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Mr. Charles R. Hoppin, Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Possible modification, Order #R5-2010-022
Fees for Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge for Discharges Related to Timber Activities

Dear Chairman Hoppin,

The California Forestry Association (CFA) strongly supports the proposed elimination of potential fees associated with the Waste Discharge Waivers for timber-related activities.

CFA represents a large variety of forest landowners and forest-products producers within the state. These entities—small and large alike—would benefit from the elimination of the fees associated with obtaining a Waste Discharge Waiver. The past several years have been extremely difficult for the entire forest products industry. Any reduction of fees—such as those under consideration by the State Water Board—would provide some measure of economic relief for these entities, without compromising any of the current environmental protections currently in-place.

CFA urges the State Water Board to adopt the proposed elimination of fees associated with “Waster Discharge Waivers for Timber Activities” at their meeting on September 19.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely,

David A. Bischel
President

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