



California Regional Water Quality Control Board Santa Ana Region



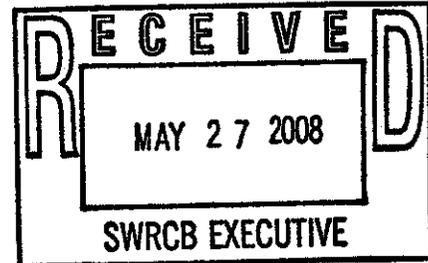
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COMMENTS TO A-1824 – JUNE 3, 2008 BOARD MEETING

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The following are the comments of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board Advocacy Team on the proposed order in the above-entitled matter.

The Advocacy Team supports adoption of the proposed order. Addressing perchlorate contamination of groundwater in the Rialto area has long been, and remains, the Santa Ana Water Board's top priority. The Advocacy Team appreciates the State Water Board's continuing efforts to schedule and conduct a hearing on Draft Amended Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R8-2005-0053 in the face of protracted resistance by the three named discharger parties.

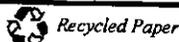
Settlement discussions have occurred both in the federal case and the instant proceeding. The City of Rialto, the three named dischargers and other parties to the federal case have pursued settlement of that matter. The Advocacy Team, the three named discharger parties, and the County of San Bernardino have separately discussed settlement of the CAO proceeding over the past few months and are continuing to negotiate. The parties have made major progress, but a resolution is not guaranteed. Still, should a suitable settlement emerge, a hearing on the CAO will presumably no longer be necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

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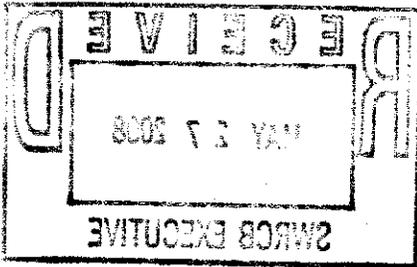


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