

**Alameda County Water District  
Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7  
Contra Costa Water District  
Kern County Water Agency  
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority  
Santa Clara Valley Water District  
State Water Contractors  
Westlands Water District**

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**Re: Modification of Tertiary Filtration Requirements; Consideration of Order Amending Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2010-0114-02 (NPDES Permit No. CA0077682) For Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board:

This letter is submitted by Alameda County Water District; Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7; Contra Costa Water District; Kern County Water Agency; Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; Santa Clara Valley Water District; Westlands Water District; the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority; the State Water Contractors and their respective member agencies (collectively, "Public Water Agencies"). The Public Water Agencies appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the tentative amendment to the filtration requirements and waste discharge requirements for Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2010-0114-02 (NPDES Permit No. CA0077682) For Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant ("Filtration Amendment").

Protecting and restoring the water quality of the Sacramento River and the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, which flows into San Francisco Bay, is a priority for the Public Water Agencies that provide water to more than 25 million Californians and 2 million acres of productive farmland. The Public Water Agencies have actively participated in the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District's ("District") National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit proceedings and worked diligently to ensure that beneficial uses of downstream waters are protected by advocating for improved wastewater treatment.

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The Public Water Agencies support the proposed Filtration Amendment. The tentative amendment proposes seasonal disinfection requirements. During May – October, the treatment plant will be operated to meet Title 22 or equivalent disinfection criteria. During November – April, effluent up to 217 million gallons daily (“mgd”) will be filtered and any wastewater in excess of 217 mgd will not be filtered, but will undergo full advanced secondary treatment. During these “excess flow” events, filtered and non-filtered wastewater will be combined and disinfected with chlorine prior to discharge to the Sacramento River.

The Public Water Agencies believe that the Filtration Amendment provides protection of beneficial uses, based on currently available information, and therefore support the Filtration Amendment and implementation of the planned tertiary filtration.

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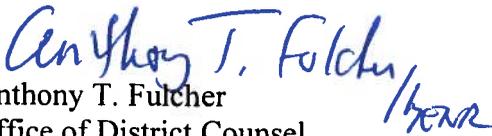


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