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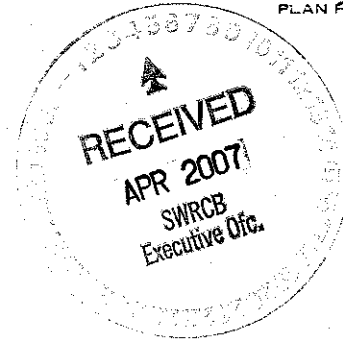
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April 4, 2007



Ms. Tam Doduc, Chair  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street  
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Dear Ms. Doduc:

As you are aware, the Los Angeles Water Board modified the *Implementation Plan for the Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL*, effectively shortening the schedule for source control and studies by two years, resulting in a deadline of May 2008. This change has serious ramifications that ought to be addressed.

Unfortunately, in August 2006, when this shortened schedule was adopted, no notice of this plan was given prior to the day of the hearing, which made it extremely difficult for stakeholders to review the implications of such a proposal, and voice their dissatisfaction with the inherent difficulties of this abrupt deadline change. All parties involved in the Implementation Plan were responsibly executing their tasks to ensure that they would be in compliance at the time of the original deadline.

If the deadline of the Implementation Plan does not return to its original date, tasks such as an Antidegradation Analysis and a Site-Specific Objective Study must take place prior to the completion of the studies required by the TMDL, such as the Groundwater Surface Water Interaction Model. This would be a reversal of the proper order of events, as some of the studies required by the TMDL are needed prior to carrying out the tasks noted above.

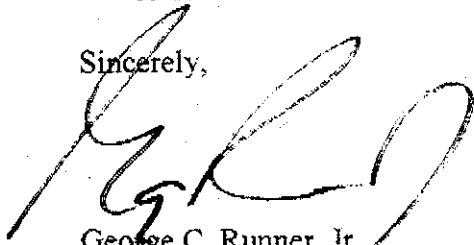
Furthermore, Senate Bill 475, which I authored last year to ensure compliance with the final TMDL targets will not begin to be effective until the approximate time of the Board's revised deadline. If the two years that were reasonably calculated in my plans are returned to us by the Board, SB 475 should address the supposed excess of Chloride in a more environmentally friendly and cost-effective manner than other plans reviewed, by reducing chloride loads from residential automatic water softeners in Santa Clarita.

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To ensure that chloride levels can be reduced in the most efficient manner, rather than proceeding in an illogical sequence of events and spending unnecessarily greater sums of money, I respectfully submit my request that the State Water Resources Control Board remand the Basin Plan Amendment to the Los Angeles Regional Water Board, and instruct them to restore the schedule for Tasks 7 through 10 to those contained in the previously approved version of this TMDL.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Senator, 17<sup>th</sup> District

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