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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.

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Petition to the Water Board, January 2019

Comments

Hello,

Our natural resources are among the state's greatest assets. I worked in state government for 12 years and know how difficult it is to balance all of the different priorities that state departments are responsible for. Nevertheless, Caltrans must meet its legal obligation to clear garbage from road ways and highway. To not meet this obligation is a violation of the Clean Water Act. For years, Caltrans has neglected to do its job and is leaving state roads and highways littered with garbage. The result is that trash washes into our Bay when it rains and creates an unhealthy environment for wildlife, human beings, and marine life. The Water Board must take a stand and order Caltrans to obey the law. I realize the Board's draft Enforcement Order is weak and slow-moving, but it must meet its obligations to the people of CA and press Caltrans to obey the existing laws.

Thanks,

Chris Campana