



January 4, 2005

Re: Periodic Review of 1995
Water Quality Control Plan

Debbie Irvin, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Ms. Irvin:

The City of Antioch operates a municipal water system that serves drinking water to approximately 100,000 residents of the City. For over 100 years water has been diverted for municipal and industrial use by the City. The City has "Pre-1914 rights" to divert water directly from the San Joaquin River at Antioch, and has a vital interest in protecting the quality and reliability of that water supply. In addition, as part of the Contra Costa Water District, the City of Antioch purchases untreated water from the Contra Costa Canal to supplement our supply. This water too, comes from the Delta.

We understand that the State Water Resources Control Board is considering modifying the 150 mg/L and 250 mg/L chloride objectives as part of the Periodic Review. A change in the compliance location has also been proposed, which could result in worsening water quality at our intake. The City of Antioch strongly opposes any proposal that would degrade the quality of water available to the City from the Delta. We rely on high quality water from the Delta to be able to meet existing and future drinking water regulations. Any further degradation in water quality beyond that which we have already experienced historically will directly affect our operations and the quality and cost of the water that we deliver to our customers. We are aware that the Contra Costa Water District has provided many facts and figures to you regarding these proposed changes, and we agree that the objective of any modifications should be to improve protection of source water quality.

We would appreciate your consideration of our beneficial use of Delta water during the Periodic Review process. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Sarti (925) 779-7024.

Sincerely,

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Director of Public Works

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Water Quality Analyst

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