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March 30, 2007

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region  
Ms. Diana Messina  
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**RE: Comments on Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements for the  
Placer County Sewer Maintenance District No. 3 Wastewater  
Treatment Plant**

Dear Ms. Messina:

The Placer County Department of Facility Services (County) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments (Attachment 1) on the Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (NPDES permit No. CA0079367) for the Sewer Maintenance District No. 3 Wastewater Treatment Plant, issued on March 2, 2007. We also appreciate Regional Water Quality Control Board staff time spent with County staff discussing our comments on earlier iterations of this permit.

We have made every effort to identify the key issues and technical corrections that we believe should be addressed prior to the Board adopting a Final Order. The majority of our comments on the Tentative Order are technical and factual corrections, which we believe can be readily addressed in revisions to this Tentative Order, prior to it being sent to your Board. However, there are a few provisions of the Tentative Order that require further discussion in order to reach a satisfactory resolution. These are:

- New, more restrictive turbidity limitations, with which the County will not be able to immediately comply, and thus the need for the permit to include a compliance schedule.
- The methods and assumptions used in the calculation of seasonal effluent limitations for ammonia.
- Addition of text to clarify the time schedule needed and requested by the County for CTR and non-CTR constituents.

We hope to work through the identified issues with you as soon as possible. Our goal is to develop a Tentative Order that both the Regional Water Quality Control

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Board staff and the County can support, and that we can jointly present, uncontested, to your Board.

Dave Atkinson of my staff will be contacting you to schedule a meeting to discuss our concerns. In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact Dave at (530) 886-4968 or myself at (530) 886-4980 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Will Dickinson, Deputy Director

WD/KB:lm

cc: (electronic copy only)

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Attachments: Comments on the Tentative NPDES Permit