September 14, 2012

Dear Sir:

We have recently become aware that the SDRWQCB is proposing new regulations related to storm water discharges. Several of the organizations affiliated with the San Diego North Economic Development Council are concerned about the magnitude of the proposed changes. We contacted other potentially affected parties including a culvert manufacturer, a water district, a property developer, and the office of an elected county official. All those contacted did not even know about the proposed regulations.

We believe the effort to publicize the regulations was inadequate and the response period was too short. It is requested that you extend the period for public comment and make additional efforts to publicize the proposed regulations.

As we understand the changes, they involve additional measurement and reporting. We believe that the sources are generally known and additional efforts should be devoted to steps that improve water quality. We appreciate that your efforts may be somewhat controversial and potentially costly, and that is all the more reason to be careful in making these changes.

Sincerely,

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