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Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

**To:** Vicky Whitney, Deputy Director  
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California State Water Resources Control Board

**From:** Samuel Unger, P.E. *SU*  
Executive Officer  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region

**Date:** August 26, 2015

**Subject:** **MINOR, NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO THE BASIN PLAN  
AMENDMENT ADOPTED UNDER LOS ANGELES REGIONAL WATER  
QUALITY CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. R15-006**

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) adopted amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan) on June 11, 2015, under Resolution No. R15-006, which revises the Total Maximum Daily Load in the Los Angeles River Watershed and the Total Maximum Daily Load for Trash in the Ballona Creek Watershed. The amendments are currently being scheduled for consideration by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board).

Regional Water Board Resolution No. R15-006 grants the Executive Officer the authority to make minor, non-substantive changes to the language of the adopted Basin Plan amendment if Regional Water Board staff, the State Water Board, or the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) determines that that such changes are needed for clarity or consistency. I am hereby making the following minor, non-substantive changes to the staff report supporting the Basin Plan Amendments. The changes are shown below using **strikeout** text.

Language was removed from section 2.1.3 "Santa Clarita." The final three paragraphs are modified as follows:

The City of Santa Clarita, in coordination with the County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), is developing an Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) for the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed to comply with requirements of the Los Angeles County MS4 Permit. A workplan for this EWMP was submitted to the Regional Board in June 2014. In addition to implementation of the EWMP for areas with MS4s, the EWMP will also address portions of the City of Santa Clarita and County of Los Angeles that are rural and undeveloped. The EWMP workplan includes the undeveloped area (0.09 square mile) of the Los Angeles River watershed located within the City of Santa Clarita. Institutional controls, such as street sweeping, will contribute to the control of trash in that

~~area. The City of Santa Clarita should, therefore, be provided a load allocation rather than a WLA in the Los Angeles River Trash TMDL.~~

However, if there are any changes in land use or drainage infrastructure in the portion of the City of Santa Clarita within the Los Angeles River watershed, the Regional Board reserves the right to reconsider the City's responsibility under the Los Angeles River Trash TMDL and to re-impose MS4 requirements on the City of Santa Clarita to ensure that water quality is protected.

~~The City of Santa Clarita's baseline WLA is 901 gallons (2,336 lbs.) of trash. See section 2.4.2 and 2.4.3, below, for requirements for monitoring and complying with load allocations for trash.~~

Additional language was removed from section 2.3.1 "Load Allocations in the Los Angeles River and Ballona Creek Trash TMDLs." The final two paragraphs are modified as follows:

~~In addition, the City of Santa Clarita was previously assigned a baseline WLA of 901 gallons of trash per year. Per Section 2.1.3, the City of Santa Clarita will now be assigned a baseline LA of 901 gallons of trash per year.~~

Recommendation: The load allocation should be assigned to specific responsible entities that own and/or operate designated recreational areas along the Los Angeles River and its tributaries, as described in Table 6 above; and the Ballona Creek Wetland ~~and the City of Santa Clarita~~. The existing load allocation of zero trash discharged would apply to these entities as well as any entities that may be identified as nonpoint source dischargers in the future.

These changes were made to be consistent with the changes made in Attachment A to Regional Water Board Resolution No. R15-006 in response to public comments and adopted by Regional Board on June 11, 2015. A clean copy of staff report, including these changes, are included in the attachments with the memo requesting approval from the State Water Board for revisions to the Total Maximum Daily Load in the Los Angeles River Watershed and the Total Maximum Daily Load for Trash in the Ballona Creek Watershed.

Please contact Man Voong at (213) 576-6690 if you have any questions about this matter.

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