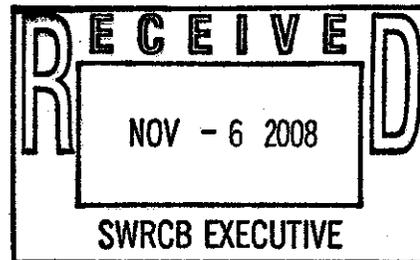




UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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November 6, 2008

Tam M. Doduc  
Board Chair  
State Water Resources Control Board  
PO BOX 100  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100



Dear Ms. Doduc,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) supports the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's proposed Basin Plan amendment to establish Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for nutrients in Machado Lake. We find the proposed TMDLs meet all federal regulatory requirements.

EPA has reviewed the proposed nutrient TMDLs and we find reasonable scientific analysis for addressing algae, ammonia, eutrophic conditions and odor impairments for Machado Lake as identified on California's 2006 Section 303(d) List. We concur with the technical approach to attain water quality objectives via pollutant load reductions for total nitrogen and total phosphorus. The TMDL targets are consistent with EPA guidance and appropriately include target conditions for dissolved oxygen and chlorophyll. The implementation plan provides adequate description of requirements and expectations for all concerned stakeholders.

We urge the State Board to approve the TMDLs to meet California's TMDL commitments and to enable EPA to meet its requirements under the consent decree (*Heal the Bay v. Browner, C. 98-48 25 SBA, March 22, 1999*). If you have any questions, please call me at (415) 972-3448.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Kozelka".

Peter Kozelka  
TMDL coordinator, Water Division

cc: Tracy Egoscue, Los Angeles RWQCB