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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
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Attn: J.J. Baum P.E., Assistant Executive Director

Dear Mr. Baum,

Subject: Request for Immediate Relief to Allow Continued Use of ARSA Recycled Water at Castle Oaks Golf Course

Dear Board Members,

On behalf of the Amador County Board of Supervisors and as a participating member of the Amador Regional Sanitation Authority (ARSA), we respectfully request that the Regional Water Quality Control Board consider granting immediate temporary relief to allow continued disposal of recycled water from the ARSA system onto the Castle Oaks Golf Course in Ione, California.

This practice has been safely and effectively conducted for over four decades, and the water quality has only improved due to recent plant upgrades, including new filtration systems. However, due to the long-standing but unresolved status of the Title 22 (T22) Engineering Report—submitted over 20 years ago—ARSA has recently been instructed to halt these operations.

The current prohibition is creating significant operational issues. Most notably:

- The Castle Oaks Golf Course is struggling to maintain operations without this irrigation source, negatively affecting economic viability and property values.
- The ARSA system is reaching capacity, and without a disposal outlet, treated water is backing up, putting stress on the entire network.
- Critical dam safety improvements at Henderson Dam are being delayed, as emptying the reservoir requires movement across the entire system.

These unintended consequences are affecting not only the cities of Ione and Sutter Creek but also broader regional public safety and environmental management goals.

We understand the importance of compliance and regulatory oversight, but we respectfully urge the Board to work with ARSA to provide interim operational flexibility while the Title 22 report is formally addressed. We are prepared to assist in any coordination efforts or expedited review process necessary to ensure compliance and avoid regional infrastructure complications.

Thank you for your attention and consideration. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey L. Brown", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Jeffrey L. Brown, Chair, Amador County Board of Supervisors

cc: Amador Regional Sanitation Authority (ARSA)  
George Lee, Ione City Manager  
Tom Dubois, Sutter Creek City Manager  
Assemblymember Heath Flora  
Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil