

Summarized Comment:

The Central Valley Water Board received 104 comment letters from local sewer ratepayers that are not in agreement with the tentative NPDES Permit requirements for nitrification, denitrification, microfiltration and Ultraviolet Light (UV) disinfection of the discharge to the Sacramento River. The commenters are stating that the the SRCSD is complying with current Federal and State requirements, the proposed requirements are not scientifically proven to be necessary, and the \$2 billion costs for proposed facility upgrades are unreasonable. Compliance with the proposed permit places a huge financial burden on the residents, home owners, rental property owners and managers, and residential land developers, as the proposed \$30 to \$40 increase in monthly sewer rates (among other unrelated fee and cost of living increases) will cause financial hardship during these difficult economic times.

Additionally, the commenters support the SRCSD's involvement in many environmental efforts including water recycling, methane gas recycling, biosolids recycling, mercury, pesticide and other pollutant reduction efforts to protect the Sacramento River, the Delta and the environment. These residential sewer rate payers request reconsideration of the costly permit requirements, and request the Central Valley Water Board to compromise with the SRCSD for the benefit of the general public served by the District.