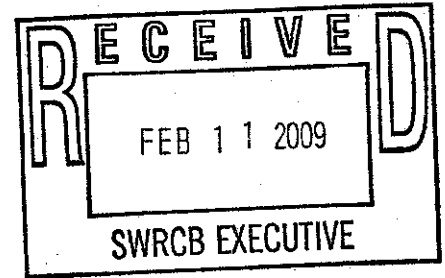


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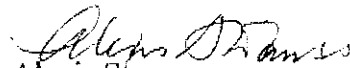
Dear Chair Doduc,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed trash TMDLs for the Malibu Creek watershed. We find that the proposed TMDLs meet all federal regulatory requirements.

The proposed TMDLs appropriately set the numeric target at zero trash, and included phased reduction tasks from defined baseline waste load and load allocations. The critical portion of these TMDLs is the implementation plans, which define the steps for achieving zero trash in a set time frame. In addressing non-point sources, each TMDL practically establishes a program of Minimum Frequency of Assessment and Collection program and installation of Best Management Practices to address the trash impairment problem.

We urge the State Board to adopt the TMDLs to meet California's TMDL commitments and to enable EPA to meet its requirements under the consent decree (*Heal the Bay V. Browner, C. 98-48 25 SBA*, March 22, 1999). If you have any questions, please call me at (415) 972-3572.

Sincerely yours,

  
Alexis Strauss  
Director, Water Division

11 February 2009