

R4- Salts and Nutrients Deadline: 7/2/15 by 12:00 noon COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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Via Electronic Mail Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000



Public Comment

Dear Ms. Townsend:

Comment Letter - Incorporation of Stakeholder-Proposed Groundwater Quality Control Measures for Salt and Nutrients in the Central and West Coast Basins of Los Angeles County

The Joint Outfall System¹ (Sanitation Districts) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed approval of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Board) amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan) that would incorporate stakeholder-proposed groundwater quality management measures for salts and nutrients in the Central and West Coast groundwater basins of Los Angeles County. The Sanitation Districts strongly support approval of these amendments to the Basin Plan. These amendments will allow for additional recycled water to be used in these basins, helping to ensure a reliable supply of water for the region. This is particularly important given the current drought situation in California, as substantiated by Governor Brown's statewide drought emergency declaration on January 17, 2014.

We would like to commend Regional Board staff for their support and work on this effort and look forward to continuing this collaboration during the development of our remaining Salinity Nutrient Management Plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter or need additional information, please contact Monica Gasca at (562) 908-4288, extension 2838.

Very truly yours,

Grace Robinson Hyde

Andrew Hall Supervising Engineer Technical Services Department

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cc: Phuong Ly, Water Replenishment District of Southern California

¹ Ownership and operation of the Joint Outfall System is proportionally shared among the signatory parties to the amended Joint Outfall Agreement effective July 1, 1995. These parties include County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 15, 16,17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, and 34, and South Bay Cities Sanitation District of Los Angeles County.