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- California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA)
- Central Valley Clean Water Association (CVCWA)
- California Water Environment Association (CWEA)
- Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (SCAP)

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Re: Proposed Collaboration on Toxicity Testing Laboratory Study

Dear Dr. Weisberg:

We are writing to you to indicate our interest in working with SCCWRP and other stakeholders to conduct additional research regarding toxicity tests. The Clean Water Summit Partners are the California state and regional wastewater associations committed to working together on issues of critical importance to our collective memberships. The Summit Partners recently met with staff of the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts regarding the potential opportunity to partner with you and the Stormwater Monitoring Coalition (SMC) to further evaluate accuracy and approaches to mitigate and correct inaccuracies related to the *Ceriodaphnia dubia* reproduction test. As you know from your previous discussions with CASA, the wastewater community has been following the progress of the original SMC study very closely and we are very interested in partnering on a follow up study. Our associations are prepared to support the study through direct contributions of funding and in-kind laboratory participation by our members, as appropriate.

With the State Water Board moving forward on a statewide toxicity plan, and a number of permit holders already subject to enforceable numeric effluent limitations for toxicity, the timing of the follow up study is critical. While we realize that initiation and completion of any significant follow up study within the next few months is unrealistic, there are several things SCCWRP can do to assist while the follow up project is being designed and implemented. This includes finalizing the findings from the original SMC study so our members can use this information when discussing policy and permit conditions with the regulators. Additionally, we would need a finalized follow up study design submitted and approved by the funding parties before the end of the calendar year so that the effort will be considered by state and regional regulators as they propose permit provisions and enforcement responses.

If this proposal is of interest, we would be pleased to meet with you, your staff and the SMC to develop the study framework further. Please contact Bobbi Larson, blarson@casaweb.org or Adam Link, alink@casaweb.org with any questions or to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,



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