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Comments of Public Trust Alliance
RE: ACL Order and CDO

The Public Trust Alliance SUPPORTS the proposed action (stopping further effort on penalty enforcement) in this matter. But we continue to oppose the waste of public and private resources expended on unreasonable legal proceedings before this Board. Water Policy in this State is facing “changed circumstances.” Both the physical and legal circumstances of many local “problems” are changing with climate change and drought. Existing law places reasonable limits on the outcomes of public debate. The failure to acknowledge this can impose high costs on the public and the California SWRCB is a public trustee with REAL PUBLIC OBLIGATIONS. Our organization appreciates the efforts of this Board and its staff to function within the limits of law.

Total disarray and institutional failure at the Federal level do not generate a “free pass” for the States. We urge all participants in public process regarding California Waters to take seriously the burdens of “reasonableness.” There is more than enough work for everybody doing things that actually need to be done to adapt to climate change to waste resources on unreasonable and unnecessary process.

Thanks,
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