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To: Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

895 Aero Vista Place,

San Luis Obispo, Ca 93401-7906

Subject: On site Inspection of THP 1-04NTMP-011 SCR

Attention: John M. Robertson, Executive Officer

Please assess the cumulative impacts and inspect the area of the Timber Harvest Plan 1-04NTMP-011 SCR.

WATER QUALITY, WATER SUPPLY

The above mentioned THP has the potential to cause substantial adverse effects on water quality if left uninspected. The associated logging operation is in the middle of the Big Basin Water District, surrounded by several natural springs, pristine creeks and rivers (water courses 1, 2, and 3) and six water-uptakes used for domestic drinking water by the Big Basin Water District. Furthermore, the quality of the water also impacts sensitive species and habitats.

DISCHARGE WAIVER

In 2004 this THP received a Discharge Waiver from Regional Water Quality Control Board, with attached pre-requisites of scientific data, monitoring, reporting, etc. Though there is no such Waiver in 2018, and no observable non-compliance of Forest Practice Rules, it may still be in your interest to observe the present condition of the referenced impact area. Recent drought may have made the area more susceptible to impacts on water quality that will need to be examined.

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

The most recent Botanical Survey was conducted in 2004, over 14 years ago. That is too long ago to still be valid. Within that time frame, endangered plant species could have seeded and flourished.

To ensure water quality and protect biodiversity, a new inspection is needed.

Yours Truly,

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Chair, Sierra Club Conservation Committee

cc: San Lorenzo Valley Water District

CALFIRE

SC County, Environmental Coordinator

San Lorenzo Valley Water District, ATTN: Jen Michelsen, Environmental Program Manager