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**Subject: Comment Letter— Refinement of Hayward Marsh Beneficial Uses**

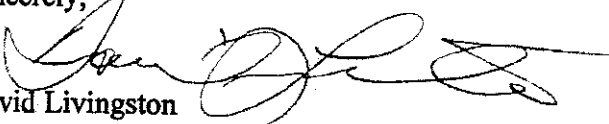
Dear Ms Townsend:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed approval of Resolution No. R2-2011-0057, an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Region (Basin Plan) that would refine the beneficial uses of the Hayward Marsh.

The Hayward Marsh is a unique and carefully managed wetland system that provides habitat for thousands of birds and is an established model for wetland restoration through reclamation of treated effluent from the Union Sanitary District's Alvarado Wastewater Treatment Plant. The amendment, which would remove the water contact recreation (REC-1) beneficial use designation and add the protection of rare and endangered species (RARE), is consistent with the Marsh's design and purpose and supports appropriate regulation and the continued success of this important project.

The District appreciates the thoughtful work of Regional Water Board staff in the development of this Basin Plan Amendment and supports its approval by the State Water Board.

Sincerely,

  
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