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State Water Resources Control Board
Attn: Felicia Marcus and State of California Board Members
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Felicia Marcus and Board Members,

Though people take for granted the ease of turning on their tap, filling their glass with water and ice, or simply opening a bottle of water, it is undoubtedly and unarguably a necessity for survival. Water not only gives people life, but also the animals and plants of the Earth. It is an invaluable resource, one taken for granted by most. There are people around the world, and in California's own backyard, who don't have access to pure, clean, drinkable water.

Nestlé is a global company that reaches nearly, if not every, corner of the world with one of its numerous brands. They use the resources of others to make a product and turn around and sell it. To the people who they took the essential resources from, i.e. water. I'd like to applaud you and your board members for listening to us, the people of California, and investigating Nestlé's use, and outright theft, of the water from the San Bernadino National Forest. However, I urge you to persist in this matter and to see through to the end that Nestlé is restricted to their approximate 8.5 million gallons limit, instead of the 32 million gallons they have been stealing from the people of this State.

The water taken by Nestlé could have been put to use extinguishing the raging fires that have stormed through Southern California, or a myriad of other ways to benefit the people of our great State. How does allowing the largest food and beverage company in the world take an excess of 23.5 million gallons of water, seemingly without repercussion, from the law abiding, taxpaying, and hard working citizens of California?

It Doesn't.

Nestlé should be held accountable to their actions. I urge you to put a stop to their thievery, for that is exactly what it is.

Thank you for your time,



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