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Dr. Jun Zhu  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Los Angeles Region  
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Los Angeles CA 90013

Subject: Comment Letter – Revisions to the Los Angeles Region 303(d) list

Dear Dr. Zhu:

CLWA is a water wholesaler that treats and delivers State Water Project water from Castaic Lake to four water retailers.

This letter regards the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) public hearing on April 6, 2017, to consider revisions to the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list of impaired water bodies. At this meeting, the Regional Board is expected to hear information and take formal action on the proposed revisions to water quality assessments in the Los Angeles Region, including Castaic Lake.

One of the subject proposed revisions would add polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) to the 303(d) listing for Castaic Lake and Lagoon. The data referenced in the proposed PCB listing is from a relatively small number of fish tissue samples analyzed in 2007.

The Agency samples and analyzes water from the lake prior to treatment. Our data does not indicate that PCBs are present in the lake water. Because of this, and the limited data described above, we believe additional study should be conducted to look at longer term trends in PCB concentrations in fish tissue, and PCB source determination.

If you have any questions please call me at (661) 513-1281, or email me at rviergutz@clwa.org.

Sincerely,

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