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## 8-28-17 SWRCB Clerk

## Dear Water Board,

Protecting and restoring California's wetlands should be a priority because of the major role they play in ecosystem health. Wetlands filter water, removing sediment and other pollutants, which improves water quality. Coastal wetlands provide a buffer from storm surge and control erosion, both of which will help address sea level rise from climate change. Wetlands provide important habitat for migratory birds and numerous other fish, reptiles, and amphibians that are found only in California. Sadly, California has lost over 90% of its historic wetlands.

Please adopt the new Wetlands Rule.

Sincerely yours,

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