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**VIA FACSIMILE**

Mr. Paul Murphey, Associate Engineering Geologist  
State Water Resources Control Board  
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Re: ORDER DENYING RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER WRO 2003-0004 (NORTH GUALALA WATER COMPANY)

Dear Mr. Murphey:

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) supports the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) April 24, 2003 order denying reconsideration of Order WRO 2003-0004. Our agency believes that many, if not most, of the arguments in North Gualala Water Company's (NGWC) Petition for Reconsideration amount to a specious delaying tactic and do not remotely constitute new evidence justifying overturning the original order. As DFG has expressed before, the ideas proffered by NGWC following the issuance of both the draft order and final order either do not change the outcome of the proceeding, or are a rehashing of issues conclusively addressed in the original hearing. For the record, DFG does not oppose the minor amendments in WRO 2003-0004 that are outlined on page 12 of the order denying reconsideration.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 657-4091. Thank you for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

HARLLEE BRANCH  
Staff Counsel

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