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Felicia Marcus
Chair
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
1515 Clay Street
Suite 1400
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Acknowledgement of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Ms. Marcus:

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), External Civil Rights Compliance Office (ECRCO), received correspondence on September 18, 2018, alleging discrimination based on race in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 involving the California Regional Water Quality Control Board.

ECRCO is responsible for processing and resolving complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. ECRCO will review the correspondence in light of EPA's nondiscrimination regulation to determine whether it is a complaint that falls within ECRCO's jurisdiction. Once this jurisdictional review is completed, ECRCO will notify you as to whether it will accept the complaint for investigation or reject it, or refer it to another Federal agency.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this correspondence, please contact me by telephone at (202) 564-4174, or by email at Rhines.Dale@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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