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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION THAT WOULD INCORPORATE A TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD FOR TOXIC POLLUTANTS IN MARINA DEL REY HARBOR

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will now accept comments on an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Los Angeles Region that would establish a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) in fish tissue and chlordane, copper, lead, and zinc in sediments in Marina del Rey Harbor (MDRH). The proposed amendment and the State Water Board item language and draft resolution are available on the State Water Board's Web site at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/tmdl/tmdl.html. The proposed amendment was adopted by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) on October 6, 2005. The State Water Board expects to consider the proposed amendment at its meeting in January 2006. Notice of that meeting will be published separately.

Wet-weather runoff from the storm water conveyance system is assumed to be the major contributor of metals and organic compounds to MDRH. Storm water runoff is regulated through National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits including the County of Los Angeles, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), General Construction, and General Industrial. The sediment loadings of legacy pollutants chlordane and PCBs reflect historic uses that are now banned. Major nonpoint sources of contaminants in MDRH include copper and lead leaching from
anti-fouling paint on boats, corrosion of zinc from metal boat components, and direct atmospheric deposition.

A mass-based load allocation was developed for direct atmospheric deposition. A group mass-based wasteload allocation (WLA) was developed for the Municipal Separate Sewer Storm System (MS4), Caltrans, General Industrial, and General Construction permittees. Concentration-based sediment WLAs were developed for other point sources including minor NPDES permittees and general non-storm water NPDES permittees that discharge to MDRH.

Implementation will be achieved through NPDES permits for point sources. Implementation will be based on a combination of non-structural and structural Best Management Practices (BMPs) that address pollution prevention and/or sediment reduction. Compliance with the TMDL will be determined through sediment and water quality-monitoring programs. The proposed implementation schedule for the MS4 and Caltrans permittees consists of a phased approach, with compliance to be achieved in prescribed percentages of the watershed until the entire watershed meets the WLAs within 10 years.

Comment letters must be received by 5:00 p.m. on January 6, 2006. After the January deadline, State Water Board staff will not accept additional written comments unless the State Water Board determines that such comments should be accepted or unless changes are made to the proposed resolution before the State Water Board meeting. Please send comments to: Selica Potter, Acting Clerk to the Board, State Water Resources Control Board, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 341-5620 (fax), (commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). Please direct questions about this notice to Glenda Marsh, Division of Water Quality, at (916) 341-5558 or (gmarsh@waterboards.ca.gov) or Senior Staff Counsel Steven H. Blum at (916) 341-5177 or (SBlum@waterboards.ca.gov).

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