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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

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State Water Resources Control Board
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**SUBJECT: PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING: PROPOSED OCEAN PLAN
AMENDMENTS**

Dear Ms. Cantu:

On behalf of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) and Tri-TAC, we are writing to request that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) postpone the December 15, 2003 public scoping meeting on the California Ocean Plan amendments. CASA is a statewide association of local public agencies providing wastewater collection, treatment, disposal and reclamation services. Tri-TAC is an advisory group jointly sponsored by CASA, the California Water Environment Association and the League of California Cities. The combined constituency base for CASA and Tri-TAC serves most of the sewered population of California.

We understand that over the past several weeks internal discussions have taken place at the SWRCB with regard to whether the scoping session and associated documents fall under the Governor's Executive Order placing a hold on new regulatory actions. For this reason, the informational documents on the scope of the proposed amendments have not yet been made available to the public (e.g. through posting on the SWRCB website.) We now understand that the SWRCB has decided to move forward with this action and plans to post the documents on the website shortly. Even if the documents were to be made available tomorrow, interested parties now have less than two weeks time to review them. Therefore, we are requesting that the meeting be rescheduled. Without adequate time to

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review the materials and prepare for the meeting, our organizations cannot provide meaningful input to the SWRCB.

Given the importance of the issues outlined in the meeting notice, and the lack of sufficient time to review the documents and prepare for the scoping session, CASA and Tri-TAC respectfully request that the December 15, 2003 scoping meeting be postponed until after January 1, 2004.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact Roberta Larson at (916) 446-7979 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

/s/

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