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Mr. Tom Howard
Executive Director
State Water Resources Control Board
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Dear Mr. Howard: *Tom*

Thank you for submitting California's 2012 Water Quality Integrated Report and supporting documentation pursuant to Clean Water Act (CWA) Sections 303(d) and 305(b). We received the submittal on April 14, 2014. I am pleased to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving each of the waters and pollutants that the State included in its list of waters requiring a total maximum daily load under CWA Section 303(d) pursuant to 40 CFR 130.7(d). However, we find that one water body and associated pollutant which meets the federal listing requirements was omitted. Mercury in fish tissue from Topaz Lake meets the federal listing requirements and should be included on California's list as an impaired water body needing a TMDL. EPA is therefore acting today to partially approve and partially disapprove the State's submittal.

The statutory and regulatory requirements, a summary of our review of California's compliance with applicable requirements, and our rationale for adding the Topaz Lake is described in the enclosure. EPA will solicit public comments on the addition of Topaz Lake to the State's 303(d) list. We will provide a responsiveness summary for comments received on this addition and will advise if any revision to EPA's determination is found to be appropriate. If you have questions concerning this decision, please call me at (415) 942-3409, or Terry Fleming at (415) 972-3462

Sincerely,

Nancy Woo
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Enclosure

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