



August 22, 2011

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
 Governor  
 State of California  
 State Capitol  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: State Water Resources Control Board and Wetlands

Dear Governor Brown:

The above coalition has concerns about a recent proposal by the State Water Resources Control Board to change the state definition of “wetlands.” The proposed change is pre-emptive of a recently-convened federal discussion on wetlands and could have significant impacts on public and private property, transportation and other development projects, throughout the state.

The proposed change not only substantially broadens the lands that could potentially be affected, but – *because it would be substantially out of sync with a well-established federal definition of wetlands* – it might double the permitting burden for projects, slowing the process of transportation and building projects, including the expenditure of state bond funds. Slowing the expenditure of public and private building funds will have a significant jobs impact on the state.

Please consider intervening with the State Water Board, asking the Board to await the outcome of federal action before creating a new statewide standard in a vacuum that is duplicative or could lead to litigation and delays.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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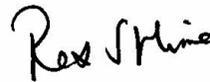
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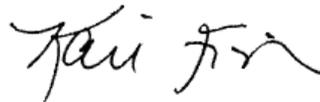
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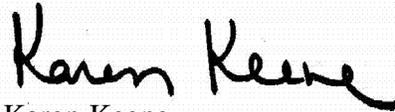
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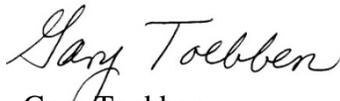
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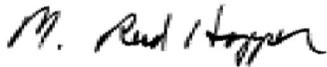
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