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Mr. Samuel Unger  
Executive Officer  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Los Angeles Region  
320 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200  
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**Subject:** CALIFORNIA WATER CODE DIRECTIVE PURSUANT TO SECTION 13267  
Los Angeles and Ventura County, Order issued to Chevron U.S.A. Inc. dated  
December 18, 2015 ("Order")

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CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER  
QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
LOS ANGELES REGION

Dear Mr. Unger:

This letter is a follow up to the teleconference on January 14, 2016 between Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (Chevron) staff – John Gruber, Jeff Johnson, and Chris Penza, and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) staff – Joshua Cwikla and Yue Rong, regarding the Order.

In that teleconference, Chevron and RWQCB staff discussed the Order's applicability to Chevron. RWQCB staff noted that the basis for issuing the Order to Chevron was that the California Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) records indicated that Chevron has active wells in the region. However, those wells are in fact buried idle wells. As confirmed to RWQCB staff, no Chevron wells have actively produced in Los Angeles or Ventura Counties since 2000, and therefore no discharge of fluids or solid waste associated with an oil or gas well or group of wells has occurred since at least that time. As a result of this information, RWQCB staff confirmed that per the statement on page one of the Order that allows a company to certify that it has no current production operations, Chevron may submit a letter certifying that information, and that such confirmation would be sufficient to respond to and comply with the Order.

As such, this letter is intended to confirm and certify that neither Chevron, nor its legacy companies, has had active oil producing operations in Los Angeles County or Ventura County since 2000.

*I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.*

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A hard copy of this correspondence is also being sent to the RWQCB via US Mail. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact John Gruber at (661) 654-7144.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Brian Taylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping tail.

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