

Chlorine Policy  
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Dear State Water Resources Control Board,

As a member of SPAWNERS, my local "friends of the watershed" group, I urge you to NOT adopt the newly proposed "Total Chlorine and Chlorine-Produced Oxidants Policy of California." If the State Board adopts this policy it will preempt the existing efforts of the San Francisco Regional Board to pursue regulatory remedies.

Local governments and citizen organizations are in the middle of a collaborative process with East Bay Municipal Utility District to develop a short and long term plan to control chloramines discharges that should employ more than just the Best Management Practices (BMPs) which do not go far enough to protect our waters and the organisms that live in them.

I have personally experienced the lack of use of BMPs by EBMUD when the water connection to my house broke. They did NOTHING to prevent massive amounts of water from running down the street into the storm drain, into the creek, into the Bay!!! Unfortunately, it was before I knew they were supposed to prevent that from happening so the water just ran and ran for over an hour until the main was shut off!

Please do NOT adopt the newly proposed policy.

Sincerely,  
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