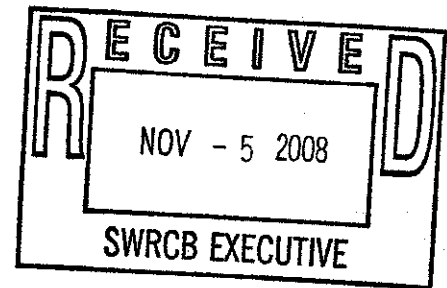


November 5, 2008

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Subject: Comment Letter – Bacterial Standards for REC 1 Waters

The City of Anaheim appreciated the opportunity to provide comments on the Bacterial Objectives for Water Contact Recreation in Fresh Water. While we fully support the goal of the proposed permit we do not agree with the strategies proposed and wish to express our concerns regarding the significant impact to the City and other municipalities, as well as the unintended consequences of some of the provisions of these proposed standards.

We share the concerns expressed by the Santa Ana Region Stormwater Quality Standards Task Force and concur with the comments provided in their letter to the Board, dated November 5, 2008. We would like to add that, the initial steps of this process includes a CEQA Scoping effort requiring the aesthetic, economic and social impacts of the establishment of standards to be taken in to account. While the goal of protecting the public health is very important, it must be accomplished with effective practices. Requirements should not be targeted where the actual potential for impacting public health may be non-existent (e.g. waterways with no REC 1 use).

We again appreciate your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Natalie Meeks,
Director of Public Works

cc: California League of Cities