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Subject: ALERT Opposition to the proposed wastewater discharge permit

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Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region

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RE: Opposition to the Proposed Discharge Permit

Members of the Board,

We own and manage rental property in the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (district) service region. We control some 82 units and have lived in the county (north area) and Carmichael for 60 years. We have owned these properties for over 30 years in total.

We have seen the most interesting thing happen when we are in 'recessions' or downturns in the economy. It seems every possible agency comes out of the woodwork and raises fees on the rental property owners in these times. We watch this carefully. Why? Because it eats into our operating income little by little. We notice that none of these fees that are assessed the rental property owners are ever rescinded when the economy gets better and agencies aren't desperate for money.

We are beyond strongly opposed to the discharge proposal that is going before the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Board scheduled for early December for two reasons: this is unnecessary and the largest single increase in the history of our region. We are regulated until we cannot breathe any longer. We are so tired of permits and regulations and government interference in our lives. This is unimaginable! If OUR math is correct, we will be facing a potential \$3,280.00 a month increase in fees (and that is just YOUR agency) with absolutely no way of passing this down to OUR tenants.

We have long said that all of you have no idea when you make these proposals for your agendas that there are many other agencies with similar agendas; add them all up and you wonder why we have slum landlords throughout the county. By the time we are through being nicked and dimed to death (in this case 'dollared' to death), where is the money to keep up with our deferred maintenance?

This proposal is simply unjustified and so inappropriate at this time with the decline in rents and higher vacancies due to the loss of jobs and layoffs.

We would like to know what you are thinking by trying to hold this hearing in December when most of us are busy and distracted with the holidays!

We landlords simply couldn't be angrier. The uncertainty of the tax situation which looms in front of us in 2011 just adds to the potential loss of more of our income which would be used to keep our properties up and to stay in business.

Nancy Emerson & Allan Davis