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Wetland/Riparian Policy
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This is to express our strong support for Alternative 4. The California Native Plant Society believes that the federal government is not adequately protecting our waters and wetland ecosystems.

The U.S. Supreme Court has made a couple decisions that have removed protections from some of our wetlands and waters. The State of California needs a comprehensive approach to protecting its remaining wetlands and streams and the wildlife that depend on such waters. These vulnerable waters are some of our most valuable resources, and protecting them now is in the best long term interests of California's environment and economy.

The only alternative that would adequately protect our wetlands and waters is the State Water Resources Control Board's proposed Alternative 4. This proposal (Alternative 4) is the only one that will fully protect our wetlands and streams by looking at all the activities that pollute our waters and protecting all of the values provided by these waters.

It is time for California to do what it does best - set the example for the rest of the nation. California should adopt the Wetland and Riparian Protection Policy Alternative 4 by the end of 2007 and provide the strongest possible protections for our irreplaceable wetlands and streams, and the wildlife and people who depend on them.

Thank you

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