

Public Comment
Strategic Plan Update
Deadline: 6/20/08 by 12 p.m.

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State Water Resources Control Board
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Re: Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012, Version Three (Draft Update)--Public Comment Letter.

Dear Members of the Board:

Since I recently addressed the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's public review and comment periods for the City of Simi Valley's Municipal NPDES Permit, and the Ventura Countywide MS4 NPDES Permit, and the Department of Toxic Substances and Control Santa Susana Field Laboratory Public Participation Plan, and the City of Simi Valley's FY 2008-2009 Preliminary Base Budget, I am just focusing my comments on the issue of the State and Regional Water Boards commitment to the public which has been the main focus in my letters on other Update versions.

Members of the Board, because the Department of Water Resources FloodSAFE Vision is "A sustainable integrated flood management and emergency response system throughout California that improves public safety, protects and enhances environmental and cultural resources, and supports economic growth by reducing the probability of destructive floods, promoting beneficial floodplain processes, and lowering the damages caused by flooding" (www.water.ca.gov/floodsafe, "REBUILDING THE SYSTEM, REDUCING THE RISK" June 8, 2008), and the State and Water Boards cannot succeed without other agencies help to undertake a long-term comprehensive approach to water resources management (Page 3, Draft Update, Version Three) in order to succeed with their complex and technical "broad responsibilities to protect surface and ground water quality and balance competing demands on our water resources through programs that allocate water rights, adjudicate water right disputes, develop statewide and regional water quality control plans, and establish and implement water quality standards" (Page 2, Draft Update, Version Three) for the

statewide "watershed framework" (Page 3, Draft Update, Version Three), it is of the utmost importance that the State and Regional Water Boards are truly committed to the public, not just in outreach, and awareness (Page 4, Draft Update, Version Three), but in response to queries and concerns as well.

Members of the Board, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's staff continues to misspell my name. My enclosures submitted with letters on NPDES Permits are not always posted. This is the situation presently with my May 27, 2008 letter to Dr. Swamikannu on the Ventura Countywide MS4 NPDES Permit. I wrote to Dr. Swamikannu on June 6, 2008 requesting a correction of my name, and the posting of my enclosures, but to date my requests have been in vain.

Members of the Board, the letters submitted for the May 5, 2008 and May 16, 2008 (extension) Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's public comment deadlines on the City of Simi Valley Municipal NPDES Permit to date have not been posted. While this item--along with other Ventura County Cities Municipal NPDES Permits items--was stricken from the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's June 5, 2008 meeting Agenda, the comments should have been posted since a tentative date has not been scheduled. The commentators met the deadlines in "good faith".

Members of the Board, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's policy toward the public is one of "open government". The aforementioned situations are violations of that policy.

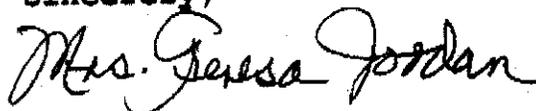
Members of the Board, with regards to the Draft Update document (May 30, 2008, Version Three), the last paragraph on Page 2 after "eliminate fragmented management approaches" reads "Deploying teams to concentrate on specific areas of needed development or reform horizontally integrates our efforts across the State. The creation of the Bay-Delta, enforcement, wetlands, and water quality data teams further implement this horizontal approach by drawing on similar expertise across the Water Boards to reduce fragmentation of effort. The Water Boards are also committed to continued participation in structural reform efforts to reduce fragmentation in decision-making" (top of Page 3).

The paragraph should read "Deploying teams to concentrate on specific areas of needed development and reforming horizontally integrate our efforts across the State. The creation of the Bay-Delta, enforcement, wetlands, and water quality data teams further implement this horizontal approach by drawing on similar expertise across the Water Boards to reduce fragmentation of effort. The Water Boards are also committed to continued participation in structural reform efforts to reduce fragmentation in decision-making."

Members of the Board, while I am all for streamlining processes for consistency, efficiency, and time reduction, I am opposed to the public being cut out of the process, and public participation being limited since the California Public Records Act does not safeguard that requests of copies of public records will be met, and with some local governments the coping fees can be costly at \$.50+ a page.

Members of the Board, the 5 "trends" on Pages 3 and 4 must state "influence", or "cannot influence" at this point in the Draft Update, Version Three.

Sincerely,



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