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John Muller, Chair  
S.F. Bay Regional Water Board  
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Dear Mr. Muller,

I understand that the Regional Water Board is proposing some very weak regulations on trash that can pollute the bay. The current proposal to allow cities to discharge 100 pieces of trash for every 100 feet of trash hotspot seems more like lack of regulation to me. Doesn't one piece of trash per foot sound more like a description of the local landfill?

I participate in Coastal Cleanup Day each year on the east shore of SF Bay. The amount of trash we find is astounding. Berkeley, through its Park & Recreation Department, is now encouraging groups to sign up for bay trash pickup every day of the year. This is because current regulations, if there are any, are woefully inadequate. I would like to see the Board provide much better protection to SF Bay. How about trying for zero trash? At least that is a goal worth striving for.

Please keep me up to date on your progress and let me know if my point of view makes sense to you. Thanks.

Sincerely,



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