



May 30, 2014

Mr. Andrew Cooper (USTClosuresComments@waterboards.ca.gov)
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 16th Floor
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Subject: Comment Letter – S&W Company Case Closure Summary, 1607 Terminal Avenue,
San Jose, CA 95112

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the subject site. The Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) manages groundwater and provides flood protection, stream stewardship, and wholesale water supply for the nearly two million residents of Santa Clara County.

The first criterion of the Low Threat Closure Policy (Policy) states: “The unauthorized release is located within the service area of a public water system.” With regard to this criterion, the closure summary incorrectly states: “Water is provided to water users near the site by the Santa Clara Valley Water District and San Jose Water Company.” The District wholesales treated water to water retailers, but does not provide water to individual water users. Some residents in the county rely on groundwater from private domestic wells. Although we protect and augment groundwater supplies, the District is not the public water system for groundwater users.

The reference to the District as a public water system with regard to this site (or any other within Santa Clara County) is incorrect and should be removed. The District recommends the following:

- Remove the District from the list of public water systems used to implement the Policy in Santa Clara County.
- Require the Responsible Party to identify the site’s source of potable water as part of the petition process.

If you have any questions, please call me at (408) 630-2964.

Sincerely,



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