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**Subject: Mercury Allocation Sharing Scheme**

Dear Mr. Brosseau:

Thank you for your letter dated October 30, 2013, and your follow up invitation to the BASMAA Board of Directors meeting held in Oakland on February 27, 2014 to consult with BASMAA and its member agencies regarding provision C.11.j in the Municipal Regional Permit (MRP).

This letter is to follow up with the discussions at the meeting regarding Caltrans' strategy to comply with the TMDL requirements for Mercury. Caltrans is willing work with the MRP Permittees to develop an equitable allocation sharing scheme based on the following parameters applicable to Caltrans' right of way within the San Francisco Bay watershed:

- Watershed Area
- Urbanized area
- Runoff volume
- Runoff characterization (Mercury monitoring data)

We look forward to working with the MRP Permittees in a manner involving implementation of actions on a watershed or region wide basis that is consistent with TMDL implementation requirements within the Caltrans' Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit and its proposed amendments.

If you have any questions, please call me directly at (916)653-4446 or via email at [scott.mcgowen@dot.ca.gov](mailto:scott.mcgowen@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G. Scott McGowen".

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