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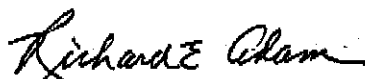
Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
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Subject: Comment Letter-Santa Maria FIB TMDL

To whom it may concern;

The proposed regulation in the name of enhancing water cleanliness flies in the face of the cattle industry as we have known it for the last 200 years and is a colossal waste of money. Fencing a river or stream that will dry up in the summer and in any case disappear and percolate underground into the Santa Maria Valley Ground Water Basin makes little sense. The manure that is generated on the high side of the fence is destined for the same drainage as the fenced off area, that is, when the inevitable rain event occurs, the drainage will find its way to the waterway, the same as if you moved the watering facilities to a different location in the same drainage. Fencing will cause wild animal watering patterns to be interrupted and pigs, deer or other creatures will have to damage the fence or find alternative sources of water. Fire events may also be enhanced by the uncontrolled growth in the fenced off area. Fish are not even a consideration because of the unreliable existence of water in the now protected stream bed. Does testing for target bacteria occur in periods of high water or low or no water. Will downstream/upstream bacteria testing result in lawsuits being filed to determine who or what may be the responsible party, particularly if the offender is drainage from public lands? Are the protocols and metrics known and in place? The whole proposal seems to me to be a giant waste of money and effort that will achieve nothing. Tell us if you intend to pass laws that will ultimately result in the demise of the domestic animal industry in the State of California.

Respectfully,


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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**State Water Resources Control Board****NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT****PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL COASTAL BASIN TO ESTABLISH TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDLS) IN THE SANTA MARIA RIVER WATERSHED FOR FECAL INDICATOR BACTERIA AND ADD THE SANTA MARIA RIVER WATERSHED (INCLUDING OSO FLACO SUBWATERSHED) TO THE DOMESTIC ANIMAL WASTE DISCHARGE PROHIBITION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Coast Water Board's) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin that would establish TMDLs in the Santa Maria River Watershed for Fecal Indicator Bacteria and add the Santa Maria River Watershed (including Oso Flaco subwatershed) to the domestic animal waste discharge prohibition (Basin Plan amendment). The Basin Plan amendment was adopted by the Central Coast Water Board on March 15, 2012, and is available for review at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdl/docs/santa_maria/fib/index.shtml.

A copy of the Basin Plan amendment can also be received by mail by contacting Shanta Keeling at (805) 549-3464 or SKeeling@waterboards.ca.gov.

REQUEST NOTICE OF STATE BOARD MEETINGS. The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan amendment. Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested (including those who submit oral or written comments to the Central Coast Water Board and State Water Board) in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving the Basin Plan amendment **must subscribe** to: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg3_subscribe.shtml and select "Santa Maria Watershed TMDL." The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by regular mail must submit such request to the Central Coast Water Board contact identified below.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on August 20, 2012**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise.

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Send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (must be no more than 15 megabytes); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery at:

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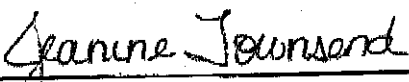
Please also indicate in the subject line, "Comment Letter—Santa Maria FIB TMDL."

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS (23 Cal. Code Regs., § 3779, subd. (f)).
The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the Basin Plan amendment adopted by the Central Coast Water Board.
2. If the Central Coast Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the Central Coast Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect.
3. The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the Central Coast Water Board, or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the Central Coast Water Board.

Please direct any questions about this notice to Shanta Keeling, Water Resources Control Engineer at Central Coast Water Board, at (805) 549-3464 or skeeling@waterboards.ca.gov; or Frances McChesney, Staff Counsel at (916) 341-5174 or fmcchesney@waterboards.ca.gov.

July 18, 2012
Date


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