

Example Letter

June 27, 2017

Governor Jerry Brown
c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Request: DECLINE to concur with EPA Region IX superfund designation until feasibility study completed for North Basin, Anaheim and Fullerton, Orange County, CA

Dear Governor Brown:

We request that you DECLINE to concur with EPA Region IX's May 16 proposed superfund designation in the Anaheim and Fullerton areas of North Orange County until required studies are completed by Orange County Water District.

OCWD's Remedial Investigation for the North Basin is just getting underway. After that, a Feasibility Study is to be completed. Both studies under EPA Region IX's oversight. These studies will supply a lot more information about possible groundwater contamination in the North Basin from samples to be taken later this year and next year from scores of existing monitoring wells and from several new wells that OCWD will develop this fall.

Further, private businesses have already undertaken substantial cleanup efforts under the oversight of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board or California Department of Toxic Substances Control. Many local businesses have already cleaned up several sites to the satisfaction of one of the state agencies and have received No Further Action determinations.

OCWD must consider these remedial efforts of local businesses. If they are adequate to contain and reduce contamination, there may be no need for a federal superfund site and remedy.

We urge you to decline to concur at this time with Region IX's proposal to list the North Basin as a federal superfund site. Premature, perhaps even unnecessary, superfund listing hurts economic development, property values and jobs creation.

We all value clean, safe drinking and particularly your leadership on a sustainable, reliable state water supply. Your "decline" will encourage continued clean-up, incentivize continued "good behavior" and avoid unnecessary, premature, costly, and time-consuming federal processes.

Very truly yours,