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**FROM:** David W. Gibson   
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**SAN DIEGO REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD**

**DATE:** February 3, 2010

**SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD FOR RESOLUTION NO. R9-2009-0163, ADOPTING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES TO THE CLEAN WATER ACT SECTIONS 305(b) AND 303(d) INTEGRATED REPORT FOR THE SAN DIEGO REGION.**

On December 16, 2009, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) adopted the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) sections 305(b) and 303(d) 2008 integrated report for the San Diego Region, with errata.

By copy of this memorandum we are transmitting one electronic copy of the administrative record for the "2008 Update of Federal Clean Water Act Sections 305(b) and 303(d) Integrated Report on Evaluation of Surface Water Quality and Listing of Impaired Water Body Segments in the San Diego Region" (Integrated Report) directly to the Division of Water Quality, Water Quality Planning Unit.

The following issues arose during our San Diego Water Board public participation process and are forwarded to you for action during your process to adopt the statewide Clean Water Act Section 305(b)/303(d) Integrated Report:

1. Agua Hedionda Creek - Manganese. Decision Number 5280, LOE Number 3184. The Line of Evidence (LOE) states there are four samples but a review of the data has one sample as "estimated." If we exclude the estimated sample, only one of three samples exceeds the objective. Using the criteria in table 3.2 of the Listing Policy, this is not sufficient to include the water body on the 303(d) list of impaired water bodies. The San Diego Water Board was unable to address this issue because the information in the California Water Quality Assessment (CalWQA) database is from the 2006 Listing cycle and staff cannot edit the LOE. Based upon the available information, the

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San Diego Water Board recommends that the State Water Board change the decision for Agua Hedionda Creek from "List on 303(d) list (TMDL required list)" to "Delist from 303(d) list (TMDL required list)" for impairment by manganese.

2. Agua Hedionda Creek - Sulfate. Decision Number 5325, LOE Number 3182. The LOE states there are eight samples but a review of the data indicates only four samples are available. Using the criteria in table 3.2 of the Listing Policy, this is not sufficient to include the water body on the 303(d) list of impaired water bodies. The San Diego Water Board was unable to address this issue because the information in the CalWQA database is from the 2006 Listing cycle and staff cannot edit LOE. Based upon the available information, the San Diego Water Board recommends that the State Water Board change the decision for Agua Hedionda Creek from "Do Not Delist" to "Delist from 303(d) list (TMDL required list)" for impairment by sulfate.

3. Pacific Ocean Shoreline, San Clemente HA, at San Clemente City Beach at Pier - Enterococcus, Fecal Coliform, and Total Coliform. Decision Numbers 16610, 16611, and 16612. LOE Numbers 28448, 28451, 28453, 28454, 28457, and 28456. The total number of samples and number of exceedances do not match the available data. The geomean calculations for Enterococcus exceedances should be reviewed (LOE 28457). The County of Orange asserts that the number of exceedances is three while the San Diego Water Board staff review identified four exceedances. The CalWQA database indicates that the data indicate 6 of 32 samples exceed the Enterococcus criteria. This issue was raised at the San Diego Water Board Hearing and we request that State Water Board staff review the data and revise the LOEs and Decisions as appropriate.

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