

Wetland/Riparian Policy

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State Water Resources Control Board

Dear Board members:

Please make the "Wetland and Riparian Area Protection Policy" as strong as possible. Please identify Alternative 4 as your preferred Alternative in the DEIR because it will do the most to protect wetlands and riparian areas. Over 85% of our historic wetlands and 90% of our riparian habitats have been lost to development and industrial agriculture. Wetlands are critical for recharging groundwater supplies and improving our water quality. They are also important for flood control and for many species that are endangered. We lose hundreds of acres of wetlands in California each year. It's time to take strong action to protect our water resources.

Thank you for your attention to these comments.

Sincerely,

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