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**Subject:** Comment - Tentative Order No. R9-2013-001, Regional MS\$ Permit, Place ID: 786088Wchiu  
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This message is for Vice Chairman Strawn of the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, and is submitted as a Citizen's Comment.

Please forward promptly. Thank you.

For:

Mr. Gary Strawn  
Vice Chairman  
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board  
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100  
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RE: Comment – Tentative Order No. R9-2013-001, Regional MS4 Permit,

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Dear Vice Chairman Strawn,

I am a private businessman, a sole proprietor, a 40 year military veteran, and an Engineer with a history of years of experience in environmental matters, both in industry as a company president involved almost totally in environmental matters and as a senior executive (Vice Admiral) in both the Navy and the Department of Energy (Senior Executive Corps ES-6) involved in major environmental issues. I presently serve as a volunteer on the SD Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, and work as a consultant in the field of environmental remediation and contaminant prevention.

I have reviewed the Tentative Order and find it very over-reaching in almost every instance. Moreover, it pits one citizen against another in a manner similar to the tactics utilized by totalitarian governments. Both the costs and the turmoil that will be brought about through your proposed enforcement mechanisms will prove to be extremely deleterious to the competitive viability of the business community of San Diego, and to its ordinary citizens, who will actually bear the costs, for nearly un-measurably small benefit.

I fully believe in, and support initiatives, to ensure clean, safe water in our region, and endorse attempts to do so both effectively and affordably. But this ill-thought out one-size-fits-all plan does neither. You need to go back to the drawing boards on this one that is "evidence-based" rather than "ideologically-based", and one that has the support of the entire community. Its time to start over. Yours is a bad plan whose time has not come.

Respectfully,

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