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To:	Bowyer, Dale@Waterboards
Subject:	Letter to the Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Dear Chair Young and Members of the Board:

California's state agencies should be leaders in complying with federal and state pollution laws that protect San Francisco Bay and other waterways. But the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has failed for years to comply with the Clean Water Act and its stormwater permit requirements to control trash.

More than two years after a formal Notice of Violation, Caltrans still has not produced an acceptable plan to halt its illegal pollution. We appreciate the Board finally proposing a Draft Order requiring Caltrans to take specific trash control measures, but that order must be significantly strengthened to reduce damage to the Bay. We urge you to revise the draft order to require:

- *Accelerated installation of full trash capture actions that intercept trash from an additional 1,000 acres each year to achieve 6,000 acres of treatment by 2024, and treatment of all significant trash generating areas – no less than 8,820 acres – by 2028,*
- *Submission by Caltrans of a detailed trash generation map and explicit work plan within 3 months of permit adoption, and commitment of budgeted funds to implement the order,*
- *Cooperative agreements with municipalities to fund operation and maintenance of trash capture devices in addition to installation.*

These changes are essential to protect the Bay's ecology and recreational value, achieve timely compliance with pollution laws, and hold Caltrans accountable for the same trash control requirements you impose on cities and counties. The Board should vote to approve the Order with these changes.

Thank you for taking these crucial actions to stop pollution of the Bay from Caltrans roads.

Sincerely,

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Petition to the Water Board, January 2019

Comments

I asking you to please respect the waters of the Bay Area & every river, stream, animal refuge around the Bay Area & every open space around the San Francisco Bay, Oakland, Marin County, and all of the ocean front communities etc. around the area.

The waterways provide so much life for the entire area from the Harbor Seals, to the fish that swim there, to the shelled ocean life that have made the Bay Area their home.

At eighteen I made my first trip to San Francisco. I fell in love with San Francisco, the waterways, the people, the special vibrations, the excitement, that always in the air, thanks to the people who live there, the businesses & travelers alike, make the area what it is!!

For years I was able to travel to San Francisco & the Bay Area every few months, I called those trips my "San Francisco fixes". Those trips were so special & exhilarating for me.
Sadly, I fell into hard times & wasn't able to continue my frequent trips.

I finally made it back to San Francisco, as a Christmas present to myself, 4 yrs ago.
There was a lot of rain that year with flooding around the Wharf, with closed businesses, hotels along the Wharf rushing to find other accommodations for me, because their hotels were flooded.
San Francisco businesses worked together to make sure everyone was taken care of.

It's time again for every business, including yours, to pull together & not pollute the water ways of the Bay Area!!
Why would you consider the Bay Area waters as your dumping ground?
Being a dumping ground is not the purpose those waters or any water anywhere!!

Humans have been poisoning the waterways, streams, rivers, animal habits for to long!!
It's time to stop what we've doing to the water & ground around us!!

Our trash is poisoning & killing every area that our trash comes in contact with!!
We have islands/barges of trash floating our oceans. We're contaminating the beaches, you know, the one's that ALL OF US VISIT, when we can, for the peace & comfort that being on the beach & near the ocean makes us feel.

I'm asking you to please, do not add to the issues that our Bay Area Ocean already have because of the pollution & trash that's already there.

With everything going on with our environment, climate change, melting of the Polar Ices etc.

Please, do what's right, if you have a conscience, you'll find a way to "not contaminate" the waters around you & the rest of the world.

Please, be the first of the many businesses out there, to start the change of not polluting the waters around you!!
Why not make your goal for 2019 to "not pollute the water around you"?

I would think that the feelings you'd get from not dumping your trash in the area's waterways, would be gratitude, the satisfaction in doing a good thing for the area around you & the beauty of the environment.

My heart felt thank you for & if you read my letter.
Sadly, I've had to move out of California, but when & if I can return, it'll be to San Francisco.

Sincerely,
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