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Subject: Comment on plan to improve ammonia removal from Sacramento wastewater

I am a Sacramento resident and homeowner. I am in favor of cleaning up the ammonia in Sacramento wastewater.

I understand that sewer fees may increase and I do feel the fees we already pay are expensive. Nevertheless as a professional biologist my assessment is that it is likely Sacramento's ammonia is promoting Microcystis growth in the Delta and this together with occasional direct ammonia sub-lethal toxicity is quite likely the smoking gun in the Pelagic Organism Decline there. Something must be done about this and it is irresponsible and short-sighted for the Sacramento sanitation district to try to bury their heads ... in the sand. I should say, continues to be short-sighted, because they should have been preparing for this for quite a few years. Nevertheless I hope the RWQCB will offer them every assistance in finding state and federal funding to ease the ratepayers' pain resulting from this upgrade.

I am expressing my own position, not my employer's.

I would also like to say that I believe one-sided news coverage magnifying the District's scare tactics about cost of the project are likely to bias public comment against the Board's considered action.

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