



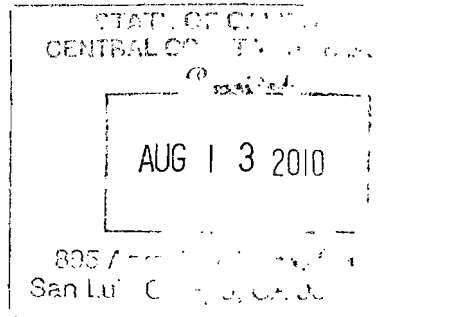
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Dear Ms. Rice:

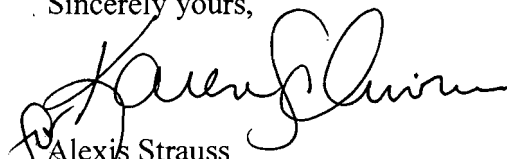
Thank you for submitting the Basin Plan Amendment containing the Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for fecal coliform impairments in the Pajaro River watershed. The submittal contains allocations for fecal coliform in 12 waterbodies which are identified in the enclosure. Based on EPA's review of the TMDL submittal under Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d), I have concluded the TMDLs adequately address the pollutant of concern and, upon implementation, will result in attainment of the applicable water quality standards for the Pajaro River watershed. All required elements are adequately addressed; therefore, the TMDLs are hereby approved pursuant to CWA Section 303(d)(2).

The TMDL submittal is dated June 16, 2010. Additional information clarifying the submittal was provided to EPA on July 29, 2010. The TMDLs include wasteload and load allocations as needed, take into consideration seasonal variations and critical conditions, and provide an adequate margin of safety. The State has provided adequate opportunities for public review and comment on the TMDLs, and demonstrated how public comments were considered in the final TMDLs.

The TMDL submittal also contains a detailed plan for implementing the TMDLs. Current federal regulations do not define TMDLs as containing implementation plans; therefore, EPA is not taking action on the implementation plan provided with this TMDL. However, EPA concurs with the State's proposed implementation approaches.

If you have any questions concerning this approval, please call me at (415) 972-3572 or Janet Parrish at (415) 972-3456.

Sincerely yours,


Alexis Strauss
Director, Water Division

Enclosure

cc: Roger Briggs, Executive Officer, CCRWQCB