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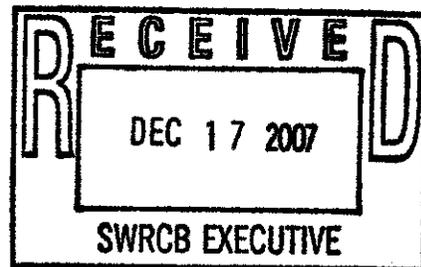
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Jeanine Townsend
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1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814



RE: Comment Letter – Los Angeles Region Ammonia Site-Specific Water Quality Objective

Dear Ms. Townsend:

These comments are being submitted on behalf of the City of Burbank Public Works Department (Burbank). In conjunction with the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Districts) and the City of Los Angeles, we were able to participate in the development of the Ammonia Site-Specific Objectives (SSOs) with the Los Angeles Regional Water Board staff. We fully support the approval of the amendment by the State Water Resources Control Board.

We feel that the collaborative process that was used to develop the SSO, including independent technical review by a separate Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and a stakeholder committee made up of a wide variety of interests in the watersheds, resulted in technically sound ammonia SSOs for the Los Angeles Region. The continuous participation of the TAC, Regional Board staff and stakeholders resulted in SSOs that we feel are protective of the beneficial uses in the waterbodies.

Although Burbank has upgraded its wastewater treatment facilities to remove ammonia through nitrification, the Ammonia SSOs are an important part of the strategy for addressing nitrogen impairments through the Los Angeles River Nutrient TMDL. As a result, we request that the Los Angeles River Nutrient TMDL be reconsidered to include the Ammonia SSOs as soon as possible after the Ammonia SSOs become effective.

We appreciate the State Board's consideration of the Ammonia SSOs and strongly support the adoption of the Ammonia SSOs in January 2008. We look forward to continuing to work with you. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Rodney Andersen at 818-238-3931.

Sincerely,

Rodney Andersen, City of Burbank Public Works

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