



March 29, 2017

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
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RE: Comment Letter – Revisions to the Los Angeles Region 303(d) List

We thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the 303(d) list prior to the upcoming public hearing on May 4, 2017. Representatives from the Lake Sherwood Joint Lake Advisory Committee plan to attend this meeting to discuss these important issues.

We appreciate the proposed removal of the two pollutants, Ammonia and Organic Enrichment/Low Dissolved Oxygen. This is gratifying and recognizes the positive results produced by the time, effort and expense the Association has put forth over many years to mitigate these concerns. Respectfully, however, we are troubled to see that Algae and Eutrophic remain on the list.

To help understand why these are still considered pollutants in Lake Sherwood, we reviewed the Los Angeles Water Board's website of the Draft 2016 303(d) List, and specifically Appendix G – Fact Sheets of the Draft. Here we see that the listing of Algae and Eutrophic are noted as "placeholders" to support decisions made prior to the 2006 Clean Water Act, and further that no evidentiary data samples were collected which could be used to assess these pollutants relative to the 2006 standards. Clearly there are zero measured exceedances of these standards at this point yet they remain on the list. It seems to us somewhat arbitrary to continue to consider these as "pollutants" in Lake Sherwood especially where there is a consistently good dissolved oxygen level, a continuous effort to remove excess plant growth via a special harvester with a full time crew, monthly monitoring of water chemistry, and special attention to and approved treatment of any algae that occurs as needed throughout the year. If sufficient justification does exist to continue to include these on the 303(d) list, we would appreciate having the reasons and rationale detailed to us in writing so we may take any necessary actions to remove them in the future.

We are looking forward to the upcoming meeting. Thank you again for the opportunity to respond to the proposed changes.

Sincerely,

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