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CC: Smith, DavidW [Smith.DavidW@epa.gov]; ecesaraoglu@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Professional Affiliation at California State Water Board

Hello Ms. Saraoglu:

Thank you for your interest in fulfilling your PA at the State Water Board. As you are likely aware after reviewing our website, the Board develops regulations and permits for facilities producing and using recycled water, and provides financial assistance for recycled water projects. In addition, we analyze and make recommendations on legislation pertaining to recycled water. This year there will be legislative proposals to eliminate 95% of wastewater discharges to the ocean, and to allow for use of recycled water in beer production.

Is there a specific time of the year and amount of time you would envision spending in California for your PA? I would recommend splitting your time between Sacramento and the Bay Area, as much of the cutting edge research is taking place at UC Berkeley and Stanford.

Also, does your fellowship cover your expenses, or are you seeking separate funding? The Board does have an internship program, but my sense is that you would be better served through a more informal and separate arrangement.

Best regards,

Max

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From: Ece Saraoglu <es969@cornell.edu>
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Dear Mr. Gomberg,

David Smith from the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 referred me to you when I asked for his help to find contacts who are working on wastewater reuse from technical and/or policy perspectives in California. I am a Humphrey Fellow visiting from Turkey at Cornell University and I'm currently halfway through the Humphrey Program, which started in August 2018. I work for the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization in the field of urban wastewater management.

The Hubert H. Humphrey Program is a highly selective professional development and leadership program for mid-career professionals offered through the Fulbright Commissions and funded by the US Department of State. It provides ten months of non-degree academic study and related professional experiences in the US. One

of the components of this program is the professional development and affiliation activities. Such activities include site visits to organizations of professional interest, attending conferences and meeting with US experts and professionals in our field. We are also expected to spend at least six weeks (30 full-time work days) working with a US-based organization in our professional field.

My goal within my **professional affiliation** (PA) is to expand my knowledge and gain hands-on experience on urban wastewater management, **particularly on the reuse practices of treated wastewater**, in order to improve those in Turkey, and to establish contacts with professionals in the same field of interest so as to explore possible collaboration opportunities. For this reason, I would like to do my PA at an organization in California where advanced wastewater management and reuse practices are fostered and held. I am very interested in gaining more insight into the governance strategies that will help improve the adoption or improvement of urban wastewater reuse systems for various purposes and possibly having hands-on-experience in the projects conducted around the region.

I've reviewed the California State Water Resources Control Board website and seen that there is an internship program, so I decided to contact you first upon the suggestion of Mr. Smith. I would appreciate if you can help me with exploring further about my eligibility for an internship opportunity at the State Water Board or the Regional Water Boards.

Please find attached my CV for further information about my background. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,
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