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June 7, 2012

Ms. Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 "I" Street, 24th Floor 95814  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100



**Re:** Petitions of Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District and California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (WDR Order No. R5-2010-0114 [NPDES NO. CA0077682] for the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District, Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, Sacramento County); SWRCB/OCC FILES A-2144(a) and A-2144(b)

Dear Ms. Townsend:

Please find attached a letter dated May 23, 2012 from ten Members of the California Legislature to Mr. Tom Howard regarding the above-referenced matter. It is my understanding that the State Water Board will be conducting a workshop on July 18, 2012 where it will take public comment on a draft decision concerning the above-referenced petitions. I respectfully request that the attached letter be made part of the official record before the State Water Board, and that a copy be provided to all of the State Board Members as a part thereof.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Roger Dickinson  
Assembly Member, 9<sup>th</sup> District

cc: Sen. Steinberg  
Sen. Wolk  
Sen. Gaines  
Sen. LaMalfa  
Assembly Member Nielsen  
Assembly Member Logue  
Assembly Member Yamada  
Assembly Member Huber  
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May 23, 2012

Mr. Tom Howard  
Executive Director  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 "I" Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Howard:

We are informed that twelve of our colleagues from the State Senate submitted a letter dated February 23, 2012, addressed to Charles R. Hoppin, Chair of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) wherein they "urge the [Water] Board to deny the appeal of the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District" relative to SRCSD's recently-issued NPDES permit.

The undersigned Members of the California Legislature take no formal position here on the substance of the SRCSD permit appeal, or even the underlying permit itself. The singular point and request we make here is that the State Water Board objectively consider SRCSD's petition and render a decision based on sound, objective science and policy instead of being swayed by the water politics associated with the well-known Delta Crisis. We all support clean water, and we expect our local communities to do what is right when it comes to protecting water quality. But we also support the notion that regulatory decisions rendered by the State and Regional Water Boards should be scientifically and legally sound and reasonably justified based on established laws, regulations, and policy precedents.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

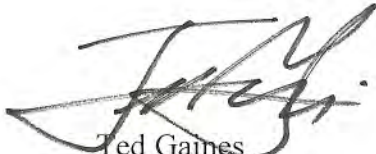
Sincerely,

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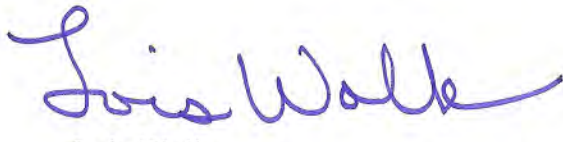
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Senate President Pro Tempore



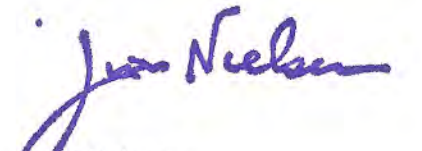
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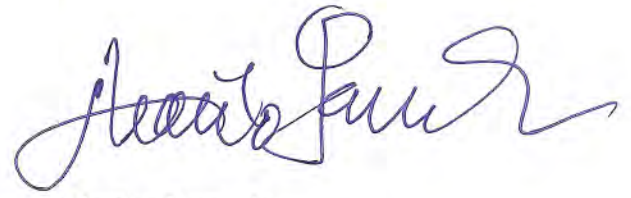
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