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Re: Update of the Water Quality Management Plan for National Forest System Lands in California

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Update of the Water Quality Management Plan for the National Forest System Lands in California. I understand that the update is to a 1981 document entitled Water Quality Management for National Forest System Lands, and that Best Management Practices (BMP) from that document were last updated in 2000. I also understand that a Stakeholder Committee is being formed to guide a working group, the latter of which will be composed of staff from the Water Board and the Forest Service.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage the Board to include local governments in the update process. Local governments represent areas most impacted by the Forests, and input from local stakeholders is vital to the update process. Representatives from cities and counties with Forests within or near their jurisdiction, such as Inyo County, should be included on the Stakeholder Committee.

Thank you for your attention. Please continue to apprise the County of the Board's progress updating the Plan. You may call me at (760) 878-0263 or email me at mconklin@inyocounty.us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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