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Re: Request for Comment Period Extension
State Water Resources Control Board Proposed Revisions,
Federal Clean Water Act Section 303(D) List Of Water Quality Limited Segments For
California



Dear Ms. Potter:

I am writing to request that the comment period for the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) proposed revisions to the 303(d) list be extended. Sweetwater Authority is a public retail water agency in San Diego County. We own and operate two major drinking water reservoirs: Sweetwater Reservoir, with a capacity of 28,800 acre-feet, and Loveland Reservoir, with a capacity of 26,000 acre-feet. Both reservoirs are proposed to be listed for multiple constituents.

We understand that the SWRCB is required to submit the list to the Environmental Protection Agency in April 2006. However, with the Southern California workshop in Pasadena scheduled for January 5, 2006 and comments due on January 17, 2006, there is little time to make constructive use of the workshop information. The Authority requires time to evaluate the basis for the proposals and to prepare a carefully considered response. We have learned that other reservoir owners/operators in San Diego County find themselves in the same position. It is notable that we became aware of the proposed listing of our reservoirs through an article in the San Diego Union Tribune on November 18, 2005, rather than from the SWRCB. This apparent lack of appropriate notification by the SWRCB is another reason that we believe a time extension is justified.

Both SWRCB and Region 9 RWQCB are important allies in the Authority's ongoing efforts to protect its water supply. We believe that it would be in the best interest of our region if those affected by the currently proposed 303(d) listing better understand the implications of the proposal before submitting more detailed comments.

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If we may provide additional information to you regarding this matter, please contact Rick Alexander, Director of Environmental and Governmental Services, (619) 409-6830.

Sincerely,



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