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To: EPA Region IX Regional Technical Advisory Group, SWRCB Technical Advisory Group, and SWRCB Nutrient TMDL Work Group
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Subject: Update on Nutrient Criteria and TMDL Numeric Endpoints

This package provides background information for a telephone conference that is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, 2004. The purpose of the telephone conference is to provide stakeholders with an update of activities and findings related to the development of nutrient criteria and numeric endpoints for nutrient TMDLs. The project team is also providing technical support to the California State Water Resources Control Board Nutrient TMDL Work Group. Because nutrient criteria and numeric targets for TMDLs share many common data and technical analysis elements project team has worked concurrently on both components. This package includes:

- PDF file of the Powerpoint slides that will be used by the technical support team in the briefing;
- Comments from TRI-TAC on the Ecoregion 6 Pilot Project report; and
- Draft agenda for the conference call.

The Ecoregion 6 Pilot Project report and several white papers on topical issues are posted for download at the EPA Region IX Nutrient Criteria Project website in both Word and PDF formats (<http://rd.tetrattech.com/epa>). These reports are interim products and analyses have continued since their release. The PowerPoint presentation includes some of these updated results.

There has been substantial technical progress since our last communication with the stakeholder group. We have refined new tools and made progress towards the form of the standard. The call also provides the opportunity to begin addressing questions from the stakeholder group. However, the number of participants may limit the number of questions that we will be able to address during the actual call. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have difficulty with any of the attachments or comments on any aspect of these studies. Details on the conference line will be forwarded the week before the call. We do look forward to sharing the latest results and receiving your input on the next steps in this process.

Draft Agenda May 25, 2004

Project Update Conference call for Stakeholders: Development of Nutrient Criteria and Nutrient TMDL Numeric Endpoints

8:00 Welcome and Introductions

8:15 Review of Progress (PowerPoint Presentation by Technical support Team)

10:15 Questions

10:45 Next Steps

11:00 Adjourn