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California Regional Water Quality Control Board,  
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Celeste Cantú  
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RE: TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS RENEWAL  
(NPDES NO. CA0077682) AND TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE ORDER  
FOR SACRAMENTO REGIONAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT,  
SACRAMENTO REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT,  
SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Eastern  
Municipal  
Water  
District

Dear Chair Hart:

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Utilities  
Agency

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Sacramento Regional Wastewater  
Tentative Waste Discharge Renewal NPDES No. CA 0077682.

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County  
Water  
District

The Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) is a joint powers agency consisting  
of five major water wholesalers: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, Eastern  
Municipal Water District, Western Municipal Water District, Inland Empire Utilities  
Agency, and the Orange County Water District. Together, our agency represents a  
watershed with a population of six million people.

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The State of California's water system is intricately and irrevocably linked together by the  
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (the Delta). The Delta serves many beneficial uses and  
purposes including supplying drinking water to the Santa Ana River Watershed. In fact,  
annually 322,000 acre feet of the drinking water used in the Santa Ana River Watershed  
flows through the Delta. For this reason, we encourage the Central Valley Water Board to  
adopt the proposed tentative permit as written.

Western  
Municipal  
Water  
District

Specifically, we are concerned with the risk of *Giardia* cysts and *Cryptosporidium*. The  
Delta is used not only for recreation, but also this water is used for irrigation of fruits and  
vegetables that we eat on a daily basis. That irrigation water and therefore, the wastewater  
needs to be essentially pathogen-free.

Ammonia and Nitrogen effluent limitations in this order must be adhered to because  
without reliable clean water, the economy of the whole state of California is adversely  
affected.

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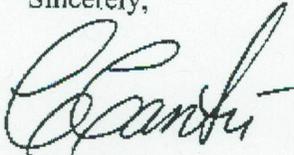
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There is every reason that this permit should be as protective as the others in the region and elsewhere in the State of California. While it is very difficult to fix a broken Delta, we certainly know how to stop harming the Delta.

Time is of the essence. For too long these pollutants have accumulated and wreaked havoc on an already venerable eco-system. Sacramento is a 21<sup>st</sup> Century city and needs to achieve the same standards of environmental protections that other cities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century have already achieved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Celeste Cantú  
General Manager

CC:pb  
c: SAWPA Commission

K/Celeste/Delta-Support Proposed Tentative NPDES Permit 10-7-10