

LEMON GROVE SANITATION DISTRICT

City Manager's Department

December 8, 2016

California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Diego Region 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92108-2700

SUBJECT: Letter of Support to Renew the City of San Diego's Variance Request

Tentative Order No. R9-2017-0007

Dear Mr. Abarbanel:

I am writing this letter to you in full support of the City of San Diego's request to renew its variance from the secondary treatment requirements contained in section 301(b)(1)(B) of the Clean Water Act for the E. W. Blom Point Loma Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant and Ocean Outfall.

I represent the Lemon Grove Sanitation District (District) on the Metro Commission / Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority (JPA). The JPA is a forward-looking coalition of municipalities and special districts that share in the use of the City of San Diego's regional wastewater system.

For the past several years I have been integrally involved in the JPA's partnership with the City of San Diego. I am excited to hear the United States Environmental Protection Agency issued a tentative decision to continue waiving secondary wastewater treatment requirements for the City based upon the plant's current performance and commitments to implement advanced treatment and water reuse (Pure Water). I too believe that the Pure Water program as outlined in the variance request application submitted in January 2015 will be extremely valuable to the region and to the State.

If you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please contact me any time at (619) 825-3819.

Sincerely,

Jerry Jones, Board Member Lemon Grove Sanitation District