

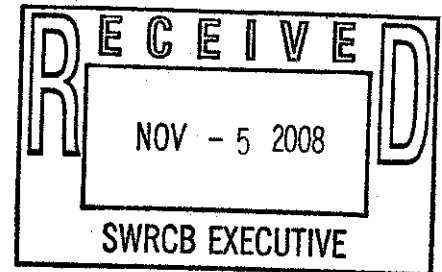


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Re: Comment Letter - Bacterial Standards for REC-1 Waters

Dear Ms. Townsend:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed Statewide Bacterial Objective for Water Contact Recreation in Fresh Waters of California. The County of Orange Environmental Resources Section is a member of the Santa Ana Region Stormwater Quality Standards Task Force, and supports the comments made by members of the Task Force at the CEQA Scoping Meeting held on October 22, 2008 and the written comments submitted by Larry McKenney, Chair of the Task Force.

We feel our experiences gained through a six year cooperative effort incorporating input from municipal, regional, state and federal environmental agencies, as well as non-governmental and private interests, should inform the actions of the State Water Resources Control Board on this issue. We look forward to continuing dialogue on this issue if the State Board decides to continue toward setting new objectives.

Very Truly Yours,

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