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Ms. Dorothy Rice
Executive Director
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Dear Ms. Rice:

Thank you for submitting the Basin Plan amendment containing total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) to address trash in the Malibu Creek Watershed in Los Angeles. The TMDL submittal was dated April 28, 2009 and supplemental information was provided on June 18, 2009. The State adopted TMDLs to address trash conditions in waterbodies identified on California's 2006 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list: Malibu Creek, Medea Creek Reach 1 and 2, Lindero Creek Reach 1 and 2, Lake Lindero, and Las Virgenes Creek. Two additional waterbodies, Malibu Lagoon and Malibou Lake, were identified as impaired during TMDL development and included in the TMDL.

Based on EPA's review of the TMDL submittals under Clean Water Act Section 303(d)(2), I have concluded the TMDLs adequately address the pollutants of concern and, upon implementation, will result in attainment of applicable water quality standards. These TMDLs include wasteload and load allocations as needed, take into consideration seasonal variations and critical conditions, and identify an adequate margin of safety. The State provided sufficient opportunities for public review and comment on the TMDLs and demonstrated how public comments were considered in the final TMDLs. All required elements are adequately addressed; therefore, the TMDLs are hereby approved pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 303(d)(2).

The State's submittal also contains a detailed plan for implementing these TMDLs. Current federal regulations do not define TMDLs as containing implementation plans; therefore, EPA is not taking action on the implementation plan provided with the TMDLs. However, EPA generally concurs with the State's proposed implementation approaches.

The enclosed review discusses the basis for this decision in greater detail. I appreciate the State and Regional Boards' work to adopt these TMDLs and look forward to our continuing partnership in TMDL development. If you have questions concerning this approval, please call me at (415) 972-3572 or Peter Kozelka at (415) 972-3448.

Sincerely yours,

Alexis Strauss 26 June 2009
Alexis Strauss
Director, Water Division

Enclosure
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