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Dear Mrs. Wendt:

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**REVOCAION OF WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SQUAW VALLEY SKI CORPORATION (SVSC) HEADWALL-CORNICE II EXPRESS LIFT, SQUAW VALLEY SKI AREA, PLACER COUNTY**

On October 6, 1999, Regional Board staff witnessed completion of work at the above-referenced project site. The completed work was proposed within the Addendum to the Drainage Report and attached improvement plans (Drainage Report Addendum) that were unfortunately received by Regional Board staff on October 12, 1999. Regional Board staff reviewed the Drainage Report Addendum immediately upon receiving it. Regional Board staff have determined that the work proposed in the Drainage Report Addendum and the work observed during the October 6, 1999 inspection (stream channel alteration) are beyond what was authorized by the Regional Board's July 2, 1999 Waiver Of Waste Discharge Requirements for the Headwall-Cornice II Express Lift. In response to conducting work beyond the scope of the July 2, 1999 waiver, Regional Board staff are revoking the July 2, 1999 waiver, effective immediately. SVSC should immediately winterize the entire project site, including the upper and lower terminal areas and the lift tower sites. All other work associated with this project shall cease immediately. Regional Board staff are taking this action for the following reasons:

1. Unauthorized work already completed resulted in the destruction of a stream channel and alteration of another stream channel and violated waste discharge prohibitions specified in the Regional Board's Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan). The Basin Plan, as amended, prohibits the discharge or threatened discharge, attributable to human activities, of solid or liquid waste materials including soil, silt, clay, sand and other organic and earthen materials to lands within the 100-year flood plain of the Truckee River or any of its tributaries. A "discharge" or "threatened discharge" includes excavation activities within the prohibition area or discharge of fill into a prohibition area. Tributaries include perennial, ephemeral and intermittent surface waters (river, streams, lakes, wetlands, etc.). The above-referenced construction activities within the stream channels clearly violate the Regional Board's Basin Plan prohibitions.