



# CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION of SANITATION AGENCIES

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11/19/13 Board Meeting- Item 3  
Extended Term Financing for CWSRF  
Deadline: 11/14/13 by 12 noon

November 14, 2013

*Via Electronic Mail*

Felicia Marcus, Chair, and Members  
State Water Resources Control Board  
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c/o Ms. Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
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**Re: 11/19/13 BOARD MEETING - Comments on Item 3: Proposed Resolution re:  
Application to USEPA to offer Extended Term Financing for Clean Water  
State Revolving Fund Program Projects**

Dear Chair Marcus and Members of the Board:

The California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) appreciates the opportunity to support State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Resolution No. 2013-\_\_\_\_ directing the Executive Director to apply to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to offer extended term financing (ETF) for all projects eligible for the clean water state revolving fund (SRF) program. CASA is a statewide association of municipalities, special districts, and joint powers agencies that provide wastewater collection, treatment, and water recycling services to millions of Californians. Many of CASA's members receive funding from the SRF and have a significant interest in how SRF loans are structured, including terms related to length of financing.

CASA fully supports this resolution and agrees that providing ETF to all eligible SRF applicants will make the program more competitive with other financing options available to communities seeking funding for water quality improvements. The request for a change in financing term, if granted, would increase the affordability of utilizing SRF funds for wastewater projects, likely resulting in more water quality projects being financed and completed. ETF can have a direct relationship to the cost of SRF financing and would likely increase interest from wastewater entities in utilizing the SRF. We appreciate the State Water Board's initiative in this regard and look forward to a positive response from USEPA on this application.

Very truly yours,

Adam Link  
Director of Government Affairs