

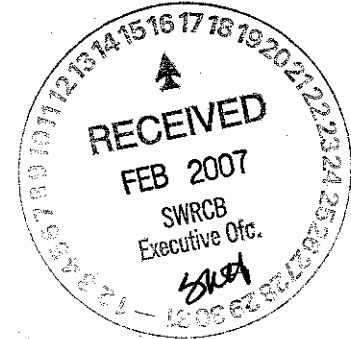


UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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3/6/07 BdMtg Item 5  
EBMUD  
Deadline: 2/20/07 5pm

16 February 2007

Ms. Song Her  
Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
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**Regarding: Comments to A-1771—March 6, 2007 Board Meeting**

Dear Ms. Her:

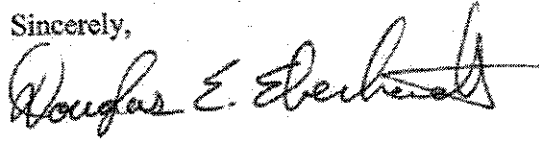
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft order regarding the East Bay Municipal Utility District wet weather permit and time schedule order. The draft order implements permitting requirements consistent with the Clean Water Act, as addressed by EPA in the following communications:

1. Letter dated 29 November 2006 from Alexis Strauss to Tom Howard regarding an amendment to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region*;
2. Letter dated 23 October 2006 from Alexis Strauss to Celeste Cantu regarding the Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California;
3. Letter dated 7 September 2004 from Alexis Strauss to Bruce Wolfe regarding the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's draft EBMUD wet weather permit; and
4. Testimony EPA staff presented at the 21 September 2005 San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board hearing for the EBMUD wet weather permit.

We encourage the Board, in finalizing this permit review, to maintain and build upon ongoing efforts, required by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's Time Schedule Order (Order No. R2-2005-0048), for studying the best means for achieving compliance with applicable requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 972-3420 or Nancy Yoshikawa at (415) 972-3535.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas E. Eberhardt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Douglas E. Eberhardt, Chief  
CWA Standards and Permits Office