

ITEM: 8

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Regionalization, Reclamation, Recycling and Conservation for Wastewater Treatment Plants

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of Adoption of Resolution*

BACKGROUND: Regionalization of wastewater treatment and collection systems reduces the number of individual treatment and collection systems, and can allow for lower wastewater costs, more reliable treatment and collection systems, and higher levels of treatment.

Reclamation and recycling of wastewater can reduce the amount of pollutants discharged to surface and ground waters, and augment available water supplies.

Conservation can stretch limited water supplies and, by lowering the volumes of generated wastewater, can delay or eliminate expansion of wastewater systems.

The proposed resolution encourages and supports efforts by dischargers to regionalize wastewater systems, reclaim and recycle wastewater, and conserve water supplies. These efforts must, however, be balanced between these goals and with other water quality and water quantity needs. For instance, increased water conservation and increased wastewater reuse will generally increase the salinity of the wastewater. Regionalized treatment may allow for a higher level of wastewater treatment, but reclamation use may be limited by the increased distances to potential use sites.

The California Sportfishing Protection Alliance submitted comments on the draft resolution (attached).

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed resolution.

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