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Subject: Oppose the Proposed Discharge Permit

Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Dear Members of the Board,

For a number of years, I have owned a small number of single family rental properties in the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (District) service region. This letter is in opposition to the proposed discharge permit proposal that will be considered by your Board in early December.

Businesses across the state are struggling in this economy. Few regions of California have suffered the way Sacramento has in this downturn. I and my tenants are also struggling to keep roofs over our heads. I have not raised my tenants rents in years since I know they are having a tough time financially. Each year my insurance, property taxes, utilities and maintenance increase, but I have been absorbing that extra cost out of my income and been living on fewer and fewer dollars.

A \$2 billion bill to businesses and customers is simply unreasonable at this time. Like other businesses, the state of residential rental property industry is at best unhealthy. We face declining rents and higher vacancies. It is unimaginable how I would absorb a whopping \$30-\$40 per month increase.

Given the strong disagreements by experts on this issue, I am not convinced that there is sufficient scientific evidence to justify this proposal and would recommend revisiting this issue in a couple of years when, hopefully, the area economy will be on more solid footing and more data will be available on the subject issue.

I ask that you vote against this proposed rate increase when it comes before you.

Sincerely,

Michael Smith