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Group Sues Regional Water Quality Control Board **EID Named “Real Party In Interest”**

Placerville, CA . . . The California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CPSA) is suing the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board over the water-quality permit that the regional board issued in December 2008 for El Dorado Irrigation District’s Deer Creek wastewater treatment plant. The lawsuit—filed August 27 with the California Superior Court in Sacramento County and announced August 31 on the CSPA website—names the district as an interested party.

“We’re surprised by this action,” said John Fraser, vice president of the district’s board of directors. “The state has a fifteen-year history of stringent regulation at the facility, and our current permit fully protects Deer Creek. In fact, the creek would completely dry up in summer if not for the state’s requirement that we release a million gallons of recycled-quality water per day down the stream.”

EID general counsel Tom Cumpston noted that in 2006, CSPA sued the State Water Resources Control Board over amendments to the Cosumnes River Basin Plan. “Those amendments concerned our Deer Creek operations,” Cumpston said. “CSPA lost that lawsuit when a decision by the San Francisco Superior Court in early 2008 upheld the administrative record we built for nine years with our partners. Now, CSPA is suing the regional board over the water-quality permit we received late last year.”

Cumpston added that “as an interested party, the district will closely monitor the progress of this latest CSPA lawsuit.”

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