February 14, 2019

Ms. Jeanine Townsend, Clerk of the Board
State Water Resources Control Board Members
1001 “I” Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

via email to: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov

Re: Resolution Authorizing Use of Supplemental Environmental Project Funds for Delta Regional Monitoring Program Projects in the Central Valley Region

Dear Chair Esquivel and Board Members:

The Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed Resolution Authorizing Use of Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Funds for Delta Regional Monitoring Program Projects in the Central Valley Region. Regional San provides wastewater collection, conveyance and treatment for over 1.4 million people in the Sacramento region treating an average of 150 million gallons of wastewater per day.

Regional San was an early supporter of developing the Delta Regional Monitoring Program (RMP) and continues to financially support its mission of coordinating and designing current and future water quality monitoring and special studies in the Delta. The Delta RMP is currently undertaking vital water quality monitoring activities in the areas of mercury, pesticides and toxicity, pathogens and nutrients. Although the Delta RMP is perhaps not as mature as its more well-known sister, the San Francisco Bay RMP, it is already creating a reputation for developing consensus-based work plans that focus limited financial resources on high-priority water quality monitoring activities and special studies.

The proposed Resolution authorizing the Central Valley Regional Water Board to allow appropriate supplemental environmental project funding to be committed to Delta RMP projects will vastly enhance the future activities of the Delta RMP. This will benefit not only the people of the Central Valley Region, but Californians throughout the state, given the statewide importance of water flowing through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our comments in support of this Resolution that will provide additional financial support for the Delta RMP. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at (916) 876-6092 (MitchellT@sacsewer.com).

Sincerely,

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