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Dear Ms. Kuhlman,

Thanks for this opportunity to comment on the proposed Basin Plan Amendment.

I am concerned that incidental runoff is permitted but is not defined; wastewater irrigation is permitted but the wastewater is not required to meet minimum testing standards including tests for pharmaceuticals, hormones and other toxins; that violators are not subject to losing their permits; that waterway setbacks appear inadequate to protect streams; that any irrigation is permitted on landscapes where pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers have been applied. All of these concerns should be thoroughly addressed before the Basin Plan Amendment is approved.

California is facing a shortage of clean water. The solution is to protect clean water and clean water sources. Therefore every effort must be made to carefully dispose of wastewater without degrading clean water. We must stop polluting our waterways

It continues to amaze me that clean potable water is delivered to homes and businesses where the clean water is turned into sewage. The sewage is sent to treatment plants where it becomes wastewater, not clean water. There is something very wrong with this picture. Our society must address the conversion issue as close to the source as possible or require a complete cycle where clean water is the end product.

On another note - For the past nine years I have been involved with planting drought resistant plants in Sonoma County and before that in Southern California. I have seen beautiful productive landscaping that requires minimal or no irrigation. Part of the shift that needs to take place is in irrigation practices. I urge you to address this shift as well.

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