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Public Comment  
**CWSRF POLICY**  
Deadline: 8/21/08 by 12 p.m.

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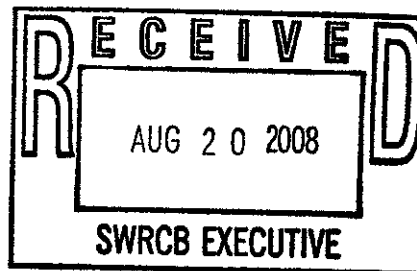
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**CITY MANAGER**

Abdel L. Salem

August 16, 2008

Ms. Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I St., 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, Ca. 95814



**Subject: Amendment to the Policy for Implementing the CWSRF**

The City of Delano wishes to comment on the proposal to amend the "Policy for Implementing the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for Construction of Wastewater Treatment Facilities (CWSRF Policy)", which is currently open for public review and comment. The City of Delano has on-going plans to construct an expansion of its wastewater treatment plant and is currently listed on the State Revolving Project Priority List. To date, the City has completed the design and environmental phases of the project and awarded the bid for construction of the project. The project had previously been delayed for almost two years by the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service and the State Historic Preservation Office over relatively minor items. The City's contractor is currently awaiting a Notice to Proceed (NTP) for the project.

The City has awaited authorization since early April, 2008 to issue an NTP for the project from Water Resources Control Board staff. We understand that new CWSRF Policy regarding SRF funding requirements are being considered for adoption by the Board. The City of Delano has no specific objection to adoption of the new policy; we, however, request that the City not be subject to any new policy since the City has practically completed the funding process under current policy and has a contractor ready to begin construction.

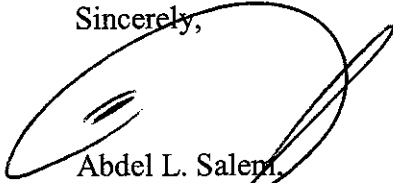
We believe that issuing an NTP to our Contractor without a firm SRF funding commitment is not prudent for the City and choose not to take this risk. This puts the City of Delano in the position of not issuing a NTP and possibly losing an advantageous bid that was approximately \$2 million below the Engineer's Estimate, losing the services of available contractors and sub-contractors, creating a bad climate for future re-bids, and causing possible hardship for all parties. We ask for your consideration of not applying new policy to our project.

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Please feel free to contact Ms. Kathy Kivley, Assistant City Manager, at 661-720-2247 or John Wankum at 707-552-2022 if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Abdel L. Salem". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop that extends upwards and to the right, crossing over itself.

Abdel L. Salem,  
City Manager

cc: Kathy Kivley, Assistant City Manager  
Alan Peake, City Attorney  
John Alderson, Public Works Director  
John Wankum, Project Manager

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