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Subject: MRP Needs to Address Bay Trash Hot Spots

February 5, 2008
John Muller
Chairman
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Control Board
c/o Dale Bowyer and Shin-Roei Lee
1515 Clay Street
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Dear Chairman Muller

Trash hot spots in the Bay are a serious problem that need to be resolved. While concerned citizens can make a difference by volunteering to pick up trash at our shoreline sites, like on Coastal Cleanup Day, cities and counties must also do their part to protect the Bay from trash and marine debris. Please ensure that the Municipal Regional Permit (MRP) will require measurable reductions in trash in our creeks and the Bay.

Trash and plastic debris pollution is a serious water quality problem in the Bay and its creeks. The Water Board's own study found that, on average, there are three pieces of trash along every foot of stream and creek leading to the Bay.

Because much of the trash in our water is plastic, it never biodegrades and is accumulating in massive amounts. Animals often get entangled by trash, suffer and die. Further, wildlife can't tell trash apart from their regular diets and this "junk" food with no nutrients leads to starvation.

The MRP is an essential tool to control this problem. Bay Area cities and counties must take more responsibility for preventing trash from getting into the Bay. If Los Angeles can do it, we can do it here, too.

Please ensure that trash provisions in the upcoming MRP require measurable reductions in trash discharge, specify enforceable measures and timelines for implementation, and require cities and counties to make their trash data accessible to the public.

I care about the health of the Bay, and preventing trash pollution is a priority for me. The Board must not ignore this problem. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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