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Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
Jeffrey S. Young, Chair
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Subject: County of San Luis Obispo Stormwater Management Program / Proposed Resolution

Chair Young and Honorable Board Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed Resolution for the County of San Luis Obispo Storm Water Management Plan.

The San Luis Obispo COASTKEEPER®, a program of Environment in the Public Interest, is organized for the purpose of ensuring that the public has a voice with agencies and officials responsible for enforcing water quality, watershed and coastal planning regulations on the California Central Coast. As such, SLO COASTKEEPER® and our 1200 central coast supporters are concerned that the County SWMP remains impermissibly vague for many components; does not clearly identify financial resources available to implement the proposed program; and the County has failed to incorporate specific measures that will protect water quality and beneficial uses in San Luis Obispo County.

Our concerns regarding the County's Storm Water Management Plan are outlined in our previous submittal of October 2, 2006. By this letter we wish to submit the following comment regarding the proposed Resolution No. R3-2007-0019.



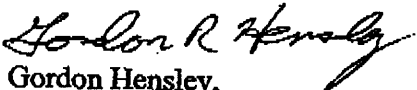
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While RWQCB Staff has attempted to address many of our highest concerns through Resolution No. R3-2007-0019, we respectfully request that your Board consider additional conditions requiring:

- A monitoring program with clearly defined numeric goals.
- Regular inspection of all storm water system components and construction sites.
- Clearly defined, storm water runoff control goals (numeric measures) for construction sites, post-development, and redevelopment projects.
- Regular monitoring and reporting of how the storm water management plan is working to improve habitat quality for species of special concern – especially red-legged frog, Southern Steelhead, and Sea Otter.
- A clear a budgetary commitment that the County intends to meet the federally mandated maximum extent practicable (MEP) standard

In conclusion, I urge your Board to include these additional conditions as part of Resolution No. R3-2007-0019.

Thank you for all you do for the Central Coast environment.


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