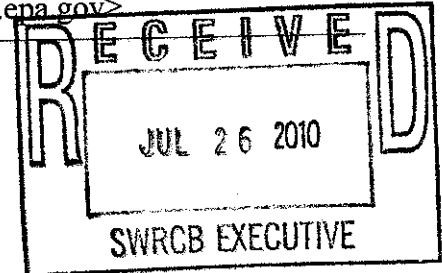


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Jeanine Townsend  
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Dear Ms. Townsend,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board Basin Plan Amendment (BPA) to Establish a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Sediment and Related Habitat Enhancement Goals in the Napa River Watershed. We have reviewed the BPA and supporting documentation, and strongly support approval of the package.

The TMDL is technically thorough and reasonable. It contains appropriate source analyses, numeric targets, linkage analyses, TMDLs, allocations and wasteload allocations. The BPA also contains a detailed implementation plan. Current federal regulations do not define TMDLs as containing implementation plans; however, EPA concurs with and supports the State's proposed implementation approaches. EPA supports the watershed approach taken to address the sediment impairment in the Napa River. We look forward to working with you to support implementation of the package.

We appreciate the hard work to develop the TMDL and implementation plan for the Napa River. If you have any questions, please contact me by e-mail or at the phone number below.

Sincerely,

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