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**Subject:** Tulare Lake Basin Water Quality Control Plan Amendment: Support

On behalf of the California Independent Petroleum Association (CIPA), our client, I write in strong support of the pending Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin. This amendment is a science-based, commonsense action to better protect the region's resources, including water, habitat, energy and employment.

The amendment protects beneficial uses by recognizing and de-designating the isolated portions of aquifers where constituent concentrations significantly exceed statutory limits. At the same time, energy production and good-paying jobs are maintained in areas of rigorously proven containment or where there are no beneficial uses.

Additionally, this amendment is part of the CV-SALTS effort to strengthen re-use and recycling in aquifer protection and management. This innovative regional initiative is also strongly supported by the 550 CIPA members, who are predominantly medium and small employers living and working in the San Joaquin Valley.

The Central Valley Water Board and professional staff, as you are aware, developed this amendment after a prolonged and robust public process. We urge the State Water Resources Control Board's approval.

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