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Subject: Protect the San Luis Rey River and San Diego County's drinking water

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John Robertus
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Dear Robertus,

I urge the Regional Board to reject water quality certification ("Section 401 certification") for the Gregory Canyon Landfill project in northern San Diego County. I also urge the board to hold a public hearing on this issue.

I am concerned that toxics leaching from the garbage dump could severely harm critical groundwater supplies in the San Luis Rey River Valley's aquifers. In the midst of a statewide drought and with the

very real threat of climate change looming, regional water supplies are scarcer and more important than ever. This region's drinking water sources must be protected and preserved at all costs.

I also am deeply concerned that the board would consider issuing a certification for this massive project without holding a public hearing. The public has the right to be fully informed of -- and

participate actively in -- each and every permitting step that concerns this 200-acre garbage dump that threatens drinking water sources, sacred Native American lands and wildlife habitat.

For these reasons, I urge the Regional Board NOT to grant Section 401 certification for the Gregory Canyon Landfill. In addition, a full public hearing should be held to allow citizens to weigh in on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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