



**"Comment Letter – Amendment to the Recycled Water Policy"**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RECYCLED WATER POLICY TO INCORPORATE  
MONITORING REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTITUENTS OF EMERGING CONCERN**

**I want the amendment to be changed to monitor all recycled waters for CECs.**

Why does the amendment not consider landscape irrigation as a location of concern when monitoring recycled water for constituents of emerging concern (CECs)? I do not know much about what recycled water goes where, but when I think of recycled landscape irrigation, I think of water for watering the grasses of golf courses, large parks, and small patches of city landscapes. I guess the thought here is that people will not have much direct contact or ingestion of this water, which is good.

What concerns me is most of these large parks or golf courses have large ponds of water, for scenic value. Perhaps you could help me by letting me know what kind of recycled water goes into these large pond areas, as an example William Land Park. Does this landscape water, which will not have monitoring requirements, fill these types of ponds? If so, you must take into consideration a couple of factors which present the possibility of human contact or ingestion of these waters:

1. Some people attempt to fish in these type of pond areas for recreation. If they were to ingest a fish caught in unmonitored recycled water, there is accumulation of these CECs in that persons body.
2. Some people swim in these pond areas or use them to bathe, out of necessity. In Sacramento, there is a large homeless population who may see use of these ponds for this purpose, which would give direct contact to the CECs.

And, if not in contact with humans, the recycled water will still find a way to bioaccumulate CECs in wildlife, which will eventually find a way back into our food chain. Landscape water will still be used by insects as a water source, who will be eaten by the fish or birds, which will find its way into the system of the larger animals: us or the animals we are now trying to protect from extinction; bears, wolfs, hawks...And deer eat grass; people like to shoot and eat deer.

It will all end up coming back to us eventually, and we should always protect those who cannot protect themselves.

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Also, does this nonmonitored water include agricultural water supplies? Because that would do nothing but directly accumulate the CECs in human food supplies; which would be the complete opposite of what the mandate is trying to do.

Thank you, I look forward to your response.

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