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ONE-TIME MONITORING OFFSETS FOR BURBANK WATER RECLAMATION PLANT (CA0055531, M4424) TO IMPLEMENT THE LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED-WIDE MONITORING PROGRAM

Dear Mr. Andersen:

We have reviewed your letter of August 4, 2008, requesting revisions to the NPDES-mandated monitoring for the Burbank Water Reclamation Plant to allow the City of Burbank to provide resources to begin implementation this year of the comprehensive monitoring program designed by stakeholders for the Los Angeles River Watershed. Regional Board staff (Michael Lyons) participated with the other stakeholders in developing the design of the watershed-wide monitoring program and already indicated support for these changes to allow sampling for certain elements of the new program to begin in June 2008.

The City of Burbank proposes to reallocate the resources that would have been required during 2008 to complete the normal permit-required bioassessment monitoring of the Burbank Western Channel to help fund the new watershed-wide monitoring program. The estimated cost to conduct the normal bioassessment monitoring would be \$7,600. The City of Burbank's share to cover the costs of the new watershed-wide bioassessment program will amount to approximately \$9,400 during 2008. Staff agrees with this beneficial trade-off to help implement this new monitoring design.

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We appreciate your participation in development and implementation of a comprehensive monitoring program for the Los Angeles River watershed. We look forward to developing a long-term implementation and funding strategy for this program and will consider additional modifications to the monitoring and reporting programs for the Burbank Water Reclamation Plant as necessary in the future. If you have any questions about the monitoring program requirements, please telephone Michael Lyons at (2123) 576-6718.

Sincerely,


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Executive Officer

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