

September 30, 2010

Kathleen Cole Harder  
Regional Water quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region  
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Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Dear Ms. Harder:

This letter is in regards to the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District's (SRCSD) wastewater treatment facility permit currently up for renewal by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board).

The SRCSD has demonstrated through their involvement in many environmental efforts including water recycling, methane gas recycling, biosolids recycling, mercury, pesticide and other pollutant reduction efforts that they are committed to protecting the Sacramento River, including the Delta ecosystem. A requirement of them to comply with the stipulations in the current proposed draft permit would put a huge financial burden on the SRCSD, which would need to be passed on to their ratepayers. The increase in monthly customer rates would be exorbitant, and could cause financial hardship for many people.

The SRCSD has a responsibility to their customers to demand regulatory actions be proven necessary, reasonable and based on sound and compelling science, as the Clean Water Act and California Water Code dictate. The proposed permit requirements for nitrification, denitrification, microfiltration and UV disinfection of effluent have not been proven to be scientifically necessary, and appear to be an unreasonable requirement by the Regional Board at this time.

I urge you to reconsider these permit requirements, and to make a good faith effort to compromise with the SRCSD for the benefit of the general public whom they serve, and for the future of our Sacramento River and Delta system.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Ames