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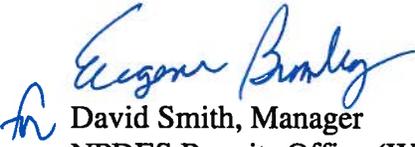
Re: Draft Permit Amendment for Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant
(NPDES Permit No. CA0077682)

Dear Ms. Creedon:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Central Valley Regional Board's proposed Order amending the NPDES permit for Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, dated July 12, 2013. We have reviewed the proposed permit amendment and would like to offer our support for certain items within the amending Order. First, EPA strongly supports the proposed effluent limits for ammonia and nitrate that are protective of beneficial uses at the outfall as well downstream in the Delta. This amending Order is also consistent with State Board Order (WQ 2012-0013) on these matters. We acknowledge the amending order includes higher effluent limits for chlorodibromomethane (CDBM) and dichlorobromomethane (DCBM) and we concur with staff recommendation to not issue performance-based effluent limits until construction upgrades have been completed and the plant has been running fully operational awhile. Finally, we support staff's conclusion that a time scheduled order is needed for N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) and is proposed alongside this amending Order. Therefore, EPA urges the Regional Board to promptly adopt the permit renewal as proposed.

We appreciate the great deal of work that has gone into modifying the amending Order; we are pleased to offer support for the permit modifications and renewal. If you have questions, please contact me at (415) 972-3464 or Peter Kozelka of my staff at (415) 972-3448.

Sincerely,


David Smith, Manager
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