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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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Comments

I pay more for street cleaning tax that what my power bill is. There is no street cleaning in our community. They have extended a highway inside our community without any protective separation between the three lanes they took for the highway and the one lane they left of our community access street. The accumulation of garbage on the side of our streets is incredible. We have to pick it up ourselves. Caltrans is being paid with the tax I mention above. It is a shame what my community goes through with all the dirt that clogs our sewers. Sepúlveda Boulevard gets flooded because the flow brings their excess of water to our corner and the sewers are full of dirt. Paper and plastic bags, fast food containers are thrown through the passing cars windows when the eating is finished. Pieces of clothing. Plastic cutlery. All types of fill in from mailing boxes. News papers. And so on to the infinite. This is a compounded illness caused by a useless Caltrans and the passengers of the cars that use the highway and lack any respect for the law. We also never see a police car unless they use the street to go to eat. And on the way to eat they do not want to be bothered. Conclusion this city keeps on going because the residents are disciplined. The rest is a complete disaster.