



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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May 6, 2020

Renee Purdy
Executive Officer
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
320 West Fourth Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Re: Amendments to the Malibu Creek Watershed Trash Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)

Dear Ms. Purdy:

I am pleased to approve the subject TMDL amendments consistent with the requirements of section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and 40 C.F.R. Part 130.7(c)(1). Supported by robust science and stakeholder outreach, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board has updated the TMDLs for trash in the Malibu Creek Watershed to ensure consistency with California's Statewide Trash Provisions. The Malibu Creek Watershed TMDLs address impairments in Malibu Creek, portions of Medea Creek, portions of Lindero Creek, Lake Lindero, Las Virgenes Creek, Malibu Lagoon and Malibu Lake.

The TMDL analysis describes the necessary changes to the TMDLs including adjustments to the numeric targets, load allocations and waste load allocations. The analysis includes appropriate numeric targets and linkage calculations, provides reasonable load and waste load allocations to protect the designated uses, and sets reasonable and appropriate TMDLs. EPA's evaluation of the TMDLs is further described in the attached checklist.

I look forward to our continued partnership to advance water quality improvements in the Malibu Creek Watershed. Please call me if you would like to discuss further, or your staff may contact Diane Fleck at (213) 244-1836 for specific questions concerning this approval.

Sincerely,

Tomás Torres
Director, Water Division

Enclosure

cc: Jun Zhu, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
Rebecca Fitzgerald, State Water Resources Control Board