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Re: Amended Order No. R3-2010-0011 (NPDES No. CA0048143)

Dear Mr. von Langen:

The City of Santa Barbara supports the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's proposed amendment of Order No. R3-2010-0011 to add Attachment "G" to the findings in the Order ("Amended Order"). The City urges the Regional Board to adopt the Amended Order as proposed.

In addition, the City is pleased to include the three additional measures identified in Attachment "G" as part of the City's overall commitment to environmental stewardship regarding the Charles E. Meyer Desalination Facility ("Facility"). These additional measures are a sign of the City's willingness to work in good faith with the Regional Board to protect water quality and marine life, while also allowing the City to place the Facility back into production in accordance with the City's Long-Term Water Supply Plan.

We remain stuck in one of the worst droughts in the City's history. Consistent with the City's Long-Term Water Supply Plan, and consistent with the prior vote of the citizens of Santa Barbara, the City is moving forward with placing the Facility back into production mode. Along with increased conservation and other short-term and long-term drought relief efforts, the Facility will fill a vital missing piece of the puzzle for the City's response to the drought. Therefore, the City greatly appreciates and supports the Regional Board's proposal to amend the Order to including Attachment "G."

Sincerely,

Rebecca J. Bjork
Public Works Director