

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
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The Division of Ratepayer Advocates (“DRA”) hereby submits these comments on the Proposed Decision filed May 13, 2010 (“PD”) pursuant to the California Public Utilities Commission Rule of Practice and Procedure, Rule 14.3.

Although DRA entered into a settlement agreement in good faith with Golden State Water Company (GSWC) on February 17, 2010 (“settlement”) of this case, the Administrative Law Judge subsequently identified a wide range of issues related to the settlement in the PD. In its current form, the PD would allow DRA to further explore many issues related correcting water quality and fluoridating the water in the Bay Point Customer Service Area. Since the PD raises numerous valid concerns about GSWC’s proposed solution to the water supply issues in Bay Point, DRA welcomes the opportunity to more completely develop the record on this issue as part of its review of GSWC’s recently filed general rate case application for Region 1. Therefore, DRA fully supports the PD.

Respectfully submitted,

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