Chlorine Policy Deadline: 7/14/06 5pm

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## Boardmembers --

I have recently learned of the proposed "Total Chlorine and Chlorine-Produced Oxidants Policy of California" and \*am writing to ask that you not adopt this new policy\*. At the same time that there are ongoing discussions between the environmental community, East Bay MUD and the San Francisco Regional Board to address the serious problems associated with releases of chloramine-treated drinking water into our streams and creeks is not the time to adopt a policy that will underdo this effort to solve the problem. I have heard first hand from staff of the Urban Creeks Council of seeing fish kills in Strawberry Creek in Berkeley as a result of a water line break. The state has a serious issue to deal with now that water agencies have converted to chloramine which is deadly to aquatic organisms including fish, amphibians, and insects.

Adoption of the policy before you will completely undermine efforts to address and solve this problem. Is it the State Board's intent to aid in the resolution of this very serious issue or to sweep it under the rug?

I strongly urge you to \*not \*approve the new proposed policy and instead support the efforts of the SF Regional Board to work to come to a resolution of the chloramine problem.

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