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Ms. Felicia Marcus, Chair, and Members  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
ATTN: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board

## Support Letter – Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL Revisions

Dear Chair Marcus and Board Members:

I strongly support the approval of amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan) to revise the Upper Santa Clara River Chloride Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and to revise water quality objectives for chloride in the Upper Santa Clara River. The amendments to the Basin Plan will play a critical role in local water sustainability for the Santa Clara River Watershed and would provide multiple benefits to residents and businesses, and to the environmental and economic health of the Santa Clarita Valley.

I strongly support the proposed schedule extension, which is needed to provide time for the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District (SCVSD) to construct the chloride compliance project, and the three-month averaging period and flow-weighting between the Valencia and Saugus Water Reclamation Plants, which reduce the size, carbon footprint, and waste brine production associated with the facility upgrades while fully protecting water quality and beneficial uses (e.g. salt-sensitive agriculture) in the Santa Clara River. I strongly urge the State Water Resources Control Board to approve the proposed Basin Plan amendment and revisions to the USCR Chloride TMDL.

Business, industry and water leaders in the Santa Clarita Valley are working together to maximize efficient use of the Santa Clarita Valley's water resources. I am greatly encouraged by the progress made towards implementation of the Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL and believe that the water to be produced through the SCVSD's advanced treatment processes will also be useful for recycled water projects currently being studied in partnership with our local water agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact Kara Seward in my District Office at (818) 876-3352.

Sincerely,

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