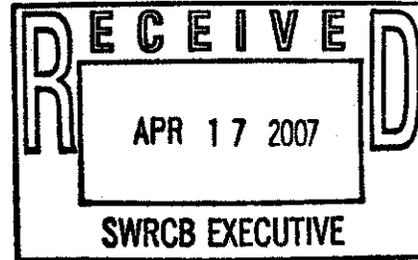


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Comment Letter – Wetland and Riparian Area Protection Policy

To Whom It May Concern,

The board of the Antelope Valley Conservancy supports the State Water Resources Control Board's development of additional policy for the protection of wetland and riparian areas, specifically Alternatives 3 or 4.

Additionally, we encourage the Water Resources Control Board to include in its policy a preference for preservation and retention of natural lands, in existing natural condition. While restorations of preserved and viable natural ecosystem areas are certainly appropriate, an overall policy preference for small restoration projects appears to be resulting in an outcome that is *less than nature*, and contributing to the net loss of natural wetlands and streambeds.

We greatly appreciate all of your Board's oversight, actions, grant administration, and support of prudent policies, and your recognition that net losses of wetland and riparian areas and natural ephemeral streambeds have long lasting impacts on our watershed and ecosystem.

Thank you for all the work you do,

Antelope Valley Conservancy
Board of Directors
by Wendy Reed, President