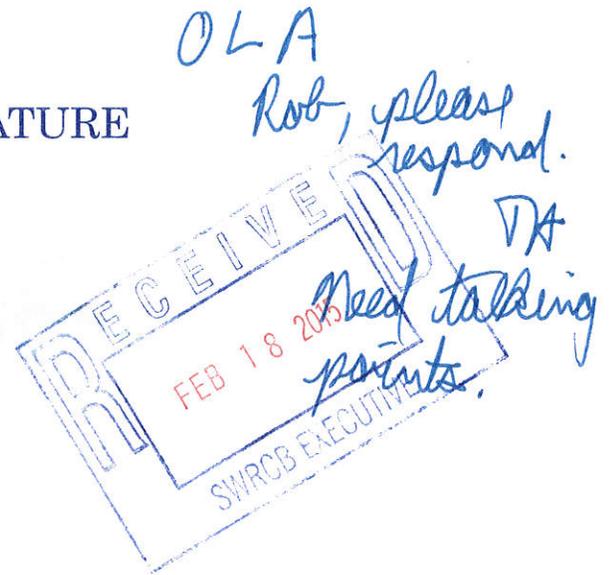


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Mr. Thomas Howard  
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Dear Mr. Howard:

We are writing to request your participation at a hearing of the Senate Natural Resources and Water and Environmental Quality Committees, to be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 112 of the California State Capitol.

The purpose of this hearing is oversight of California's implementation of Underground Injection Control (UIC) program.

As you know, the United States Environmental Protection Agency completed an audit of the program in 2011 finding many deficiencies with the state's implementation and thereby directing corrective action to be taken. However, in recent weeks it has been publicly reported that permits have been issued and illegal injections have occurred in underground water supplies that could be used as sources of drinking water or irrigation.

We would like you to address the following issues:

- 1) The role of the State Water Resources Control Board in ensuring the protection of California's water from contamination from underground injection wells.
- 2) How the State Water Resources Control Board's groundwater monitoring criteria and other activities as required by Senate Bill 4 (Pavley), Chapter 313, Statutes of 2013 will interact with the UIC program.
- 3) What the State Water Resources Control Board has found to date in mapping and monitoring the aquifers affected by underground injections occurring in California.
- 4) What the State Water Resources Control Board will be doing moving forward to prevent the contamination of California's drinking water supplies.

We look forward to and appreciate your participation. Please do not hesitate to contact Katharine Moore, Consultant to the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee at (916) 651-4116 or Rachel Wagoner, Consultant to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee at (916) 651-4108 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Senate Natural Resources and Water  
Committee



Bob Wieckowski, Chair  
Senate Environmental Quality  
Committee

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