

September 29, 2010

Kathleen Cole Harder
Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Dear Ms. Harder:

This (letter/e-mail) is regarding the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District's (SRCSD) wastewater treatment facility permit currently up for renewal by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board).

The SRCSD has demonstrated through their involvement in many environmental efforts including water recycling, methane gas recycling, biosolids recycling, mercury, pesticide and other pollutant reduction efforts that they are committed to protecting the Sacramento River including the Delta ecosystem. To require them to comply with the stipulations in the current proposed draft permit would put a huge financial burden on the SRCSD that would need to be passed on to their ratepayers. The increase in monthly customer rates would be exorbitant and could cause financial hardship for many people.

The SRCSD has a responsibility to their customers to demand regulatory actions be proven necessary, reasonable and based on sound and compelling science, as the Clean Water Act and California Water Code dictate. The proposed permit requirements for nitrification, denitrification, microfiltration and UV disinfection of effluent have not been proven to be scientifically necessary and appears to be an unreasonable requirement by the Regional Board.

Lastly, I urge you to reconsider these permit requirements and to make a good faith effort to compromise with the SRCSD for the benefit of the general public who they serve and for the future of our Sacramento River and Delta system.

Thank you.

Albert Buck
Cathy Buck