October 9, 2010

Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

RE: OPPOSE THE PROPOSED DISCHARGE PERMIT

Dear Members of the Board,

I own and manage rental property in the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (District) service region. This letter is in opposition to the proposed discharge permit proposal that will be considered by your Board in early December.

Businesses across the state are struggling in this economy. Few regions have suffered the way Sacramento has in this economic downturn. A $2 billion bill to businesses and customers is simply unreasonable at this time and can only create an even worse economic downturn situation for a very large region.

Like other businesses, the state of our industry is at best unhealthy and will only worsen with this proposal. We face declining rents and higher vacancies. The recently passed state budget with cuts negatively impacting already stressed families will only contribute to the furthering of an economic downturn. It is unimaginable how our current economy would absorb a whopping $30 to $40 per month increase per rental unit. This could be the "straw that breaks the camel's back" in that tenants may be forced out their apartments due to the inability to absorb these additional costs. Social service agencies quite possibly may see an increase in their workload as a result should this proposal pass. They are barely able to meet the current demands on their services let alone increased demands.

The timeliness of this proposal could not come at a worse time. Given the strong disagreements by experts on this issue, I am not convinced that there is sufficient scientific evidence to justify this proposal.

Please take a stand and do the right thing for our community, our region and vote against this proposed rate increase when it comes before you.

Sincerely,

Ron and Dolores Buck

Cc: Cory Koehler, Rental Housing Association