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**Subject: Comments on the Tentative Order for the Municipal Regional Stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Revised SMCWPPP Hydromodification Management Control Area Map**

Mr. Wolfe:

The San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program (SMCWPPP) is submitting with this letter a revised Hydromodification Management (HM) Control Area Map. As SMCWPPP representatives discussed in our meeting with you and other Water Board staff members on February 20, 2008, it is necessary to revise the existing map to align the boundary between areas subject to HM requirements and areas exempt from the requirements with the boundaries of Assessors parcels and avoid bisecting any parcels.

These changes became necessary when, subsequent to the Water Board's adoption of the HM Amendment (Order R2-2007-0027) to SMCWPPP's municipal stormwater permit (Order 99-059), new digital map data were released for San Mateo County, including Assessors parcel data and the Oakland Museum of California's data set of watershed boundaries. Water Board staff reviewed the proposed HM Control Area Map revisions and advised SMCWPPP to submit the revised map for incorporation in the Municipal Regional Permit (MRP), where it will replace the existing HM Control Area Map.

As we have discussed previously, these changes to the HM Control Area Map are relatively minor, resulting in a net increase of 20 acres to the total area subject to HM requirements throughout the county. With this letter, SMCWPPP requests that the Water Board incorporate in the MRP the attached HM Control Area Map, dated March 27, 2009, replacing the HM Control Area Map dated October 9, 2006. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Laura Prickett of EOA, Inc., at 510.832.2852 x 123.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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enc: HM Control Area Map