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## ***Via Electronic Mail***

Dr. Ginachi Amah  
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Los Angeles Region  
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Dear Ms. Amah:

### **Comment Letter – Incorporation of Salt and Nutrient Management Measures for the Lower Santa Clara River Basin**

The Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County (District) would like to thank the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) for the opportunity to provide comments on the incorporation of salt and nutrient management measures for the Lower Santa Clara River Basin. The District owns and operates the Valencia and Saugus Water Reclamation Plants (WRPs), which provide tertiary treatment to produce high quality recycled water that is reused or discharged to the Upper Santa Clara River.

The District's Valencia and Saugus WRPs must comply with Waste Load Allocations described in the revised Upper Santa Clara River TMDL (USCR TMDL) that was approved earlier this year. The USCR TMDL requires that the Valencia and Saugus WRPs meet a chloride objective of 100 mg/L as a 3-month, flow-weighted average of the discharge from both plants. The Lower Santa Clara River Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (LSCR SNMP) includes a reference to the District's chloride compliance project and USCR TMDL requirements, which are incorrectly described. Therefore, we respectfully request that the following change be made to *Section 9 Implementation Measures to Manage Salt and Nutrient Loading in the Groundwater Basin on a Sustainable Basis* of the LSCR SNMP:

#### Page 9-22, Section 9.3, second paragraph

“For Piru, the analysis assumes implementation of projects by the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts to reduce chloride concentrations to at or below 100 mg/L as a three month, flow weighted average of the discharge from the Valencia and Saugus WRPs at the County line will occur by 2019.”

The District thanks you in advance for your careful consideration of this comment. If you have any questions concerning this letter or need additional information, please contact Matt Bao at (562) 908-4288, extension 2809.

Very truly yours,  
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