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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL** c/o Ms. Jeanine Townsend at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov)

RE: Comments on Proposed Approval of an Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region to Establish the Policy in Support of Restoration in the North Coast Region

Ayukii Ms. Marcus,

California's North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) has proposed an Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region to Establish the Policy in Support of Restoration in the North Coast Region (Restoration Policy). The primary purpose of the Restoration Policy is to express support for projects that protect, enhance, and promote recovery of beneficial uses. The Restoration Policy describes the benefits of restoration projects, obstacles impeding restoration projects, and permitting requirements for restoration projects.

We have reviewed the Restoration Policy and support adoption of it by the State Water Resources Control Board. We appreciate the Restoration Policy's recognition that the long-term value of improvements in habitat and water quality that result from restoration projects outweigh the detrimental effects of short-term impairments to water quality. We support the Regional Board's efforts to coordinate and streamline permitting for restoration projects.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Should you have any questions or require additional information please contact me at, [scorum@karuk.us](mailto:scorum@karuk.us), (530)-469-3456, with any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

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