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Subject: Comments on Draft Updated Order No. R3-2014-0050

I am writing to support the proposed revisions to the permit for Cambria's EWS/SWF water project under Draft Updated Order No. R3-2014-0050.

Cambria, like all communities, needs a reliable water supply for health and safety reasons. Cambria is also in a state designated wildfire zone, and is dependent on only it's local water supply to protect this isolated community from wildfire. Cambria also declared a water emergency under state law a decade ago, which included a building moratorium. Per capita water use in Cambria is very low compared to other communities because of long term adoption of water conservation measures. There is not much else this community can do to protect itself from droughts and water shortage.

Yet, climate change is making precipitation less predictable, and droughts more likely in the future. The historical records of safe groundwater yields can no longer be counted on. Under the circumstances, it would be irresponsible and short-sighted for the water board to make a decision which would essentially eliminate the only source of water to Cambria that is not subject to the vagaries of future drought conditions, which are inevitable but unpredictable with regard to magnitude and duration.

I strongly urge your adoption of the revised waste discharge requirements as proposed.

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