



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Santa Ana Region



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### **APPROVAL OF PHASE 1 WATERSHED ACTION PLAN; ORDER NO. R8-2010-0036, NPDES NO. CAS618036 (MS4 Permit)**

Dear Mr. Bowman:

The final draft of the Phase 1 Watershed Action Plan (WAP) was submitted to us with your May 31, 2011 letter. The following is a chronological summary of events that led to the submittal of the final draft of the Phase 1 WAP:

January 29, 2010 – The MS4 Permit was adopted during our January 29, 2010 Board Meeting, which requires that a Phase 1 WAP be submitted within 12 months of adoption of the Permit.

September 16, 2010 – Matt Yeager, your program manager at that time, provided an update to the Board at the September 16, 2010 Board Meeting. He briefly discussed various elements of the proposed Watershed Action Plan.

January 31, 2011 – A draft Phase 1 WAP was submitted to us for review. The draft Phase 1 WAP was posted on our website.

February 28, 2011 – Regional Board staff provided comments on the Phase 1 WAP and required the permittees to submit a revised WAP by April 1, 2011.

March 25, 2011 – Regional Board staff received an e-mail from Dan Ilkay, program manager, requesting that the deadline for submitting the revised WAP be extended to June 15, 2011.

April 4, 2011 – Regional Board staff sent an e-mail to Mr. Ilkay granting an extension to submit the revised Phase 1 WAP by May 31, 2011.

May 31, 2011 – The final draft of the Phase 1 WAP was submitted to us.

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The final draft of the Phase 1 WAP is also posted on our website. We have not received any comments on the first or the final draft of the Phase 1 WAP.

We have completed our review of the final draft of the Phase 1 WAP and have determined that it meets the MS4 Permit requirements provided the following conditions and the attached errata are incorporated into the WAP. These conditions and errata were discussed with your staff. In accordance with Section XI.B.3.a.xii of the MS4 Permit, I hereby approve the Phase 1 WAP and the seven appendices with the changes as indicated in the enclosed errata and with the following conditions:

1. The Phase 1 WAP proposes three exemption criteria that would exclude several portions of the watershed from hydromodification requirements. It was agreed that further evaluation and development of those exemptions will be conducted as part of the Phase 2 WAP. Those proposed exemptions are not part of this approval.
2. Section 4.3 (page 4-9 through 4-11) identifies program specific objectives and timelines for completion. Where those timelines conflict with dates in the MS4 Permit, dates specified in the MS4 Permit will prevail.
3. Section 5.2.5 (page 5-5) indicates that the WAP will be updated every 3 years after the completion of the Phase 2 WAP. Please note that any major changes to the approved WAP should only be made after soliciting comments from all stakeholders to ensure that the proposed changes are consistent with the approved plan.

As per Section XI.B.3.b of the MS4 Permit, the Phase 2 WAP shall be submitted within 12 months of approval of the Phase 1 WAP. Thus, **the Phase 2 WAP shall be submitted no later than July 6, 2012.** If you have any questions, please contact Milasol Gaslan at [mgaslan@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mgaslan@waterboards.ca.gov) or at (951) 782-4419 or Kathleen Fong at [kyfong@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:kyfong@waterboards.ca.gov) or at (951) 774-0114.

Sincerely,

*for*   
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Executive Officer

Enclosure: Errata Sheet, dated June 30, 2011 (5 pages)

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