

Big Pine Community Service District

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RE: COMMENT LETTER - 2/8/2006 PUBLIC HEARING FOR SSORP

Dear Board Members:

This letter is in response to the State Water Board's Draft Statewide General WDRs for Wastewater Collection System Agencies and Draft Monitoring and Reporting Program.

The Board of Directors of the Big Pine Community Service District concurs that a SSORP may help prevent sewer overflows, decreasing risk to both human health and the environment. However, it is our concern that the implementation of such a program will have a significant negative impact on the finances of small agencies. Our entire annual budget is only \$85,000. It is the position of the BPCSD that the following items be considered prior to adoption of the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Reduction Program:

- 1) Financial assistance for small agencies to help implement new programs to comply with State requirements.
- 2) Availability of State resources (i.e. technically qualified and experienced persons) to small agencies for the certification of the proposed program.

In addition to the BPCSD, the following agencies in our area are willing to work collaboratively to implement an approved program:

Bridgeport Public Utilities District
City of Bishop
Eastern Sierra Community Service District
Hilton Creek Community Service District
June Lake Community Service District
Lee Vining Public Utilities District

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these concerns.

Sincerely,

Kevin Tillemans
President, Board of Directors

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