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Ms. Tam Doduc, Chair, and Members
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Dear Chair Doduc and Members:

COMMENTS ON PUBLIC SCOPING FOR PROPOSED STATE POLICY FOR WATER QUALITY CONTROL, SAN FRANCISCO BAY, SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN RIVER DELTA, AND TRIBUTARIES MERCURY DISCHARGE OFFSET POLICY

The Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Proposed State Policy For Water Quality Control, San Francisco Bay, Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, and Tributaries Mercury Discharge Offset Policy dated January 2007. CCCSD is a principal member of the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (BACWA) and supports the comments submitted by BACWA in a separate letter.

In general CCCSD supports the proposed mercury discharge offset policy. CCCSD would like to emphasize the importance of flexibility in the types of mercury reduction activities that are considered acceptable. In addition the offset ratios should be reasonable and not diminish the incentives of the offset policy for the dischargers.

CCCSD again appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed Mercury Offset Policy. Please contact me at 925-229-7284 or Randy Schmidt at 925-229-7333 with any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

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