

September 7, 2012



Ms. Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1011 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Via E-mail
commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov

Subject: **Comment Letter – General Waste Discharge Requirements for ASR Projects**

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The Sacramento Water Forum supports the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) adoption of a statewide general permit authorizing the injection of drinking water into groundwater storage as part of aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) projects.

The Water Forum is a group of Stakeholders that has worked hard to develop a long-term sustainable solution for water supply and the environment in the Sacramento Region. Our organization has two co-equal objectives and supporting the proposed General Permit fits completely with in those objectives:

- To provide a reliable water supply for planned development to the year 2030, and
- To preserve the Sacramento region's environmental crown jewel, the lower American River.

ASR Projects maximize the use of wet-season water by storing it in local groundwater aquifers for use during hot, high demand periods. This increases both water supply reliability and protection of in-stream environmental resources.

The Water Forum appreciates the opportunity to comment on the General Waste Discharge Requirements for ASR project and urges the SWRCB to approve the draft ASR general permit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Gohring".

Tom Gohring
Executive Director, Water Forum