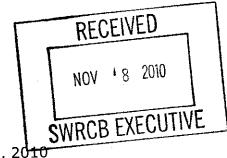
12/14/10 Adoption Hearing Once Through Cooling Deadline: 11/19/10 by 12 noon



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Charlie R. Hoppin 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Hoppin;

I am writing as a Californian with deep concerns about the health of our marine life and coastal habitats. Our precious ocean is under numerous and growing threats. Ensuring healthy and robust bays, estuaries, coasts, and ocean will mean reducing or eliminating each of those multiple threats.

Your recent adoption of the "Policy on the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling" was an important and critical step towards restoring and protecting our marine environment, protecting the integrity of California's electrical grid, and encouraging clean energy for the future.

I adamantly oppose the recently proposed amendments to the Policy and request you immediately begin the task of enforcing the current Policy's goals and timelines with no changes to the Policy. The current amendments are nothing more than a thinly veiled effort by a powerful industry and their lobbyists to create even more loopholes and to delay efforts that were already heard and properly rejected by this Board.

By upholding the current language in the adopted Policy, you will have the deep gratitude and respect of the millions of Californians who care about our coast and ocean, and the generations of Californians to come who will surely reap the benefits of your work.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Ludlum