From:	David Lewis
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

Dear Chair Young and Members of the Board,

I found out that CALTrans is by Federal and State Pollution Laws required to clean trash from the freeways before it reaches a waterway. Well as someone who has lived next to San Francisco Bay my entire life I know you have failed miserably to comply with these laws. All that is necessary to know this is to drive between the 68th/Heigenberger off ramp and the High St off ramp in Oakland.

I appreciate that you have finally put together a draft to attempt to deal with this. However, u should include:

Accelerated plans for full trash capture before reaching the bay or any water ways.

Submission by cal trans of trash mapping, and work plan with in three months. With a committed budget to implement the plan.

Cooperative plans with the municipalities in order to implement and fund and maintain the trash capture devices after the installation.

This is essential to the well being of the waterways, bay, and ocean. This helps you comply with the laws snd thus help yourselves.

Please improve the pollution control in waterways.

Sincerely,

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