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Dear Townsend,

the industrial timber WAIVER of WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS have killed all fish in santa cruz county. The regional board just re-issued the WDR for another 5 years, never before have so many (all) plans are logging INSIDE creeks alongside, etc. Activity alters all drainage patters and much of it ends up in affecting the general stormwater permits. THIS is not addressed. Using our mountain basins as sediment waste facilities will soon be known. its just like Kentucky's waste dumping in mountaintop removals.

I appreciate the state water board's work to update the 15-year-old Industrial General Stormwater Permit. Runoff pollution from industrial facilities can contain heavy metals such as lead, zinc and copper that are highly toxic and endanger California's communities and watersheds.

I am concerned that, after more than two years of work, many aspects of the proposed permit reflect a step backward from the current permit, and even the 2011 draft permit.

I urge the board to develop a streamlined permit that is clear and enforceable, and that will achieve the shared goal of collecting more and better data. California needs clear limits on the amount of stormwater pollutants discharged into our water bodies in order to provide facilities a clear path to compliance, and to facilitate efficient enforcement by the state and regional water boards.

Please develop a strong, enforceable Industrial Stormwater Permit that helps ensure that California waterways are safe for swimming, drinking and fishing.

Sincerely,

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