



June 15, 2012

via Electronic Mail  
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Ms. Elizabeth Thayer  
Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite #200  
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RE: Notice of Public Hearing, Tentative Order Amending Order R5-2008-0082, Waste Discharge Requirements for *Limited Threat Discharges of Treated/Untreated Groundwater from Cleanup sites, Wastewater from Superchlorination Projects, and Other Limited Threat Wastewaters to Surface Water*

Dear Ms. Thayer:

East Bay Municipal Utility District has two water treatment plants (WTPs) in Amador and Calaveras Counties which are covered under the above reference general order. The Notice of Applicability was dated on April 28, 2009 for these orders listed below:

- R5-2008-0082-009, Camanche South Shore Recreation Area WTP
- R5-2008-0082-010, Pardee Reservoir Recreation Area WTP

The raw water used for the toxicity background control samples is from the pristine, low hardness waters of Pardee and Camanche Reservoirs. The past three years of annual toxicity testing has been challenging due to ambient interferences in the background control samples. Also, performing toxicity tests on high quality backwash water from the WTP filters has been an administrative burden, costing several thousands of dollars per year. The District fully supports the Regional Board's Tentative Order to reduce the acute and chronic toxicity monitoring frequency to once per permit term for a continuous discharge from our WTPs.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Tentative Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John H. Schroeter', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

for  
John H. Schroeter, P.E.  
Manager of Environmental Compliance

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