



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the State Water Board

Dear Ms. Townsend:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Board's) proposed approval of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Board's) Basin Plan amendment to refine beneficial uses for Hayward Marsh, and to clarify Table 2-4, *Beneficial Uses of Wetland Areas*, and Chapter 4 of the Basin Plan. We are pleased to express our continued support for the amendment, including the edits and additions made as a result of comments received by the Regional Board during their recent public comment period. We also support the edits and additions made to the Staff Report for the Refinement of Beneficial Uses of Hayward Marsh.

Hayward Marsh is part of a marsh system created with secondary effluent permitted under a NPDES permit issued to the Union Sanitary District, East Bay Regional Park District, and East Bay Dischargers Authority. As noted in our comment letter to the Regional Board, we expect the treated wastewater entering the marsh system to continue to meet its current bacteriological limits, to assure that water quality standards, including antidegradation requirements, are met and to limit the possibility of a water quality problem associated with human pathogens. We are pleased to see that the Regional Board is in agreement.

If you have any questions, please e-mail or call me.

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