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Subject:	Comment Letter re: Nestle Matter
Attachments:	Nestle Letter 2-6-17.pdf

Hello Mr. Vasquez,

Please find attached my comment letter on the Nestle Matter in the San Bernardino National Forest. My husband and I are full-time residents of Big Bear Lake, CA and are very concerned about this issue.

Best Regards, Lisa

February 6, 2018

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Dear Mr. Vasquez,

I am writing as a full-time resident of Big Bear Lake in the San Bernardino National Forest. I am very concerned about the conclusions of Report of Investigation (INV 8217) regarding water rights claimed by Nestle Waters of North America in the Strawberry Creek drainage on the San Bernardino National Forest. Given that Nestle's water extractions have long exceeded the amount of their legal water rights, I urge the Water Board to take immediate enforcement action to halt illegal withdrawals. I further urge the Board to compel Nestle to remedy decades of adverse impact on fish and wildlife in the Strawberry Creek watershed. Such remediation must compensate for the damages caused by excess extraction from 1947–2015, and continuing unmitigated to this day.

It is essential that the Water Board take an active role in protecting this vital natural resource, and not defer to Federal agencies (USFS, USFWS) now subject to political pressures contrary to their role as trustees of public resources. Please remain engaged in the issue, which demands action to study and mitigate damages, and take strong action to protect the water resources that we Californians, and our natural resources rely upon.

Sincerely,

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