commentletters - Comment Letter - 2010 Integrated Report / Section 303(d) List

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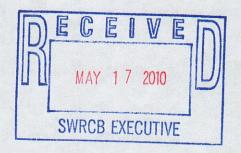
Dear State Water Resources Control Board,

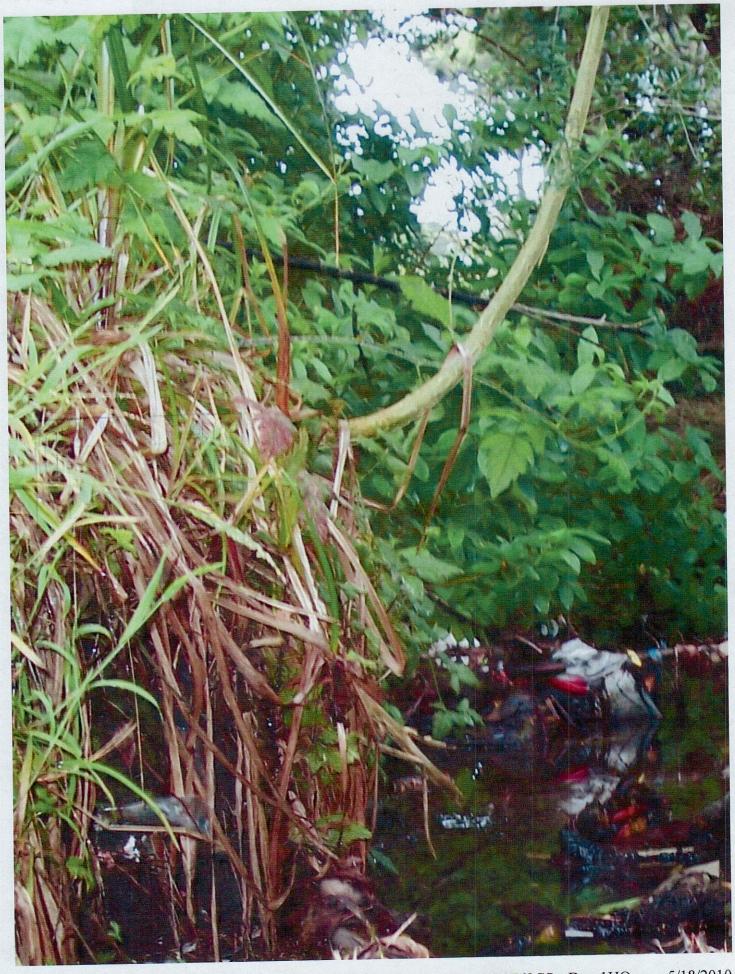
I am writing in regards to the proposed 2010 CWA 303(d) and 305(b) Integrated Report. I am particularly interested in seeing Sanchez Creek, located in Pacifica in San Mateo County, considered for the list as an impaired water body. Among other factors affecting aquatic life and water quality at Sanchez Creek, trash is a persistent problem in the water body. The photo attached was taken by Ian Butler in May of 2009. Subsequently a small clean-up effort was organized, but the golf course that operates around the creek has restricted access to the area for clean-ups.

Sanchez Creek provides occupied and unoccupied habitats for two federally protected species, the California red-legged frog and the San Francisco garter snake. It drains into an important breeding area for the frog, Horse Stable Pond. The waters are eventually pumped through a sea wall and out to the ocean. Trash in the waterway can negatively impact habitat values of the stream.

Thank you for your consideration,

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