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Felicia Marcus Chair and Board Members
State Water Resources Control Board
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Dear Chair Marcus and Board members:

I am very interested in the wetlands in California. This interest perhaps stems from the fact that I have lived in the Mojave Desert for over 40 years!
I am writing today to express my support for the proposed statewide wetlands policy regulation ("Procedures for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Materials to Waters of the State"), and ask you and the other boardmembers to do the same.

If am alarmed to find out that California has lost over 90% of its historic wetlands. We must do all we can to stop further harm, protect what remains, and rebuild some of what we've lost. We can do this by regulation which includes a compensatory mitigation policy that requires every wetland acre destroyed or degraded must be mitigated by **at least** an acre of newly restored or created wetlands. This mitigation must be included

Wetlands provide important habitat for many native species in this state, such as birds, fish, reptiles, and amphibians. Wetlands improve water quality by filtering water. They can also provide key protections from the rising ocean levels that climate change will bring.

Despite all of this, the President has recently acted to roll back federal protections for wetlands. This is wholly unacceptable, and the state must do all it can to protect our resources from federal inaction. The State Water Resources Control Board stands in a unique position to lead in the face of federal retreat. We urge you to use your authority to adopt the statewide wetlands policy.

Sincerely,

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