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November 25, 2014

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



RE: Support Letter – Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL Revisions

Dear Chair Marcus and Board Members:

I would like to thank the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Los Angeles Region to revise the Upper Santa Clara River Chloride Total Maximum Daily Load (USCR Chloride TMDL) and adopt site specific objectives (SSO) for chloride regarding the Upper Santa Clara River.

I support the approval of amendments to the Basin Plan to revise the USCR Chloride TMDL and to modify 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 am also in support of the proposed schedule extension, which is needed to provide time for the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District (SCVSD) to construct the chloride compliance project. Additionally I support 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 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 USCR 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.

Again, I support the proposed Basin Plan and TMDL amendments that will provide the community the time it needs to comply with the USCR Chloride TMDL and urge you to approve these amendments at your next Board meeting. I appreciate your careful consideration of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 319.2038.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Wilk". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Assemblyman Scott Wilk
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