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Deborah Smith
Executive Officer
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

**RE: REQUEST FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FILTERRA AS AN ALTERNATIVE
BIOFILTRATION SPECIFICATION UNDER THE LA MS4 PERMIT**

Dear Ms. Smith,

**SUBMITTAL OF FILTERRA BIOFILTRATION BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE FOR REVIEW
AND APPROVAL**

The 2012 Los Angeles County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit requires biofiltration Best Management Practices (BMPs) to be designed in accordance with the design specifications provided in Attachment H of the permit. However, if a biofiltration BMP does not meet these specifications, then an alternative design criteria for that BMP must be submitted to the Regional Board's Executive Officer for approval. A developer for a project site in the City of Alhambra is proposing to use a Filterra biofiltration BMP that does not meet the design specifications of Attachment H of the permit, but does provide equivalent water quality benefit. The system will be sized following the framework established in section 4 of the 2015 Geosyntec report entitled "Filterra Equivalency Analysis and Design Criteria", a copy of which is submitted with this letter.

Accordingly, the City of Alhambra hereby submits the developer-proposed Filterra biofiltration BMP for your review and approval along with our initial review findings for your consideration. We look forward to your timely review and approval of this biofiltration BMP.

Sincerely,

Ayla Jefferson, CBO
Chief Building Official
City of Alhambra