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Mr. Habte Kifle
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
Oakland, CA 94612.

Dear Mr. Kifle:

I am writing in support of the SEP recommended by the Friends of Sausal Creek in the case of Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R2-2011-0005, East Bay Municipal Utility District. The 25 rainbow trout that were killed in Sausal Creek subsequent to the EBMUD crew's unauthorized discharge on August 5, 2010 accounted for a major portion of the trout population in the creek and thus significantly depleted a resource that the City of Oakland and the Friends of Sausal Creek have worked hard for many years to build. The Friends of Sausal Creek is a well-known, community-based nonprofit that works closely with the city to maintain and protect the Sausal Creek Watershed. Hundreds of local citizens volunteer through the Friends of Sausal Creek on a regular basis to protect this habitat and the species within it. It is entirely appropriate, therefore, that a portion of the EBMUD fine be dedicated to restoring the local habitat that was damaged. To not do so ignores the effort, time, and money that the city and these dedicated volunteers have contributed to their community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Libby Schaaf", written over a horizontal dashed line.

Libby Schaaf
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