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**Subject:** SWRCB/OCC File A-2477: Petition for Review of the Approval of the North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Management Group's EWMP  
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Petitioners:

I am following up on your petition for review of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) Executive Officer's action to approve the North Santa Monica Bay EWMP, submitted May 19, 2016, to the Los Angeles Water Board and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board).

In accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 23, section 2050.5(e) the State Water Board shall, within ninety days of receipt of the petition, issue a notification informing the petitioner that the petition is complete and setting thirty days for filing of the administrative record by the regional board and responses by interested persons. If the State Water Board does not issue such notification within ninety days, the petition is dismissed by operation of law, unless a petition is being held in abeyance. In this case, the petition would be dismissed on August 18, 2016, the ninety-first day following receipt of the petition.

On July 19, 2016, the Los Angeles Water Board issued a Notice informing interested persons that it would hold a public meeting on September 8, 2016, to decide whether to review the petition on its merits or to not review the petition. The Los Angeles Water Board indicated that, if it decides to review the petition on its merits, it will do so at a subsequent publicly-noticed meeting.

Prior to making its own determination as to whether it will take up review of your petition, the State Water Board prefers to have the benefit of any review of the petition by the Los Angeles Water Board. Accordingly, I am writing to suggest that you request that the petition to the State Water Board be placed in abeyance pending a determination by the Los Angeles Water Board as to whether that Board will review the Executive Officer's determination. If the Los Angeles Water Board elects to review the Executive Officer's determination, the State Water Board would then suggest that you keep the petition in abeyance until after any determination by the Los Angeles Water Board on the merits.

In order to avoid potential procedural concerns, the State Water Board further suggests that you file a petition within thirty days of either the Los Angeles Water Board's failure to act, if the Board decides not to take up the petition on its merits on September 8, 2016, or the Los Angeles Water Board's action on the merits at a future meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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