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Re: Monterey Regional Storm Water Management Program

Dear Mr. Fujimoto, Ms. Bennett, and Ms. Bitting,

On April 16, 2004, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) submitted comments regarding the Monterey Regional Storm Water Management Program (MRSWMP). Ecological Rights Foundation (ERF), California Coastkeeper Alliance (CCKA), Santa Barbara Channelkeeper (SBCK), and San Luis Obispo Coastkeeper (SLO Coastkeeper) hereby join NRDC in all of their comments on the MRSWMP so submitted.

Ecological Rights Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public benefit corporation dedicated to the preservation, protection, and defense of the environment, wildlife, and natural resources of the Monterey Bay, San Francisco Bay, and other area waters. ERF is located at 867B Redwood Drive in Garberville, California 95542. ERF members surf, swim, SCUBA dive, sail and enjoy the wildlife in and around Monterey Bay. ERF members use and enjoy the beaches and waters in and around Monterey Bay and have been personally affected by ongoing polluted stormwater runoff from municipalities in and around Monterey Bay. The beach closures, health warnings and the decimation of marine life in the Bay have impaired ERF's members use and enjoyment of the Bay.

The California Coastkeeper Alliance, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, is a coalition of local Waterkeepers dedicated to protecting and restoring the quality of California's aquatic ecosystems through a network of support among its member organizations, and presents a unified

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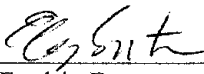
voice on regional issues. CCKA is located at 2515 Wilshire Blvd, Santa Monica, California, 90403. San Luis Obispo Coastkeeper and Santa Barbara Channelkeeper are members of CCKA.

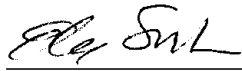
San Luis Obispo Coastkeeper is a program of Environment in the Public Interest (EPI), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation organized for the purpose of ensuring that the public has a voice with Government officials responsible for environmental protection in California. SLO Coastkeeper is located at EPI-Center, 1013 Monterey St., Suite 207 in San Luis Obispo, California 93401, and is a member of the National Waterkeeper Alliance and the CCKA. San Luis Obispo Coastkeeper is the only environmental watchdog dedicated solely to enforcement of water quality, watershed, and coastal planning regulations in Northern Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Southern Monterey County. SLO Coastkeeper members surf, swim, SCUBA dive, sail and enjoy the wildlife in and around Monterey Bay. SLO Coastkeeper members use and enjoy the beaches and waters in and around Monterey Bay and have been personally affected by ongoing polluted stormwater runoff from municipalities in and around Monterey Bay. The beach closures, health warnings and the decimation of marine life in the Bay, have impaired SLO Coastkeeper's members' use and enjoyment of the Bay.

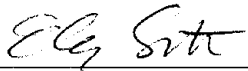
Santa Barbara Channelkeeper is a membership- and volunteer-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and restoring the Santa Barbara Channel and its watersheds, through enforcement, citizen action and education. SBCK is located at 714 Bond St. in Santa Barbara, California 93103, and is a member of the National Waterkeeper Alliance and the CCKA. SBCK members live, work, and recreate in many Phase II cities, including Lompoc, Carpinteria, Goleta, Isla Vista, Santa Barbara, Summerland, Toro Canyon, Montecito, and Santa Maria. SBCK members are affected by ongoing polluted stormwater runoff from those Phase II municipalities in and around the Santa Barbara area. The State Board's decision on the MRSWMP will have a significant effect on other Phase II cities and the water quality of their local waterbodies. As such, the members of SBCK are interested in the State Board's decision on the MRSWMP because it will affect their use and enjoyment of the beaches and waters in the Santa Barbara Channel.


For all of the reasons stated above, ERF, SLO Coastkeeper, CCKA, and SBCK join the comments submitted by NRDC on the MRSWMP.

Sincerely yours,

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