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Attn: Phillip Crader

**Re: Delta Flow Criteria Informational Proceeding:
Sacramento Regional Sanitation District Comments for
January 7, 2010 Pre-Proceeding Conference**

**Board of Directors
Representing:**

- County of Sacramento
- County of Yolo
- City of Citrus Heights
- City of Elk Grove
- City of Folsom
- City of Rancho Cordova
- City of Sacramento
- City of West Sacramento

Dear Mr. Crader:

These comments on the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board's) December 16, 2009 Notice of Public Informational Proceeding and Pre-Proceeding Conference to Develop Flow Criteria for the Delta Ecosystem Necessary to Protect Public Trust Resources (Notice) are submitted on behalf of the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD or District).

SRCSD owns and operates the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (SRWTP), and provides wastewater collection, conveyance and treatment services to over 1.3 million residents and thousands of commercial and industrial customers in the Sacramento region. The SRWTP has an existing permit to discharge up to 181 million gallons per day of treated wastewater to the Sacramento River near Freeport. SRCSD's mission is to protect human health and the environment by keeping the Sacramento River clean and safe. We take our mission very seriously and work on a daily basis to meet our obligations to protect water quality and beneficial uses in the River and Delta. Our excellent compliance record with our National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit speaks to this commitment and performance.

SRCSD has reviewed, and concurs with, the comments on the proceeding submitted by the Sacramento Valley Water Users. SRCSD is uncertain as to the specific scope and significance of the proceeding, or whether and how this specific proceeding will address issues of direct importance to SRCSD. Regulation of the SRWTP occurs based on adopted water quality standards and the requirements of state and federal law. Beyond the comments submitted by the Sacramento Valley Water Users, SRCSD is uncertain whether or how the proceeding, which will apparently focus on Delta outflow, relates to its interests.


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Consistent with its mission, SRCSD has developed substantial scientific data concerning Sacramento River and Delta water quality and hydrology, and has the ability to present evidence and testimony in connection with the upcoming Informational Proceeding if it is relevant to the scope of the proceeding.

SRCSD appreciates the State Water Board's consideration of these comments, and looks forward to participating in the pre-proceeding conference on January 7, 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stan R. Dean". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "D".

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Director of Policy and Planning

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