

July 25, 2003

Ms. Celeste Cantú
Executive Director
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 94912-0100

Dear Ms. Cantú:

On June 5, 2003, EPA partially approved and partially disapproved California's 2002 §303(d) list. Specifically, EPA approved the State's decision to list the 679 waters and associated pollutants identified at Tab 1 of the California listing report along with the State's priority rankings for these waters and pollutants. EPA disapproved the State's decision not to list 5 additional water bodies and additional pollutants for 15 waters already listed by the State. EPA further identified these additional water bodies and pollutants with appropriate priority rankings for inclusion on the 2002 §303(d) list.

EPA provided public notice and solicited public comment on its identification of additional waters and pollutants for inclusion on California's list. The comment period closed July 8, 2003. EPA has carefully reviewed the 20 written comments received from the State and other commenters, most of which focused on the Laguna de Santa Rosa. We concluded that none of the comments warrants modifying the list of additional waters and pollutants identified by EPA.

Pursuant to the requirements of federal regulations at 40 CFR 130.7, I am hereby transmitting to you the final 2002 §303(d) list for California which includes the additional waters and additional pollutants for several waters already listed by the State, in addition to the waters listed by the State.¹ The additional waters and pollutants included on the final list are listed in Enclosure 1 to this letter. A detailed responsiveness summary explaining public comments received and EPA's responses is also enclosed (Enclosure 2).

We look forward to working with the State during the 2004 listing process. If you have questions on any aspect of this final listing decision, feel free to give me a call at (415) 972-3435 or call David Smith of my staff at (415) 972-3416.

Sincerely,

/original signed by Catherine Kuhlman/

Alexis Strauss
Director
Water Division

Enclosures

¹ As explained in my letter to you dated June 18, 2003, EPA is deferring final action on the State's listing decision concerning South San Francisco Bay copper and nickel. EPA expects to approve the State's decision not to include copper and nickel on the §303(d) list following final depromulgation of the federal criteria for these pollutants, which is expected in the near future.

Enclosure 1: Waters added to 303(d) list for California

Description of Table Columns:

A Water Body@ column identifies the water bodies on the 303(d) list.

APollutants@ column identifies the specific pollutants for which the water bodies were found to exceed water quality standards.

ABasis for Listing@ column identifies the basis for individual listing decisions.

APriority Ranking@ column indicates the priority ranking for TMDL development associated with an individual listing decision (H = High; M = Medium; L = Low priority)

Water Body (Regional Board)	Pollutants	Water already listed by State for other pollutants?	Priority Ranking
Humboldt Bay (1)	PCBs	N	L
Laguna de Santa Rosa (1)	total nitrogen and total phosphorus	Y	L
Lake Merced (2)	dissolved oxygen and pH	N	L
Lake Merritt (2)	dissolved oxygen	Y	L
San Francisco Bay segments: Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta Lower San Francisco Bay San Pablo Bay Suisun Bay (2)	nickel	Y	L
Chumash Creek (3)	dissolved oxygen	Y	L
Llagas Creek (3)	dissolved oxygen	Y	L
Los Osos Creek (3)	dissolved oxygen	Y	L
Orcutt Solomon Creek (3)	boron	Y	L
San Antonio Creek (3)	boron	Y	L
Calleguas Creek Reach 4 (4)	boron, sulfate, total dissolved solids	Y	M
San Gabriel River Reach 1 San Gabriel River Reach 3 Coyote Creek (4)	toxicity	Reach 1- Y Reach 3- N Coyote- Y	M
Bolsa Chica (8)	copper and nickel	N	L
Anaheim Bay (8)	copper, nickel, dieldrin, and PCBs	N	L
Huntington Harbour (8)	copper, nickel, dieldrin, and PCBs	Y	L