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Hello,

As a California native, and current resident, I am writing to voice my support of the proposed Wetlands Rule. As you know, protecting and restoring California's wetlands should be a priority because of the major role they play in ecosystem health. For instance, wetlands filter water, removing sediment and other pollutants, which improves water quality. Coastal wetlands provide a buffer from storm surge and control erosion, both of which will help address sea level rise from climate change. Wetlands provide important habitat for migratory birds and numerous other fish, reptiles, and amphibians that are found only in California.

It is enormously distressing to read that California has lost over 90% of its historic wetlands.

I understand that the proposed Wetlands Rule will give the Water Board clearer authority to do what's necessary to prevent the loss of further wetlands, and restore some of what we've already lost, which I wholeheartedly support.

Thank you for your time,

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