



**LATE COMMENT**  
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Charlie Hoppin, Chair,  
Francis Spivey-Weber, Vice Chair  
Tam M. Doduc, Member  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: February 21, 2012 SWRCB Meeting Information Item Regarding Scheduled Actions to Update the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan)**

Dear Chairman Hoppin and Members of the Board:

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) is pleased to join the letter submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) by the Northern California Water Association. In addition, SMUD writes separately because of the importance of hydropower to California, particularly during the high energy-demand summer months. Because of the importance of that clean renewable resource, SMUD requests that the SWRCB schedule one of the requested informational workshops to discuss the potential ramifications of new water quality objectives for hydropower generation in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John DiStasio".

John DiStasio  
General Manager & Chief Executive Officer

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cc: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
Tom Howard, Executive Director, SWRCB  
John Laird, Secretary, Natural Resources Agency  
Dr. Jerry Meral, Deputy Secretary, Natural Resources Agency  
Mark Rodriguez, Secretary, CalEPA  
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