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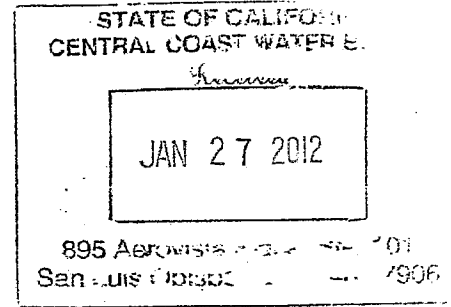
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January 24, 2012

Mr. Jeffrey S. Young, Chairman  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Coast Region  
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401



Dear Mr. Young,

My office has been contacted by representatives from the City of Salinas and by affected business owners in regard to the Storm Water Draft Permit Order Number R3-2012-0005. The groups that will be most impacted by the Draft Permit have expressed to me that they need more time to analyze the Draft Order fully. I am therefore requesting that the Board continue this item to a future meeting date to allow for further study and analysis of this item.

I believe all sides of this issue agree that clean water is very important to maintaining a healthy environment and the City of Salinas has continued to implement the current regulations successfully. However, the City must be able to completely and accurately assess the cost of implementing the proposed regulations. The Mayor and City Council have obligations to the City's citizens and to the business community to understand the fiscal impact that these regulations would have on the city's finances and to determine the changes that would be required of the City's fee structure. At a time of suppressed economic activity we must all be proactive in identifying proposals which may be neither feasible nor practical. More time is needed to develop cost information so that we all know that the proposed permit requirements are indeed both practical and feasible.

I appreciate your consideration of this request to allow the City and the business community more time to gather information, assess costs, and to have their questions fully answered. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have questions.

Sincerely,

Anthony Cannella  
Senator, District 12