

LAKE ELSINORE AND CANYON LAKE
 NUTRIENT TMDLS
 STAFF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

JULY 2025

List of Commenters:

1	Richard Whetsel, Lake Elsinore and San Jacinto Watersheds Authority (LESJWA)
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No.	Commenter	Comment	Response
1.1	LESJWA [Note: LESJWA comments in the table are based on the comments received during a limited comment period dated May 16, 2025-June 30, 2025.]	The permittee members of the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force (LECL Task Force) appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on revisions to the Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin to Incorporate Revised Total Maximum Daily Loads for Nutrients in Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake, Riverside County, California (Revised Amendments). In summary, the revisions have removed the City of Banning as a responsible party from the Revised Amendments. Based on our review of these limited revisions only, the permittee members of the LECL Task Force support the removal of the City of Banning from the TMDL.	Santa Ana Water Board staff appreciate the LECL Task Force’s review and support for the limited revisions, specifically the removal of the City of Banning as a responsible party. This change reflects the Board’s commitment to using current jurisdictional boundaries and accurate watershed data in identifying responsible parties.
1.2	LESJWA	Associated with this revision, the LECL Task Force is moving forward with early implementation of Task 9 of Revised Amendments to further define and identify what may constitute a minor source with respect to the revised total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore. Currently, a subcommittee of the LECL Task Force is meeting regularly to	Santa Ana Water Board staff acknowledges and appreciates the progress shared by the Task Force on Task 9. We look forward to reviewing the subcommittee’s findings and continuing collaborative efforts to refine criteria for identifying minor sources under the revised nutrient TMDLs.

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		<p>identify potential criteria or factors for determining what may be a minor source and what responsibility may or may not be assigned to minor sources. The subcommittee will provide its recommendations to the full LECL Task Force this fall for further input and discussion. We look forward to working with Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board as work on this study continues.</p>	
1.3	LESJWA	<p>In conclusion, the permittee members of the LECL Task Force agree with the City of Banning amendment. Because of the diversity of interest across the LECL Task Force, the Task Force itself is not taking a position in support or opposition with respect to the Revised Amendments in their entirety. Rather, individual Task Force members will provide their position directly, as they see appropriate.</p>	<p>Santa Ana Water Board staff thanks the LECL Task Force for its engagement. We recognize the diversity of perspectives among Task Force members and respect the approach of allowing individual entities to communicate their positions directly.</p>