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Ivar Ridgeway Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board 320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200 Los Angeles, CA 90013

Subject: LA County MS4 Permit - Comments on Malibu Creek Watershed CIMP

Dear Mr. Ridgeway:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the draft Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Plan (CIMP) for the Malibu Creek watershed. We recognize and acknowledge the immense effort and amount of time spent by both permittees and Regional Board staff in developing and complying with this permit. We would also like to let the Regional Board know that the Malibu Creek Watershed Management Committee communicated with staff from the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District/Triunfo Sanitation District Joint Powers Authority (JPA) periodically in the development of the EWMP and CIMP, allowing District staff opportunity to contribute.

We are pleased to inform you that Las Virgenes Municipal Water District commenced the development of budget-based water rates to replace our current parcel size-based allocation method. We understand the State Board's recognition of these rates as an effective tool to equitably reduce water use and control urban runoff. We expect those efforts to be completed by mid-2016.

The JPA has no major concerns with the CIMP. However, we have identified some minor errors in the text and have provided corrections in an attachment following this letter. Comments are given by section and page location and are intended to improve the clarity and accuracy of the CIMP.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Dr. Randal Orton or Jan Dougall at (818) 251-2100.

Sincerely,

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