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**Subject: Public Workshop and CEQA Scoping Meeting;
Development of a Drinking Water Policy for the Central Valley**

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Attention Ms. Grover:

The Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) appreciates the opportunity to provide written comments as part of the CEQA scoping process for development of a Central Valley Drinking Water Policy (CVDWP). SRCSD has actively participated in the CVDWP Group from its' inception and continues to jointly finance Regional Board staff leadership of that group with the California Urban Water Agencies (CUWA). Karen Larsen has done an exceptional job managing this effort and SRCSD commends the Regional Board for utilizing the stakeholder-based process in development of this policy.

SRCSD supports the comments made by the Central Valley Clean Water Association under separate cover. We are fully supportive of regulatory processes involving sound science and urge completion of the Work Group's January 2003 Work Plan as a prerequisite to completion of a draft Basin Plan Amendment (BPA) for a drinking water policy for the Central Valley. This important technical work fulfills the California Water Code requirements for consideration of any proposed water quality objectives (WQOs) contained in the proposed policy. SRCSD recommends that the Regional Board adjust its BPA schedule as necessary to allow for completion of this necessary work.

SRCSD strongly emphasizes the need to address and implement a "partnership" concept to yield a fair cost sharing arrangement between Central Valley stakeholders and out-of-Valley beneficiaries of source control activities.

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to comment and look forward to continued participation and support for development of this important policy.

Sincerely,

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