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April 3, 2009

Mr. Robert Ketley
City of Watsonville
P.O. Box 50,000
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Dear Mr. Ketley:

NOTICE OF ENROLLMENT – NPDES SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS GENERAL PERMIT; CITY OF WATSONVILLE, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, WDID # 3 44MS03013

The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) received a Notice of Intent, Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP), map, and fee for the City of Watsonville's (City's) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). These items are required to enroll in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for the Discharge of Storm Water from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems, Order No. 2003-0005-DWQ (General Permit).

Water Board staff reviewed the City's SWMP and found it, combined with a number of specific revisions described in Attachment 1, to be in compliance with the General Permit and to meet the maximum extent practicable (MEP) standard set forth in the General Permit. The City's SWMP was available to the public for a 60-day comment period, and we received comments from stakeholders. Water Board staff responded to all comments received. These comments and responses are contained in Attachment 2. The comment letters are contained in Attachment 3.

The public did not request a hearing for the Water Board to consider approval of the SWMP and enrollment of the City under the General Permit. We also understand that the City, upon receipt of this amended Notice of Enrollment, will withdraw its request for a hearing. The General Permit states that if no hearing is necessary, the Water Board Executive Officer will notify the regulated MS4 that it has obtained permit coverage only after Water Board staff has reviewed the SWMP and has determined that the SWMP meets the MEP standard established in the General Permit.

I am hereby approving the City's SWMP with the following condition:

Pursuant to Water Code Section 13383, the City of Watsonville is required to amend the SWMP no later than **June 3, 2009**, to include all the changes shown in the "Final Table of Required Changes," Attachment 1 to this letter. Per Water Code Section 13385, failure to make these revisions may subject the City of Watsonville to Administrative Civil Liability for up to \$10,000 for each day of violation. The City must provide a copy of the revised pages of the SWMP to the Water Board no later than **June 3, 2009**.

As of April 3, 2009, discharges from the City's MS4 are authorized by the General Permit. The City is required to implement the SWMP and comply with the General Permit. The City's first annual

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reporting period ends June 30, 2010. The City's first annual report is due to the Water Board on September 15, 2010, and shall cover the period from April 3, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

In addition, the SWMP includes several program components that will be fully developed over the course of several years, most notably interim hydromodification control criteria for new and re-development, Wasteload Allocation Attainment Programs, long-term hydromodification plans and criteria, effectiveness assessment strategy, and measures for long-term watershed protection. The Water Board Executive Officer will notify the dischargers and other interested persons of the acceptability of the dischargers' submittals regarding these issues. If the Water Board staff proposes to require new requirements that exceed the requirements of the existing Storm Water Management Program with respect to interim hydromodification control criteria for new and re-development, Wasteload Allocation Attainment Programs, long-term hydromodification plans and criteria, effectiveness assessment strategy, or measures for long-term watershed protection, the Water Board will provide interested persons an opportunity for written comments and a hearing before the Water Board, if requested in a timely manner, prior to final Water Board action.

Thank you for your cooperation and efforts to enroll the City under the General Permit. If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact **Phil Hammer at (805) 549-3882, or phammer@waterboards.ca.gov** or Matt Thompson at (805) 549-3159 or mthompson@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Roger W. Briggs
Executive Officer

cc: Municipal Stormwater Interested Party List (by electronic mail)

Attachment 1: Final Table of Required Revisions

Attachment 2: Response to Comments

Attachment 3: Comment Letters Received during 60-day Public Comment Period

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