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Jeannie Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100,
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

RE: Comment Letter - SF Bay Region Beneficial Uses/Waterbodies Update

Dear Ms Townsend:

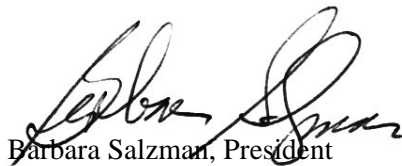
This is to convey the Marin Audubon Society's support for the proposed amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin. Adding the unnamed surface water bodies and designated beneficial uses for the San Francisco Bay Region is an essential step in protecting the Bay, its wildlife and fish habitat and all of the other beneficial uses that depend on it.

The health of the San Francisco Bay is important for the survival of all species and depends in large part of the on the quality of the Bay water. The ability of the State Board to regulate the quality of the Bay's water is central to maintaining and improving the Bay's water quality.

We have reviewed, in particular, the proposed changes for Marin County waterbodies. The changes will enable improved oversight and management of these important resources.

We urge that the proposed amendment be adopted.

Sincerely,



Barbara Salzman, President