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**Subject:** Bear Valley - NPDES permit regarding secondary treatment

Dear Mr. Marshall:

We have a home in Bear Valley and use the Bear Valley Water District's system. We would greatly appreciate the Water Control Board issuing a NPDES permit while requiring only secondary treatment of our effluent.

This year we're still digging out of the snow now, even though it's late June. The tremendous amount of snow every year in the District produces a unique environment for effluent treatment, which we hope the Board can take into account in making its decision.

Equally importantly, the District has very few ratepayers, so requiring tertiary treatment could make the cost of treating effluent so high that many ratepayers would have to sell their homes or condos, as they could not afford the Water District rates that would result from financing additional treatment facilities.

This is one of the situations where thoughtful administrators can apply their judgment and experience in keeping a tiny community viable while protecting California's environment. Please grant the requested permit.

Sincerely yours,

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