

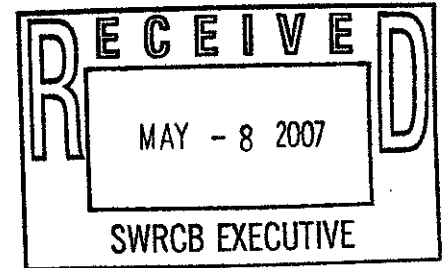
Wetland/Riparian Policy
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Thank you for allowing and accepting comment during this extended period. The alternatives proposed appear to be written in a way to logically have the reader choose Alternative 4. No Action, Alternative 2, and 3 leave the reader with the feeling that "minimal level of protection to waters" is totally inadequate. That just is not the case. I find it very hard to believe that the people overseeing water quality will allow anything to negatively impact water quality without first taking the discharger's first born. When "zero net discharge" is the standard, how can that be termed "minimal level of protection to waters"? With Water Quality's current authorities, the level of protection needed to adequately protect the waters of the state should not require anything more than Alternative 2. Alternative 2 allows the state to control discharges for all waters of the state; requires dischargers to make an assessment of impacts, evaluations and testing, minimize adverse effects, and provide discharge alternative analyses along with compensatory mitigation for all impacts. I would not term the forgoing as "minimal level of protection". I truly believe that Alternative 2 fully protects the waters of the state and will do so under existing authorities with minimal revisions as proposed.

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