

Wetland/Riparian Policy

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Ms. Tam Doduc
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Dear Ms. Doduc,

The State of California needs a comprehensive approach to protecting its remaining wetlands and streams and the wildlife that depend on them. These vulnerable areas are some of our most valuable resources, and protecting them now is in the best long term interest of California's environment and economy.

The only alternative that would adequately protect our wetlands and waters is the State Water Resources Control Board's proposed Alternative 4. Alternative 4 will fully protect our wetlands and streams by addressing the causes of pollution and erosion and offering the strongest protective policies for our wetlands, waters and wildlife.

The federal government is not protecting our waters. The U.S. Supreme Court has handed down several recent decisions that have removed crucial protections from many of our wetlands and waters.

The state of California needs to step up its protection policies for some of our most valuable and vulnerable areas.

It is time for California to do what it does best set the example for the rest of the nation.

California should adopt the Wetland and Riparian Protection Policy Alternative 4 by the end of 2007 and provide the strongest possible protections for our irreplaceable wetlands and streams, and the wildlife and people who depend on them.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

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