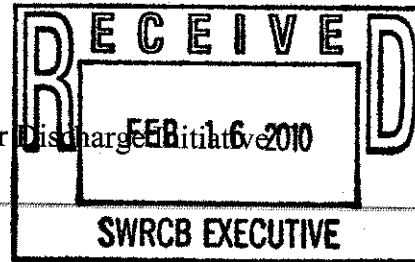


**commentletters - Topic: Comment Letter for Morgan Hill Waste Water Discharge Initiative**

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Dear Sir Or Madam:

Without really knowing all the issues at hand, many of which I am sure you are aware, and have taken into account in the latest Morgan Hill City initiative before the California (Central Coast) Regional Quality Control Board, I would like to present a few points the nature of the waste disposal initiative clearly overlooks: a. Discharge of even treated sewage into the Pajaro River would ruin that waterway, as well as the water flow out to the coast into the sea – unless there is really a pipeline with discharge a considerable distance from shore, there is or will be “backwash” into the river shore outlet at different times caused by tides; b. With the amount of sewage that would be pumped down to the Pajaro River discharge point and then into open water, not only will the river, but the surrounding agribusiness and other areas, including the Elkhorn Slough and some other points of local interest including possibly coastal residential development, could suffer adverse consequences from the effects of sewage and other foreign matter discharged and possibly just sitting in open water; c. The Pajaro Valley area might also suffer the same consequences as areas affected by items a. and b.; not only that, but there is a local golf course and local businesses and agriculture that would suffer due to the presence of sewage in open water in the area in proximity to the Pajaro River.

I have never lived in the Pajaro River regional area, and have no real relationship to the California Central Coast, but I did read a flyer at Morgan Hill city hall recently indicating there was an initiative to discharge additional waste water down the Pajaro River, and have spent some time down here on vacation that gives me the above perspective. I do know unfortunately the sight of discharge of large amounts of sewage into open water, and it's noisome, bothersome to the eye, and bad for local living conditions all the way up the food chain. To people like me, even additional treated sewage discharged into the Pajaro River per the current initiative will be a very delicate act, and something that will need to be monitored constantly, maybe even by a local sewage plant. Just piping in waste water to what is seemingly a workable and slightly unattended and remote place does not really work (period.) I would welcome the chance to come in and speak with you about this, and / or attend the March meeting of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board scheduled for March in Watsonville to reiterate these comments. Please let me know what you would like to do with the above comments, and I will be in touch.

Cordially,

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Cc: Notice of comment on initiative for additional discharge of sewer / waste water from the municipality of Morgan Hill [et sic,] currently scheduled to be heard by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, 895 Aero Vista Place – Suite 101, San Luis Obispo, California 93401, at a Water Quality Control Board meeting during March 2010 [in Watsonville, CA.]

