



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

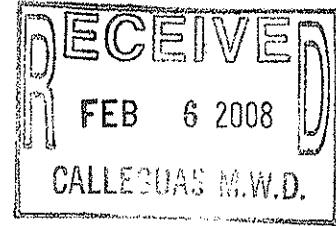
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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE CALLEGUAS CREEK WATERSHED NUTRIENT TMDL DEADLINES

Dear Dr. Kendall:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) has received the letter from the Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan (CCWMP) dated December 7, 2007 requesting an extension of some of the deadlines in the Calleguas Creek Watershed Nutrient TMDL. The table below summarizes the TMDL implementation actions that were requested for extension and extension dates proposed by CCWMP.

TMDL Implementation Task No.	Action	TMDL Due Date	Status	Requested Extension Due Date
4	Non-Point Source Monitoring work plan due	07/16/04	Completed	None
5	Watershed Monitoring work plan due	07/16/04	Completed	None
6	Special Study work plans due - Minor point sources, greenhouses, groundwater, algae	07/16/04	Completed	None
7	Complete Special Study for minor point sources, greenhouses, and groundwater loadings	07/16/06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minor Point Sources and Groundwater Special Studies: Not completed due to delay by the Regional Board in reviewing the workplan ▪ Greenhouses: Completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Submit revised workplan for minor point sources and groundwater: 06/01/08 ▪ Complete the studies: one year after approval of the revised workplan
9	Complete planning for installing agricultural nutrient BMPs	07/16/06	Studies underway in conjunction with the Agricultural Waiver adopted	None

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TMDL Implementation Task No.	Action	TMDL Due Date	Status	Requested Extension Due Date
			on November 3, 2005	
11	Special Study for Algae Impairments	07/17/08	Not Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clarification on the need for continue of the study: As soon as possible ▪ Dates were not specified

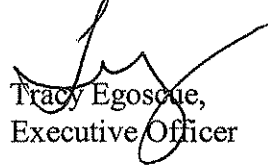
- Special Studies for Minor NPDES Discharges and Rising Groundwater, Task No. 7: The workplan for Minor NPDES Discharges and Rising Groundwater was submitted in July 2004 in compliance with the TMDL schedule. However, you note that additional time is needed to complete the studies due to delays in receiving final approval from the Regional Board staff. The CCWMP has proposed to submit the revised workplans based on Regional Board comments by June 1, 2008. The CCWMP requested to extend the completion of the studies within one year of approval of the workplans. Based on Regional Board staff review of the proposal, the CCWMP is required to submit the revised workplan to the Regional Board as soon as possible but no later than June 1, 2008, and complete the studies by July 1, 2009.

- Special Study for Algae Impairments, Task No. 11: Workplan for the Algae Impairment Special Study was submitted to the Regional Board in compliance with the TMDL schedule in July 2004. However, you note that the State Water Resources Control Board removed algae from the 2006 Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d) listing for Calleguas Creek Watershed. Consequently, the CCWMP felt that the special study for algae should no longer be required by the TMDL. Regional Board staff agrees that algae was removed from the 303(d) listing for Calleguas Creek watershed but notes that State Board found that (1) qualitative information on excess algal growth alone was not sufficient to support the original listings, and (2) the TMDL for Nitrogen Compounds and Related Effects has been approved by USEPA. However, based on recent data received by Regional Board staff from the Ventura Coastkeeper, as well as Regional Board staff observations, Regional Board staff finds that the impairment due to excessive algal growth may still exist. Regional Board staff finds that the required TMDL study will provide a better understating of the effect of nutrient loading on algal growth in the Calleguas Creek watershed. Based on the Regional Board staff review and findings, the Algae Impairment Special Study, as it is specified in the Calleguas Creek Nitrogen Compounds and Related Effects TMDL, is still required and the CCWMP shall submit the report for the Algae Impairment Special Study on or before the due date specified in the TMDL schedule (July 16, 2008). The Regional Board staff will review the report upon receiving of the document and will provide comments accordingly.

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We look forward to receiving the revised workplan and reports for the Calleguas Creek Nitrogen Compounds and Related Effects TMDL and our continued work with the Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan on TMDLs for Calleguas Creek watershed. If you have any question concerning this matter, please contact Thanhloan Nguyen at (213) 576-6690.

Sincerely,



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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE CALLEGUAS CREEK WATERSHED TOXICITY TMDL, AND METALS AND SELENIUM TMDL DEADLINES

Dear Dr. Kendall:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) has received the letter from the Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan (CCWMP) dated December 7, 2007 requesting a extension of the deadlines in the Calleguas Creek TMDLs for Toxicity, Metals and Selenium. The table below summarizes the TMDL implementation actions that were requested for extension and associated proposed extension dates in the CCWMP letter.

TMDL	TMDL Implementation Task No.	Action	TMDL Due Date	Requested Extension Due Date
Toxicity	5	Special Study #1: Alternative pesticide investigation	03/24/08	08/01/08
Metals	13a	Special Study #1: Natural Sources Exclusion	03/24/08	08/01/08
Metals	14a	Special Study #2: Selenium Contaminated Groundwater Sources	03/24/08	08/01/08
Metals	15a	Special Study #3: "Hot Spot" and Natural Soils	03/24/08	08/01/08

Regional Board staff has reviewed the information you provided and understand that additional time is needed to facilitate the completion of the administrative process necessary to fund the TMDL implementation. However, Regional Board staff recommends that the required reports and draft workplans should be submitted to the Regional Board on or before the due date to comply with the TMDL implementation schedule. Regional Board staff will review the reports and workplans upon receiving of these documents and will provide comments accordingly.

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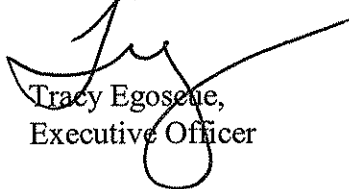
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