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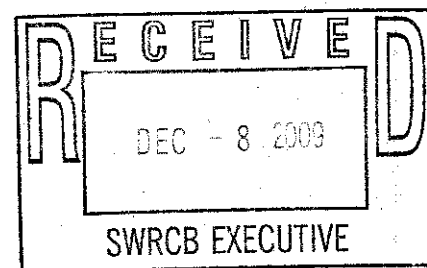
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Charles R. Hoppin, Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attention: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board

RE: Comment Letter – OTC Policy



Dear Chairman Hoppin:

I am writing to express the support of the staff of the California Coastal Commission for the proposed Statewide Water Quality Control Policy on the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling (OTC Policy). Commission staff has appreciated the opportunity to participate in discussions regarding the development of the OTC Policy through the Inter Agency Workgroup, convened by the State Water Board staff. We believe that the proposed OTC policy will help meet California's environmental policy goals to reduce or eliminate the significant impacts of Once-Through-Cooling systems while maintaining the reliability of the state electrical power supply system.


We are also encouraged by the thoughtful participation and support for the development of the proposed OTC policy by the California Energy Commission, the California Public Utilities Commission, and California Independent Systems Operator. The report by these energy agencies entitled "Implementation of Once-Through-Cooling Mitigation through Energy Infrastructure Planning and Procurement Changes" and accompanying table identifying key infrastructure milestones and compliance dates for existing power plants provides a strong basis for developing a successful implementation plan to support the objectives of the OTC Policy, while ensuring the reliability of the state's electrical system.

We encourage the State Water Board to adopt the proposed OTC Policy and to strongly enforce milestones and compliance dates in the accompanying implementation schedule.

We look forward to continuing to work with the State Water Board and other agencies to support the implementation of the OTC Policy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alfred Wanger".

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