NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION TO INCORPORATE STAKEHOLDER-PROPOSED GROUNDWATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR SALTS AND NUTRIENTS IN THE RAYMOND GROUNDWATER BASIN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board’s (Los Angeles Water Board) amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region that would incorporate stakeholder-developed groundwater quality management measures for salts and nutrients in the Raymond Groundwater Basin in Los Angeles County. The Basin Plan amendments were adopted by the Los Angeles Water Board on December 8, 2016 (R16-011) and are available for review at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/wqs_list.shtml

A copy of the Basin Plan amendments can also be received by mail by contacting Ms. Theresa Rodgers at (213) 576-6789 or Theresa.Rodgers@waterboards.ca.gov.

REQUEST NOTICE OF STATE BOARD MEETINGS. The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan amendments. Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested (including those who submit oral or written comments to the Los Angeles Water Board and State Water Board) in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving the Basin Plan amendments must subscribe to: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg4_subscribe.shtml (select “Basin Planning – Regional Basin Plan Amendments” list). The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by regular mail must submit such request to the Los Angeles Water Board contact identified below.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendments are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters must be received by 12:00 noon on April 20, 2017. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise. Send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (must be no more than 15 megabytes); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery at:
Please also indicate in the subject line, “Comment Letter—Incorporation of Stakeholder-Developed Groundwater Quality Control Measures for Salt and Nutrients in the Raymond Basin in Los Angeles County.”

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS (23 Cal. Code Regs., § 3779, subd. (f)). The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendment adopted by the Los Angeles Water Board.

2. If the Los Angeles Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the Los Angeles Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect.

3. The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the Los Angeles Water Board, or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the Los Angeles Water Board.

Please direct any questions about this notice to Dr. Ginachi Amah at the Los Angeles Water Board, at (213) 576-6685 or Ginachi.Amah@waterboards.ca.gov; or Ms. Frances McChesney, Staff Counsel at (916) 341-5174 or Frances.McChesney@waterboards.ca.gov.

March 17, 2017

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board