

June 2, 2006

Mr. Dave Woelfel
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
3737 Main Street, Suite 500
Riverside, CA 92501-3348

Gentlemen:

Fontana Union Water Company (“Fontana Union”) provides the following comments on the Regional Board’s 2006 Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan – Santa Ana River Basin (“Basin Plan”). Fontana Union supports modifying Beneficial Use Table 3-1 in the existing Basin Plan which is not reflective of current conditions and is not likely to reflect future conditions in certain stream reaches. The Regional Board staff has identified changes and included them in Issue No. 13.2 attached to its May 2, 2006 Meeting Announcement regarding the Stakeholder Meeting for the Triennial Review of the Basin Plan.

Although the change in issue 13.2 from COLD to I-COLD for Lytle Creek appears to be intended to make the stream reaches and the beneficial use designations more closely represent the stream conditions that have existed for the past 100 years. Fontana Union believes that a more appropriate designation for this reach of Lytle Creek would be WARM or I-WARM.

Southern California Edison Company (“SCE”) holds a license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the operation of hydroelectric plants on Lytle Creek (Project No. 1932). After diverting water through its hydroelectric plants, SCE releases the water into pipelines owned by Fontana Union which delivers it to two surface water treatment plants, West Valley Water District’s Oliver P. Roemer Plant and Fontana Water Company’s Sandhill Plant.

The changes proposed are important to Fontana Union and neighboring utilities because they make the Basin Plan more consistent with existing conditions, including continued operation of the hydroelectric plants and the delivery of water for beneficial use, as has occurred over the last 100 years. Fontana Union looks forward to working with Regional Board staff in modifying the Basin Plan. A Fontana Union representative will attend the meeting you have scheduled for June 6, 2006 and will attend any additional meetings regarding the impacts of the Basin Plan. If you have any question please call me. Thank you.

Very truly yours,
Chris Diggs

Fontana Union Water Company
Director of Operations