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September 23, 2010

Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region
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Attn: Kathleen Cole Harder

Subject: SCRSD Draft Permit Regulations

To Whom It May Concern:

The Sacramento County Taxpayer's League has long represented the taxpayers of Sacramento County in fighting for responsible and efficient tax and utility rates. Currently, the League is leading the fight for a 9.3% roll back of utility rate increases within the City of Sacramento which the League feels strongly is unwarranted and excessive.

The League has been working closely with the SCRSD to help the District establish reasonable and responsive rates and impact fees and we believe that they have been working in good faith to be responsible stewards of the District. We have been working to balance the needs of the community for efficient, cost effective service that also protects the environment. This cooperative effort has been completely disrupted by what appears to be an overreach of authority and regulation by the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

The Sacramento County Taxpayer's League strongly protests the terms of the Draft Discharge Permit and cites the following points as the basis for the League's protest.

- The permit attempts to reduce 'pollutants' that have not been proven to be harmful to the delta ecology and are significantly in excess of well established standards of treatment by health officials and the federal Environmental Protection Agency.
- The initial cost of additional capital improvements and annual operating expenses will create a great hardship to the economically distressed Sacramento County, costing ratepayers between \$400 to \$500 dollars a year. This impact will be extremely hard on those individuals that are least able to afford these rate increases.
- The capital improvement costs will likely increase new economic development costs by approximately 5%. Many economic experts, as cited in the Wall Street Journal, believe that until housing and other economic development resumes, the economy of the Sacramento region will continue to lag, further harming the ratepayers within the District.

- If implemented, the increases in costs will encourage relocation of economic resources and housing to outside the boundaries of the District. Such relocation will lead to an increase in travel requirements of the communities, resulting in increased air pollution and other problems associated with increased transportation needs.
- The technical capital improvements required to implement the permit requirements will require a significant increase in energy requirements. The permit does not acknowledge the potential environmental impact of such a significant increase in power requirements.

In behalf of the taxpayers and ratepayers of the Sacramento County Regional Sanitation District, the Sacramento County Taxpayer's League strongly protest the overbearing requirements of the Draft Discharge Permit and ask that the Regional Water Quality Control Board to reconsider its position. We look forward to future discussion on this matter.

Sincerely,

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