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Samuel Unger  
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Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board  
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200  
Los Angeles, California 90013

Subject: Los Angeles Regional Board Basin Plan Amendment's Compliance Schedule Authorizing Provisions for the San Gabriel River and Los Cerritos Channel Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)

Dear Mr. Unger:

Pursuant to Section 303(c) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and 40 C.F.R. §§ 131.5 and 131.6, I am pleased to approve the Subject Amendment's compliance schedule authorizing provisions (CSAPs) for the metals and selenium TMDLs for the San Gabriel River and impaired tributaries and the metals TMDLs for Los Cerritos Channel.<sup>1</sup>

CWA Section 303(c) requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to approve or disapprove new or revised state water quality standards. Today's approval covers the CSAPs that will allow the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board to include compliance schedules in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for discharges to the San Gabriel River watershed and Los Cerritos Channel when implementing the referenced TMDLs.

While not part of this approval action, Section 6.c of the State Water Resources Control Board's Policy for Compliance Schedules in NPDES Permits (Resolution No. 2008-0025) prohibits a permit compliance schedule from exceeding the schedules in the TMDL implementation plan. By operation of that provision and the implementing plans for the referenced TMDLs, the maximum compliance schedules for the applicable waste load allocations in the following NPDES permits should be:

- Haynes Generating Station: dry-weather waste load allocations for copper, not to exceed December 31, 2019;

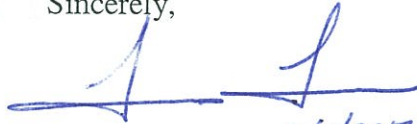
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<sup>1</sup> The Basin Plan Amendment (R13-004) was approved by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board on June 6, 2013 and by the State Water Resources Control Board on March 4, 2014 (Res. No. 2014-0012). The Office of Administrative Law approved the Basin Plan Amendment on October 13, 2014. The public process leading to the Resolutions, which includes notice of opportunity for public comment, public meetings, and written response to comments, is consistent with the procedural requirements of CWA Section 303(c) and its implementing regulations, including 40 C.F.R. § 131.30.

- AES Alamos Generating Station: dry-weather waste load allocations for copper, not to exceed December 31, 2020; and
- General Industrial and Construction Permits: wet-weather waste load allocations for copper, lead and zinc, not to exceed September 30, 2017.

I look forward to our continued partnership to protect the beneficial uses of California's waters. Please direct your staff to Terry Fleming with any questions at (415) 972-3462.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'T' followed by a horizontal line and a flourish.

Tomás Torres  
Director, Water Division

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