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Ms. Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P. O. Box 100
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Dear Ms. Townsend:

COMMENT LETTER – LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED TRASH TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD AND BALLONA CREEK TRASH TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD

The County of Los Angeles (County) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) supports the proposed amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region to revise the Los Angeles River and Ballona Creek Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL), herein collectively called Revised TMDLs. We believe the Revised TMDLs are sufficiently sound and should be approved as soon as possible.

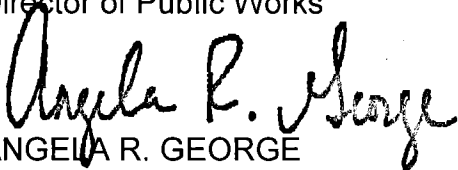
The County and LACFCD have invested significant resources over the last ten years to implement trash reduction best management practices. Despite these efforts, technical infeasibilities have precluded the installation of full-capture or partial-capture trash devices in a limited number of catch basins. The Revised TMDLs include alternate compliance pathways in recognition of these challenges. In order for these alternate compliance pathways to take legal and practical effect, the Revised TMDLs must be incorporated into the Los Angeles Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit no later than the Los Angeles TMDL'S final deadline of September 2016. Therefore, the County and the LACFCD support the timely approval of the Revised TMDLs by the State Water Resources Control Board.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (626) 458-4300 or ageorge@dpw.lacounty.gov or your staff may contact Mr. Paul Alva at (626) 458-4325 or palva@dpw.lacounty.gov.

Very truly yours,

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