



*“Where do rivers start?”  
In threads in hills and gather to here-  
but the river is all of it everywhere,  
all flowing at once,  
all one place.*

*Gary Snyder*

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Diana Messina, Supervising Engineer  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Re: Order No. R5-2010-XXXX, WDR NPDES No. CA0084697  
Thunder Valley WWTP, Placer County

Dear Ms. Messina:

Dry Creek Conservancy has worked to facilitate watershed conservation, restoration, and education in the counties of Placer, Sutter, and Sacramento and surrounding areas, including the Dry Creek, Pleasant Grove, Auburn Ravine, and Coon Creek watersheds, since 1996. Our activities have included riparian and creek restoration, water quality monitoring, and coordination of the many interests that have an impact on creek and watershed resources.

We have concerns about the Regional Board Tentative Orders for the Thunder Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant to expand discharge beyond currently permitted levels.

Before the board approves these orders we request:

- That the discharger demonstrate that the increased discharge will not have a negative impact on the resources of Orchard Creek and downstream tributaries, and,
- That the discharger explore alternatives that will maintain discharge within currently allowed limits.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Gregg Bates  
Executive Director