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## THE RIVER DISTRICT

September 28, 2010

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

**RE: Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) Discharge Permit**

Dear Ms. Harder,

On behalf of The River District, I would like to submit the following comments regarding the proposed SRCSD Discharge Permit:

- The Permit goes beyond what is “reasonable and necessary” and enters into policy-setting based on perception rather than a documented public health danger.
- Changes necessary to implement the Permit will severely impact pocketbooks across the Sacramento region—residents, businesses, schools, industrial operations. It will cause additional and ongoing economic hardship throughout the community.
- New and infill development will come to a halt, impacting jobs and economic recovery.
- There is no demonstrated public health problem to solve with this overwhelmingly high cost.
- We currently meet or exceed all state and federal regulatory standards and mandates, measures imposed in the Permit are unnecessary and unreasonable.
- The Permit will require advanced treatment based on science that is not fully vetted or compelling, at a cost that is not appropriately balanced against indistinguishable improvements to the environment and public health.

The River District is a 1,000-acre Redevelopment Area located in Sacramento’s Central City. Implementing projects in The River District will allow our region to comply with the many environmental benefits of Smart Growth. If the policies of this Permit are enacted, development and business growth in The River District will not occur in the foreseeable future.

Water quality is important, but not to the extent that it brings development to a standstill or causes household hardships, job loss, and business reduction and loss. We need a permit that provides a reasonable balance between regional economic stability and water quality.

Sincerely,

Patty Kleinknecht  
Executive Director

C: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
The Honorable Doris Matsui  
The Honorable Dan Lungren  
The Honorable Mike Thompson  
The Honorable Darrell Steinberg  
The Honorable Lois Wolk  
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