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Re: ASBS Workshop

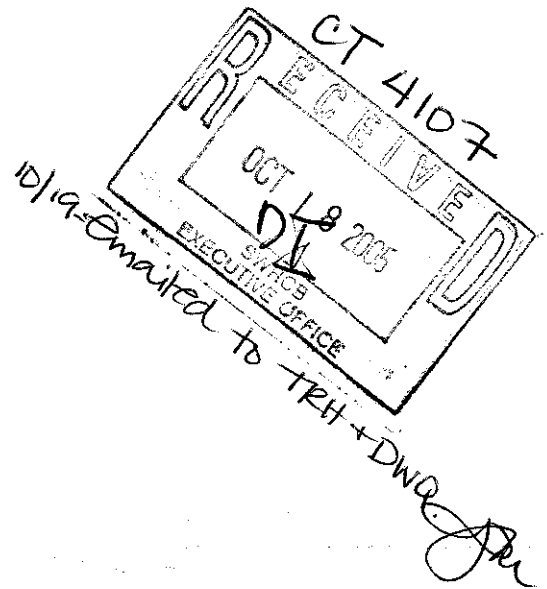
Dear Ms. Cantú:

The City of Monterey would like to thank you and your staff for arranging to hold the recent ASBS workshop in our City. We think that the workshop provided a valuable forum for all of those in attendance to express their views on this very important matter. We also appreciate the fact that future workshops will be held so that we can continue to work towards a better system for ASBS governance.

Prior to the next workshop, it would be very beneficial for us to receive the summary of comments that Board Member Secundy requested, as we want to be able to address all of the concerns that were expressed. Given the importance of the proceeding, perhaps the State Board should have a transcript prepared from the Workshop tape.

One of the comments we feel we need to emphasize at this time is that we all recognize a complete cessation of storm water flows into the ASBS is not possible. Nor is it currently possible to eliminate every pollutant molecule from those flows or even attain the standards set forth in Table B of the Ocean Plan. We must, however, all work to prevent harmful quantities of pollutants from reaching ASBS, and holding dischargers to reasonable standards defined by the State. We also note that Board Member Secundy indicated that the receiving waters should first be examined to see if their beneficial uses are being impaired by the storm water flows. We agree with this philosophy.

The State, just like local municipalities, has limited resources. Therefore, it would seem like these scarce resources should not be allocated through a competitive grant process, as has been proposed. Instead, we suggest that the State identify potential solutions that have the most promise and work with local jurisdictions to fund implementation of pilot projects that can be evaluated for their effectiveness. These projects could provide the State Board with actual results on which to base discharge standards and to establish appropriate State funding needs.



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We would appreciate an opportunity to discuss these ideas with you and your staff, and look forward to the next workshop. We are all committed to assisting in formulating an approach that protects our ASBSs while effectively utilizing the available financial resources.

Sincerely,


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