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Los Angeles Region

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TO: Interested Persons

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Agency Secretary

FROM: Melinda Becker, Chief

Regional Programs Section

DATE: April 20, 2006

SUBJECT: Notice of CEQA Scoping Meeting for a proposed amendment to the Water Quality

Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan) to establish site specific objectives

for ammonia in the San Gabriel River, Los Angeles River and Santa Clara River

Watersheds

This letter is to inform you that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) will hold a CEQA Scoping Meeting pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 21083.9 to receive comments on the appropriate scope and content of the "functionally equivalent" environmental documents to be prepared pursuant to Section 2080.5 of the California Environmental Quality Act. The proposed amendment would involve:

- Incorporation of site specific objectives for ammonia, which would be applicable to various reaches and tributaries within the San Gabriel, Los Angeles and Santa Clara Watersheds
- Incorporation of site specific implementation provisions to protect early life stages of fish based on the fish species in the waterbody and their reproductive periods

The technical report containing the scientific findings used to support the proposed amendment can be found at the following weblink: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/html/bpaRes/bpa.html.

The Scoping Meeting will be held:

DATE: Wednesday, May 3, 2006

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Pacific Ocean Room, 2nd Floor

320 West 4th Street

Los Angeles, California 90013

Please contact Renee Purdy DeShazo at (213) 576-6783 or via e-mail at rdeshazo@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions about this matter. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.

CC: Michael Levy, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board

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