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Re: COMMENT LETTER – 2/8/2006 PUBLIC HEARING FOR SSORP

Dear Board Members:

This letter is in response to the State Water Board's Draft Statewide General WDRs for Wastewater Collection System Agencies and Draft Monitoring and Reporting Program.

The Board of Directors and Staff of Eastern Sierra Community Service District (ESCSD) concur that a Sanitary Sewer Overflow Reduction Program may help reduce or prevent sewer overflows and decrease risk to both human health and the environment, and we support the effort to develop a regulatory program for wastewater collection system agencies. It is our concern, however, that the implementation of such a program will have a significant negative impact on the finances of small agencies. It is the position of ESCSD that the following items be seriously considered before the State Water Board adopts the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Reduction Program:

- 1) Financial assistance for small agencies to help implement a program that complies with the State's requirements.
- 2) Availability of State resources (i.e. technically qualified and experienced persons) to small agencies for the certification of the proposed program.


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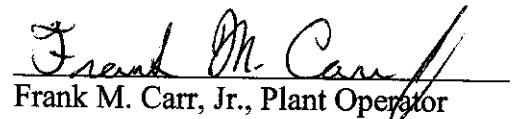
In addition to ESCSD, the following agencies in our region have the same concerns and are willing to work collaboratively to implement approved statewide general waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and monitoring and reporting program:

Bridgeport Public Utilities District
City of Bishop
Hilton Creek Community Service District
June Lake Community Service District
Lee Vining Public Utilities District

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these concerns.

Cordially,


Walter J. Pachucki, President
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