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To: CA Fish and Game Commission

Re: Wastewater Ocean Outfall Discharges in the Marine Protected Areas in the South Coast Region

Dear Fish & Game Commissioners:

The Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (SCAP) is comprised of 90 public wastewater agencies. Together, our membership collects and safely treats the wastewater for over 17 million southern Californians residing in seven counties. SCAP's members are committed to protecting the ocean and marine life ecosystems. Our members have invested billions of dollars into infrastructure to protect the marine environment by meeting stringent water quality standards.

With this in mind, SCAP respectfully requests that the Fish and Game Commission insert specific language in the South Coast Region MLPA that **Marine Protection Areas do not restrict nor prohibit the current and future operations associated with wastewater ocean outfall systems in compliance with permits required by the federal Clean Water Act.**

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

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