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

Subject: Calleguas Creek Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Amendment

Dear Mr. Unger:

Pursuant to Clean Water Act section 303(d) and implementing regulations, EPA hereby approves the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's Amended TMDL for Metals and Selenium in Calleguas Creek, its Tributaries, and Mugu Lagoon.<sup>1</sup> This Amendment provides revisions to the copper numeric targets, corresponding load and waste load allocations, and waste load allocations of certain Publicly Owned Treatment Works based on an assessment of current conditions. All other numeric targets, waste load allocations, and load allocations remain unchanged.

The Amendment appropriately considers the use of copper water effect ratios to develop numeric targets and corresponding load and waste load allocations to protect beneficial uses in the Calleguas Creek watershed. In addition, the Amendment appropriately considers seasonal variation and critical conditions and provides an adequate margin of safety. Upon full implementation, the TMDL, as amended, should result in the attainment of the California Toxics Rule metals and selenium numeric targets in this watershed.

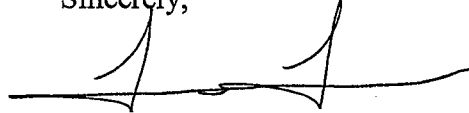
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<sup>1</sup> The Amendment record, which includes State Water Resources Control Board Resolution 2017-0007 and Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Resolution R16-007, was certified by the California Office of Administrative Law on May 18, 2017 (OAL Matter 2017-0411-02S) and submitted to EPA on May 22, 2017. The public process leading to the Resolutions is consistent with the procedural requirements of CWA section 303(d) and its implementing regulations, including 40 C.F.R. § 130.7(c)(1).

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I look forward to our continued partnership to realize water quality improvements in the Calleguas Creek watershed and Mugu Lagoon. Please call me if you would like to discuss further or your staff may contact Nicole Tachiki of the Water Quality Assessment Section at (415) 972-3161 for specific questions concerning this approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tomás Torres', written over a horizontal line.

Tomás Torres *June 9, 2017*  
Director, Water Division

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