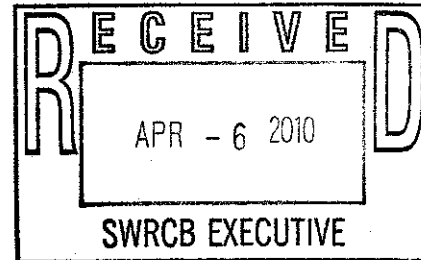


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April 13, 2010

“Comment Letter – OTC Policy”  
Jeanine Townsend,  
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Dear Water Board Member:

I am very concerned about government rule making bodies with single item agendas. The environmental movement, which does not count cost, has almost ruined California's economy. Consider a similar one-sided argument from California citizens "since there is a state budget deficit please consider cutting 90% of your staff". Or alternately "since these are difficult economic times to not increase the cost of basic commodities (electricity), the Water Board will cut 90% of its budget, to enable funding the redesign of water intakes for one power plant a year with no consumer impact.

A second concern is that the money is not free. If it is used to redesign power plants and save plankton, it is not available to heal poor children for instance, (they are also part of the environment). You are making that choice.

A third concern is specifying "what" to do to solve a problem (this is never a government strong point). Usually government makes matters worse rather than better. I would suggest that if you are concerned about plankton and seals and such that you pass a regulation concerning "that" and not regulate "how" to solve a problem. Engineers are far better at engineering a solution than administrators. And yes I know the government has engineers – they don't count - they like you have never had to consider economics.

Sincerely,

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