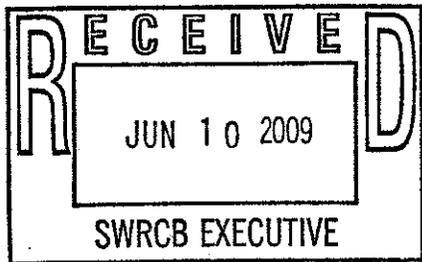




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Ms. Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 "T" Street, 24th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814



Re: Comment Letter – ARRA Subsidy

Dear Ms. Townsend:

I write regarding the "Notice of Opportunity to Comment" to clarify implementation of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) subsidy funds for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) projects.

Through the North Coast Coho Project (NCCP), Trout Unlimited (TU) has partnered with Pacific Watershed Associates, Humboldt Redwood Company, Redwood Forest Foundation and Campbell Timberland Management to submit proposals to the CWSRF ARRA funding opportunity that focus on Non Point Source (NPS) pollution on forest lands. On behalf of TU's NCCP and its partners, I urge you to allow for a competitive selection process that includes proposals that address NPS pollution projects on forest and agricultural lands.

Trout Unlimited's NCCP supports the arguments made in Philip Bachand's submitted comments titled "Comments to June 16, 2009 Board Meeting Session Resolution to Clarify Implementation of Economic Recovery Legislation for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program." From Mr. Bachand's comments, I echo the request to fund projects based on the following competitive criteria:

1. Completeness of applications
2. Construction and implementation beginning in the time frame that meets ARRA requirements
3. Impacts on disadvantaged communities as defined by the median income (relative to California median income) and the unemployment rate
4. Assessment on the project's impacts on water quality, beneficial use and anti-degradation criteria

We urge you to consider forest and agricultural NPS pollution projects and fund projects through a competitive selection process.

Please contact me at 707-962-0115 or by email at lbolton@tu.org if you have any questions.

Thank you for allowing for comments.

Sincerely,
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