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Dear Jeffrey Shu,

Lake Merced, located in the southwest section of San Francisco was included on the impaired water bodies [section 303 d] list by the State Water Resources Control Board for low dissolved oxygen and high pH. Data collected at Lake Merced from 1997 through 2010 and summarized in this report are presented to more fully illustrate the water quality conditions in this reservoir and to support a request to delist the lake for these constituents. Water quality data presented in this submittal was originally collected as part of routine limnological surveys by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission [SFPUC] Natural Resources Division [NRD]. These surveys are conducted to evaluate water quality conditions in drinking water reservoirs managed by the SFPUC. Lake Merced is one of six SFPUC regional reservoirs in the Bay Area that are surveyed on a routine basis.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit water quality data collected from Lake Merced and believe the information included in this summary will demonstrate compliance with state standards and allow the lake to be removed from the impaired water bodies list. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,

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