

**Comments Received on draft Ventura County MS4 Permit
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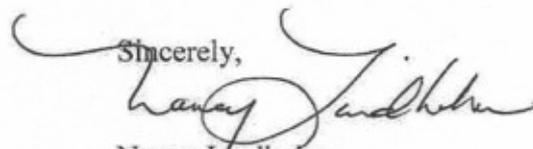
Honorable Board Members:

The Oxnard Chamber of Commerce opposes the draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit requirements within the Ventura County Watershed. We base our opposition on the following:

1. Oxnard has an expansive redevelopment area. Since our community is more than a century old, there are numerous redevelopment projects on the horizon. We feel these projects will revitalize some areas in the city and provide jobs for our community. We find the draft permit provision requiring any redevelopment projects of more than 5000 square feet to contain and treat storm water is excessive.
2. We believe the revised permit requirements take away local land use decisions and impair municipal projects. The draft permit language would give the Regional Water Quality Board the power to make land use decisions on a project-by-project basis, bypassing local control.
3. In addition, we do not believe the new required method of containing runoff has been proven to reduce the discharge pollutants in storm water. We believe that redevelopment utilizes environmentally-friendly methods and materials.

Finally, we feel that the proposed revisions to the MS4 permit requirements would stifle redevelopment of blighted areas and severely hurt small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy.

The Oxnard Chamber of Commerce urges you to discard the proposed revisions to the MS4 permit requirements. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nancy Lindholm
President/CEO