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Subject: Proposed Increases for Discharge Permit - JUST SAY NO!

Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Valley Region
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RE: Oppose the Proposed Discharge Permit

Dear Members of the Board,

My husband and I own 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. We are no exception. Our renters are no exception. Few regions have suffered the way Sacramento has in this downturn. A \$2 billion bill to businesses and customers is simply unreasonable at this time.

Like other businesses, the state of our industry is at best unhealthy. We face declining rents and higher vacancies. It is unimaginable how we would absorb a whopping \$30-\$40 per month increase, and even more unimaginable how our renters would absorb this. Our tenants cannot afford an increase in rent; they are lucky to have a job! We all know how banks deal with foreclosure needs - they don't. Proposals like this will not only wipe out rental property owners, but more homeowners who are struggling still today. The percentage of homeowners in California is shrinking on a daily basis! Given the strong disagreements by experts on this issue, we are not convinced that there is sufficient scientific evidence to justify this proposal. We also believe this is a classic case where the left hand of government doesn't like or doesn't know what the right hand of government is doing!

We sincerely ask that your members on the board vote NO this proposed rate increase when it comes before the board.

Sincerely,
Rick and Jan Griggs