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RE: COMMENT LETTER - 5/3/06 BOARD MEETING - SSORP
Alpine County Comment on Statewide General Water Discharge Requirements for
Wastewater Collection System Agencies

Honorable State Water Resources Control Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Statewide Order relating to discharge requirements for wastewater collection system agencies. As the eighth smallest and least populated county in the State of California, the proposed regulations present significant challenges to rural jurisdictions like Alpine County.

The County of Alpine is located in the eastern Central Sierra. With a total population of less than 1200 residents, there are a total of three wastewater collection systems located in the county, each serving a relatively small customer base. Rate increases alone will be insufficient to cover the cost of implementing the requirements contained in the proposed order, which is clearly constructed to address the operation of larger, more sophisticated systems.

The Alpine County Board of Supervisors respectfully request that the Board consider providing an exemption to public jurisdictions with populations of 10,000 or less. Alpine County is once again disadvantaged by the state's concept of "One size fits all." Before implementing such regulations, discussions should occur with legislative representatives familiar with the challenges of implementing these mandates in rural locations such as Alpine County, where the cost and complexity of the new requirements exceeds the capability of existing operations.

Your attention to our comments is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Gunter E. Kaiser, Chair

CC: RCRC
Senator D. Cox
Assembly Member T. Leslie