



Ms. Kathleen Cole Harder
 Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region
 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

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Re: SRCD Tentative NPDES Permit

Dear Ms. Harder,

On behalf of the Folsom Chamber of Commerce, the Folsom Economic Development Corporation and the Folsom Tourism Bureau, we would like to register our very strong concern over Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region’s draft permit recommendations.

The proposal not only places an excessive burden on the business community but is a huge deterrent for future development. Our region is suffering significantly during this recession and exorbitant fees as those proposed will simply devastate an already fragile economy. This includes the ability to provide affordable housing or to purchase a home -- this rate proposal will increase the price of the average home by over \$100,000. The destructive impact of this proposal on our economy cannot be overstated.

What is proposed goes far beyond what is “reasonable and necessary” under the Federal Clean Water Act. Sewer rates would triple for current homeowners and new construction would see over a quadrupling of impact fees. The proposal does not offer adequate scientific data to demonstrate legitimate environmental benefits in full ammonia removal. SRCSD has an excellent record for compliance (99.9%) and has exceeded regulatory standards and mandates. The real problems lay with SWRCB and that organization’s attempts to redirect attention toward Sacramento instead of addressing their own pumping systems.

We strongly urge you to consider the extensive negative economic effect of the draft permit recommendations. No one wants unclean water. But this proposal is extreme and will not result in significant changes to the quality of our water supply. Our strained economy simply can’t take any more exorbitant fees.

Sincerely,

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