



April 21, 2008

Ms. Amy Mecklenborg
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego CA 92123-4340

RE: Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin to Incorporate Implementation Provisions for Indicator Bacteria Water Quality Objectives to Account for Loading from Naturally Uncontrollable Sources Within the Content of a Total Maximum Daily Load.

Dear Ms. Mecklenborg:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to the above referenced document. As sources of pollutants become better understood and science and technology advance, it is important for regulations to be iterative and adaptive so that they make sense and can be effectively implemented. This proposed Basin Plan Amendment (BPA) makes a great stride in this direction.

The City understands that RWQCB staff has worked diligently, openly, and cooperatively with the Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG), specifically Amanda Carr and Nancy Palmer, who represented the County of Orange, on this effort. With that said, the City supports the comments regarding this proposed BPA that were submitted by the County of Orange under separate cover.

The City of Dana Point continues to be committed to protecting and improving the water quality at our creeks, beaches and ocean efficiently and effectively. The City hopes that we can continue work together to address some of the regulatory challenges while setting the foundation to help meet our mutual goals.

Respectfully,

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Director of Public Works & Engineering Services
City of Dana Point

cc: P. Hammer, SDRWQCB
L.Zawaski, City of Dana Point
San Juan Creek Watershed Partners