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## State Water Resources Control Board

**TO:** Dr. Karl E. Longley  
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California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region

**FROM:** Cris Carrigan  
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**DATE:** February 26, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Approving Proposal by the Rose Foundation to Assist with Disbursement and Oversight of Funds for Supplemental Environmental Projects Benefitting Disadvantaged Communities

Dr. Longley;

The Office of Enforcement supports the above-referenced Resolution. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Policy on Supplemental Environmental Projects (the Policy) notes the State Water Board's support for the inclusion of Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) in Administrative Civil Liability settlements. Under the Policy, SEPs must directly benefit or study water quality or quantity and the beneficial uses of waters of the State. The Resolution is consistent with the Policy and furthers its goals and objectives. We note that the Rose Foundation is directly responsible for oversight of the SEPs, which eliminates the staff burden relating to the substantial benefits to beneficial uses the SEPs on the Rose Foundation project list will likely provide.

We believe the proposed Resolution also furthers the State Water Board Strategic Plan's goals and policies regarding environmental justice because it will facilitate direct environmental benefits in disproportionately underrepresented and disadvantaged communities where scarce resources often prevent the equal enjoyment of environmental benefits or protection from environmental and health hazards.