



October 30, 2013

Chair Marcus and Members of State Water Resources Control Board
c/o Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board
1001 I Street,
Sacramento, CA 95814

Submitted via email to Commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov

Subject: Comment Letter – Central Valley Drinking Water Policy
Stakeholder Workgroup Core Team Members

Dear Chair Marcus and Board Members,

The parties that are signatory to this letter support the *Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins to Establish a Drinking Water Policy for Surface Waters of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Upstream Tributaries* (Basin Plan Amendment) that establishes a Drinking Water Policy (Policy) for the surface waters of the Delta and the upstream tributaries.

The Policy, as adopted by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board on July 26, 2013, was the result of a successful stakeholder effort that occurred from 2002 through 2013. The stakeholder workgroup that participated in the development of the Policy included representatives of the regulated community (stormwater, agriculture, and POTWs), suppliers of drinking water, technical consultants, public members, regulators, and others. Workgroup meetings were open for any interested party to attend and participate, either in person or by phone. The stakeholders worked closely with the staff members and managers at the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board during development of the Policy. The stakeholder members participated in a comprehensive review of data, technical documents and reports, many of which were prepared under the guidance of the workgroup. Our stakeholder members have attended numerous meetings where we have provided various resources including knowledge, technical expertise and funding to support this effort.

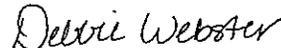
We support the proposed Basin Plan Amendment as a document that is based on science and that will be protective of the surface waters as intended. Through the work efforts during the Policy development, a tremendous amount of knowledge and information have been shared regarding water quality, water treatment, and related issues. This knowledge base and the partnerships that have been developed through the stakeholder workgroup will be useful in many other current and future efforts related to the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and the Delta, including ongoing efforts that are required as part of the proposed Basin Plan Amendment.

We would like to reiterate our support for the formal stakeholder process and for the Draft Staff Report and Policy, and we encourage you to adopt the Basin Plan Amendment in its current form without changes.

Sincerely,



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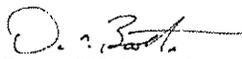
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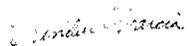
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