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Subject: Procedures for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Materials to Waters of the State - SUPPORT
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Felicia Marcus, Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Procedures for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Materials to Waters of the State

Dear Chairperson Marcus and Board Members:

Endangered Habitats League (EHL) supports the proposed statewide wetlands policy regulation. 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, the President 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,

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