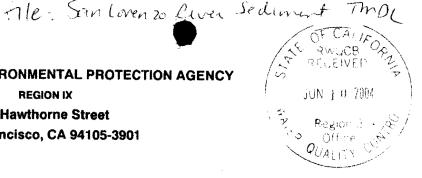


## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**REGION IX** 

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Ms. Celeste Cantú **Executive Director** State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 100 Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Dear Ms. Cantú:

Thank you for submitting the total maximum daily load (TMDL) to address sediment impairment of San Lorenzo River, Carbonera Creek, Lompico Creek, and Shingle Mill Creek. California. The submission letter to EPA was dated January 29, 2004. Based on our review. EPA concludes that the TMDL adequately addresses the pollutant of concern and that upon implementation will result in attainment of applicable water quality standards. The TMDL includes allocations as needed, takes into consideration seasonal variations and critical conditions, and provides an adequate margin of safety. The State has provided adequate opportunities for public review of the Basin Plan Amendments that include all of the components of the TMDL. All required elements are adequately addressed; therefore, the TMDL is hereby approved pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 303(d)(2).

The attached review discusses the basis for this approval decision in greater detail. I appreciate the State and Regional Boards' work to complete and adopt the TMDL and look forward to our continuing partnership in TMDL development. If you have questions concerning this approval, please call me at (415) 972-3572 or Cheryl McGovern at (415) 972-3415.

Sincerely,

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Alexis Strauss
Director 19 February 2004

**Enclosure** 

Roger Briggs, Executive Officer, Central Coast Regional Board cc: