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

To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to our attention that there is a proposal to for the Sacramento region to pay up to \$2 billion for additional treatment processes at the wastewater treatment facility, even though over the past decade, the SRCSD has been 99.9% compliant.

The demands in the permit go beyond what is "reasonable and necessary" as required by the Clean Water Act. Although the SRCSD has acknowledged the scientifically established need to remove about half of the ammonia from its effluent, the cost to the community for the additional requirements is not appropriately balanced against the uncertain improvements to the environment and public health.

We can all agree that clean and safe water is a priority. However, the cost for additional treatment processes would put a **significant** financial burden on our local economy and the businesses that are barely surviving in this turbulent financial time. Especially since there is not a clear and compelling case that demonstrates real environmental benefits.

One of the objectives of the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce is to represent the business interests of the more than 2,500 businesses in our City. The proposed permit would increase rates significantly and discourage new businesses from opening. This is bad for business and for the economy.

Sincerely,

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