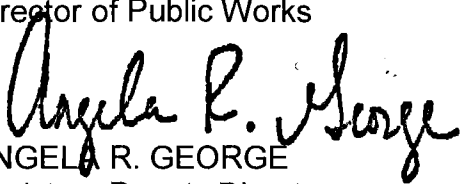
The copper water-effect ratio and lead recalculation studies on which the proposed amendment is based were collaborative efforts spanning over five years and costing approximately \$2 million. We appreciate the valuable input provided by Regional Board staff and their commitment to work with stakeholders throughout the process. Adoption of the proposed amendment is recognition that, where supported by science, water quality standards can and should be adjusted to protect beneficial uses at a lower cost to tax payers.

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