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April 10, 2019

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
320 West Fourth Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, California 90013

**RE: Testimony on items listed below to be heard by this Water Board at its hearing
scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2019.**

ATTENTION: Veronica Cuevas, and Jeong-Hee Lim

ADDRESSING:

TSO ORDER NUMBER R4-2019-XXXX, NPDES: CA 0054313 and CI 2960
(Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District Saugus Waste Water Reclamation Plant)

TSO ORDER NUMBER R4-2019 XXXX, NPDES CA0054216, CI NO: CI-4993
(Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District Valencia Waste Water Reclamation Plant)

SENT VIA EMAIL TO: veronica.cuevas@waterboards.ca.gov, and
jeonghee.lim@waterboards.ca.gov

Dear Ms. Cuevas, and Ms. Lim,

The Sierra Club would like to comment on the actions of the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District's Water Reclamation plants. The Sanitation District raised its rates based partly upon its pledge to its ratepayers that it would provide recycled water. With the District's claim that they can no longer carry out their promise, it is important to remind them that their project EIR lists the recycled water program as a formal "CEQA" project objective. Additionally, the District has not completed the EIR that Judge Chalfant has ordered regarding how the District will provide recycled water.

Fish and Wildlife has asked the Sanitation District to perform an SEIR to do the following:
LA County (SCH #2012011010)

1. Provide comments of the impacts to unarmored three spine stickleback under reduced discharge conditions
2. Research the impacts to Least Bell's Vireo
3. Provide an environmental baseline
4. Provide a biological baseline assessment
5. Assess an Instream Flow analysis

6. Obtain a CESA 2081(a) permit
7. Obtain an LSA agreement through impact identification and management commitments
8. Refine the vegetation survey
9. Broaden the scope of the adaptive management plan

We ask that the Sanitation District complete its obligation to provide an SEIR. We also request that the May 9th hearing be held in the Santa Clarita Valley, which is the community most affected by your decisions.

Please forward this testimony to all of the Water Board members, Ms. Renee Purdy, Michael Lauffer, and to Eileen Sobeck.

Respectfully submitted,

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