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Ms. Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor [95814]
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812

Re: Comments to A-1824 -- May 19, 2009 Board Meeting -- Supporting Draft Order

Dear Ms. Townsend,

This law firm represents Fontana Water Company, a division of San Gabriel Valley Water Company, which provides public utility water service to approximately 154,000 residents in the area whose groundwater is contaminated by perchlorate from the 160 acre site and the County of San Bernardino's Mid-Valley Sanitary Landfill. Eight of Fontana Water Company's wells have had perchlorate levels that reached or exceeded the maximum contaminant level of six ppb established by the California Department of Health; all of those wells have been shut down and cannot be used without expensive treatment of the water; and Fontana Water Company has incurred over \$10 million in water treatment costs and other damages as result of the perchlorate contamination of its groundwater supply.

The SWRCB's proposed Order is necessary to: (1) comply with the prior rulings of Judge Chalfant, and (2) enable the SWRCB to proceed with its investigation and hearing re the proposed CAO against Emhart, Goodrich, & Pyro Spectaculars. Fontana Water Company believes that the public interest demands prompt investigation and remediation of this groundwater contamination. Accordingly, Fontana Water Company supports the proposed Order and encourages the SWRCB to proceed expeditiously in the interests of protecting and remediating the public water supply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Henry S. Weinstock'.

Henry S. Weinstock
of Nossaman LLP

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