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## **Building Industry Association** of Southern California, Inc.

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Submitted Via Email to: iridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov

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Attn: Mr. Ivar Ridgeway 320 W. Fourth Street Suite 200 Los Angeles, California 90013

Re: Request for Party Status from Building Industry Association of Southern California, Inc., Concerning the May 2010 Draft Tentative NPDES Permit No. CAS004002 – Ventura MS4.

Dear Mr. Ridgeway:

Building Industry Association of Southern California, Inc. ("BIA/SC") has long been actively involved in the regulatory proceedings of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (the "Board"), and particularly in the proceedings that have occurred over the last several years concerning the Ventura County MS4 permit. For example, following the Board's adoption, on May 9, 2009, of the present Ventura County MS4 permit, BIA/SC joined with others and petitioned the State Water Resources Control Board for a review or rescission of the permit. Our petition led to the "voluntary" remand of the challenged permit, which in turn led to a new draft permit being posted and a hearing date set for July 8, 2010 concerning that draft.

Notwithstanding BIA/SC's in-depth involvement in the matter, BIA/SC has not heretofore requested or received party status in the matter. Therefore, consistent with the Notice of Public Hearing posted on May 5, 2010, BIA/SC hereby respectfully requests party status concerning the above-referenced matter and at the hearing for July 8th.

Any notices concerning the proceeding should be sent to:

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BIA/SC desires, needs and merits party status because the parties already present (the governmental permittees, Heal the Bay, and Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.) do not represent the interests of the private landowners and citizens who will be most profoundly affected by the land use and development provisions of the permit at issue (subpart 4.E). BIA/SC, in contrast, represents the builders of the majority of homes within the geographic area that it serves, and is uniquely qualified to represent the interests of its members and the development and construction communities at large. In addition, BIA/SC is uniquely qualified to assist the Board in understanding the practical and economic impact of the permit requirements that are proposed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Andrew R. Henderson

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cc: Ms. Holly Schroeder

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