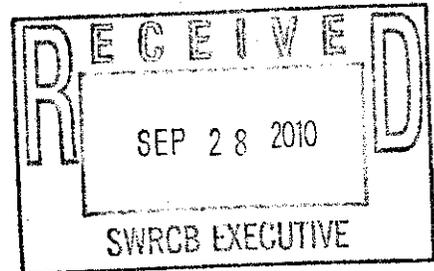


**commentletters - Comment Letter-Policy for Controlling Trash in Waters of the State**

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TO: Water Quality Control Board

Subject: Policy for Controlling Trash in Waters of the State

RiverTree Volunteers is a 501c3 organization dedicated to educating the public about the San Joaquin River thru "service learning projects". One type of project we do is river cleanups. In the 7 years of our organizations existence we have removed 5,614 tires from the San Joaquin River in the Fresno area and average removing a total of 32 tons of trash (tire weight included) each year from the river and its' banks. This last year we gave over 1,100 free canoe rides on the river, most of which were 8.5 miles long. We pass several Fresno City Metropolitan Flood control discharge points into the river on these trips. We find that far and way most trash and debris in the San Joaquin River in our area is introduced by illegal dumping and from recreational use on the river such as swimming, fishing, canoeing and motor boating. Our web site (rivertreevolunteers.org) and Face Book pages document much of this trash we have removed (most recently on 25 and 26 September 2010).

Prevention of vehicle access to the state owned waters and more public education of laws related to dumping in state owned waters would be of great benefit in the Fresno area.

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