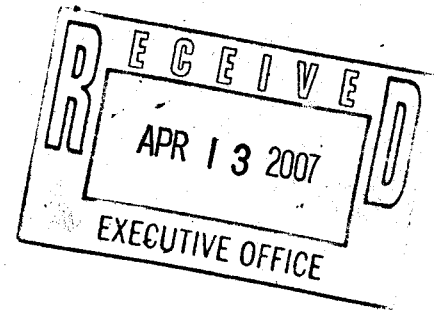


Wetland/Riparian Policy
Deadline: 4/19/07, 12 noon

April 11, 2007

Chair Tam M Doduc
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
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Chair Tam M. Doduc and Board Members
State Water Resources Control Board

Dear Board members:

Please choose alternative 4 in your DEIR when developing a "Wetland and Riparian Area Protection Policy" to best protect our valuable wetland and riparian areas.

These areas are essential breeding grounds supporting both commercial and sport fisheries, they provide flood protection, they replenish our aquifers and they cleanse our groundwater. In addition, they provide recreation to multitudes of hunters, fishermen, bird watchers, hikers, boaters and kayakers and other sports enthusiasts. The recreational activities provided by these areas are important for tourism and the support of our state's economy.

So much of our wetlands have been lost we can not afford to lose more. Since the federal government is either unwilling or unable to provide the necessary protection, the state must do so as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Hazelleaf".

Tom Hazelleaf
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