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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1200 without my signature.

This bill would allow the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board to authorize voluntary pilot projects to investigate the effects of overflow from agricultural ponds containing tertiary treated recycled water into the San Pablo Bay.

Instead of spending time on a multi-year pilot project to justify a permit process that does not require it, let's focus on getting more irrigators to use recycled water.

I have asked the State Water Board and the Regional Board to work with the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District to take the necessary steps to issue a permit that would allow the discharge of treated recycled water from agricultural ponds no later than August 2014. This permit should facilitate the use of recycled water for agricultural irrigation.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.