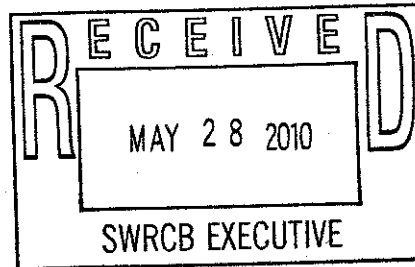




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VIA EMAIL



**RE: State Water Resources Control Board's Proposed 2010 California
305(b)/303(d) Integrated Report**

Dear Chair Hoppin and Board Members:

On behalf of the Environmental Defense Center (EDC) we submit the following comments regarding the State Water Resources Control Board's Proposed 2010 California 305(b)/303(d) Integrated Report. EDC is a non-profit, public interest law firm that protects and enhances coastal and ocean resources, open spaces and wildlife, and human and environmental health through education, advocacy, and legal action. EDC's work is focused primarily within Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo Counties.

EDC strongly supports the adoption of all of the 1,464 new 303(d) listings proposed in the 2010 Integrated Report and advocates that State and Regional Water Board staff swiftly implement enforceable, accountable strategies to clean up the State's waters. We would like to particularly highlight the importance of listing the following Ventura County water-body pollutant combinations proposed for addition to the 303(d) list in the 2010 report:

Calleguas Creek Watershed: Calleguas Creek Reaches 2, 3, 7, 9A, 9B, and 10 (Trash)

Santa Clara River Watershed: Santa Clara River Estuary (Toxicity; Nitrogen, Nitrate); Santa Clara River Estuary Beach – Surfer's Knoll (Indicator Bacteria); Santa Clara River Reach 3 (Total Dissolved Solids, Toxicity); Santa Clara River Reach 5 (Iron); Santa Clara River Reach 6 (Benthic Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments, Iron, Copper); Santa Clara River Reach 11 (Specific Conductance, Total Dissolved Solids); Surfer's Point at Seaside (Indicator Bacteria)

Ventura River Watershed: Canada Larga (Total Dissolved Solids); Coyote Creek North Fork (Indicator Bacteria, Selenium); San Antonio Creek (Total Dissolved Solids, Indicator Bacteria); Ventura River Reach 3 (Indicator Bacteria)

California deserves clean, thriving, flowing waterways, now and in the future. We thus urge the State Water Resources Control Board's adoption of the proposed additions to the 2010 303(d) list throughout California, including in Ventura County.

Sincerely,



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