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Chair Felicia Marcus

Dear Chair Marcus,

I am writing to urge you to act quickly to adopt a statewide wetlands policy that will protect California's wetlands.

Current state and federal protections are inadequate, and if the board fails to act fast, we could lose these precious resources forever.

By finalizing the draft wetlands policy soon, you can fill the void left by Trump's rollbacks and help to preserve California's wetlands and wildlife.

Before adopting the policy, a few changes are necessary to make sure it's effective.

The compensatory mitigation requirements should be strengthened to ensure that every lost wetland acre is replaced.

The requirements for analysis of alternatives should be improved so that every project can avoid and minimize wetland impacts, and

A loophole that could allow for the destruction of wetlands on some agricultural lands needs to be closed.

With these changes, you can protect our wetlands and help make sure California complies with its no-net-loss obligations.

Please act fast to save California's wetlands.

Sincerely,

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