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Felicia Marcus Chair and Board Members
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I street
Sacramento, CA 95814
Dear Chair Marcus and Board members:

RE: PROTECT OUR WETLANDS

My name is Alan Carlton from Alameda and I am writing today to express my support for the proposed statewide wetlands policy regulation (“Procedures for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Materials to Waters of the State”), and ask you and the other boardmembers to do the same. California has lost over 90% of its historic wetlands, and we must do all we can to stop further harm, protect what remains, and rebuild some of what we’ve lost.

Wetlands provide important habitat for many native species in this state, such as birds, fish, reptiles, and amphibians. Wetlands improve water quality by filtering water. They can also provide key protections from the rising ocean levels that climate change will bring.

Despite all of this, President Trump has recently acted to roll back federal protections for wetlands. This is wholly unacceptable, and the state must do all it can to protect our resources from federal inaction. The State Water Resources Control Board stands in a unique position to lead in the face of federal retreat. We urge you to use your authority to adopt the statewide wetlands policy.

Sincerely,

[your name]