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San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Benjamin Martin:

The mission of Napa-Solano Audubon Society is to share the fun of birding, promote conservation and scientific understanding of wild birds and their habitats, and offer engaging, science-based education emphasizing the communities of Napa and Solano counties.

Solano County provides one of California's greatest treasures, the Suisun Marsh, which is part of the San Pablo Bay Marine Global Important Bird Area. This marsh, and the wetlands it supports, are particularly valuable because 95% of all wetlands in California have been destroyed.

The good news is that we now know better, and we have put safe guards in place to protect the remaining remnants. Unfortunately, these safe guards can be ignored, and this is the case at Point Buckler Island, an island that is located in the Suisun Marsh, where wetlands that were providing habitat just a few years ago have been severely damaged.

The Board of Napa-Solano Audubon Society fully supports the Cleanup and Abatement Order issued by the SF Bay Regional Water Board against Point Buckler Island owners John Sweeney and Point Buckler Club LLC, who own an approximately 50-acre island located in the Suisun Marsh in Solano County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendy Schackwitz", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Wendy Schackwitz, President
Napa-Solano Audubon Society

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