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Charles Hoppin, Chair  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Via Electronic Transmittal  
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RE: Agenda Item 6, Consideration of a Proposed Resolution Modifying Order R5-2010-0022,  
Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber  
Harvest Activities in the Central Valley Region

Dear Chair Hoppin and Board Members,

The undersigned organizations are requesting that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) remove the above referenced item from the uncontested items calendar of the 19/20 September State Board meeting. The proposed modifications are controversial, have not received a public hearing before the Central Valley Regional Board and have not benefited from a public comment period before the State Board.

As the discussion of this item on your website notes, “approximately 50 percent of the State’s timberlands and approximately 45 percent of the annual statewide harvest of commercial timber occurs in the Central Valley region.” Accordingly, this is a subject with great complexity and significant public interest in regards to water quality in many of the state’s watersheds. We therefore request that you remove this item from the agenda, postpone consideration until a future Board meeting and reopen the public comment period so the proposed order may receive the careful, informed consideration that is needed to protect the public trust resources.

We would appreciate a timely decision on this matter so that concerned parties can make arrangements to attend the hearing, if it is held as scheduled.

Sincerely,

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