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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Ms. Lisa Honma
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
9174 Sky Park Court, Ste 100
San Diego, CA 92123

Subject: Comment Letter – TMDL for Toxic Pollutants in Sediment at the Mouths of Chollas, Paleta, and Switzer Creeks in San Diego Bay.

Upon review of the proposed Basin Plan amendment and associated documents, the City of La Mesa has the following comments:

Appendix J

1. The requirement of selecting five outfalls per jurisdiction, per watershed, is not necessary in order to collect representative data. The City of La Mesa area tributary to Chollas Creek is a relatively small area, upstream of jurisdictional waters of Chollas Creek. Jurisdictions should be able to designate the number monitoring locations as required to obtain representative data of the watershed, per the management questions, while preserving other resources for addressing water quality concerns.
2. Preparing pollutant load reduction plans require considerable time and effort. Allow 18 months to develop the plans, similar to what was required for the Bacteria TMDL load reduction plans.

Sincerely,


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