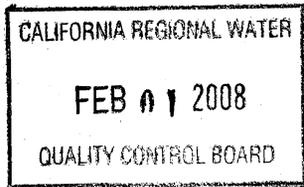
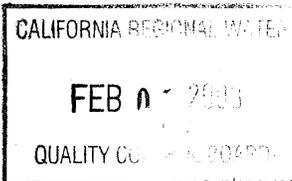




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Dear Chairman Muller and Mr. Wolfe:

We are writing to supplement our October 29, 2007 letter expressing our support for measurable reductions in trash in our creeks and the Bay and requesting that you address this important issue in the Municipal Regional Permit (MRP) for stormwater and urban runoff discharges that you are developing for cities, counties and special districts in the San Francisco Bay Area.

We continue to believe that enhanced control of trash is critically important and should be addressed in the MRP, but want to make clear that we understand that there are other water quality issues that Bay Area municipalities will be asked to help address under circumstances where they face competing demands for staff and fiscal resources and have very limited ability to increase revenue to fund services.

Under these circumstances, while we continue to believe that enhanced efforts to achieve measurable reductions in controllable trash discharges are warranted and that cities and counties must be required to help address this and other high priority water quality issues as well, it is also important to prioritize and phase MRP requirements (particularly by limiting paperwork-oriented requirements that do not directly reduce pollutant loadings), and to recognize the significant constraints on the resources municipalities have to work with at this time – a situation we hope to help improve in the days ahead.

Sincerely yours,

Ann Waltonsmith  
Mayor, City of Saratoga

