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Ms. Felicia Marcus, Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Human Right to Water Resolution

Dear Ms. Marcus:

On behalf of my client, the **Water Quality Association and the Pacific Water Quality Association**, I am writing in support of the Human Right to Water resolution.

We believe that clean water is vital to life and that all Californians should have access to it. We know that not everyone in California has access to public water systems and support the Board looking at all ways to address their needs including the development new regulations governing POU/POE treatment systems for communities that can demonstrate that centralized water treatment is not immediately feasible so that some contamination issues can be addressed as quickly as possible so that clean water will be available to people in the affected communities.

The **Pacific Water Quality Association** and the **Water Quality Association** are made up of businesses representing many aspects of water quality. PWQA and WQA members are heavily involved in such areas as salinity management, water softening, contaminant (hexavalent chromium, perchlorate, arsenic, etc.) removal from drinking water, processing water for the health care, IT, lodging and food service industries; and a host of other water quality areas. As leaders in the water treatment industry, focus is on improving the quality of water for specific needs, and addressing the larger water quality picture through joint research projects with the Environmental Protection Agency and American Water Works Association on salinity management, and alternative water treatment technologies.

Sincerely

Pete Conaty