

**California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego Region**

Response to Comments Report

**Tentative Order No. R9-2013-0007
Waste Discharge Requirements
for
Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency
Tesoro Extension Project (SR 241) Project
Orange County**

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Acronyms & Abbreviations

ACOE	Army Corps of Engineers	NGO	Non-governmental Organization
BMPs	Best Management Practices	NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
Caltrans	California Department of Transportation	NTR	National Toxics Rule
CCR	California Code of Regulation	PROJECT	Tesoro Extension Project
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act	RMP	Runoff Management Plan
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	ROWD	Report of Waste Discharge
CTR	California Toxics Rule	SR	State Route
CRAM	California Rapid Assessment Method	SWPPP	Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan
CWA	Clean Water Act	TCA	Transportation Corridor Agencies
CWC	California Water Code	USACOE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
EIR	Environmental Protection Report	USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
F/ECTA	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency	WC	Water Code
GIS	Geographic Information System	WDRs	Waste Discharge Requirements
HMMP	Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan	WQMP	Water Quality Management Plan
MS4	Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer Systems		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) has prepared this Response to Comments Report on Tentative Order No. R9-2013-0007, *Waste Discharge Requirements for the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (F/ETCA), Tesoro Extension (SR 241) Project, Orange County* (Tesoro Extension Project).

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Comments received regarding CEQA are still under evaluation and not included in this document.

Comment No.	Hydromodification Comment	
1	<p>COMMENT: <i>The applicant's report does not analyze impacts from the project on bedload (coarse sediment) as required by the South Orange County HMP.</i></p> <p><i>As stated in the South Orange County HMP, "Urbanization can reduce the mass of bed material transported through the elimination of alluvial channel sections. This occurs in site development when first order and particularly larger streams are lined or placed into underground conduits."</i></p> <p><i>To properly manage bedload supply in urbanization projects, the South Orange County HMP recommends a three-step process:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Determine whether the site is a significant source of bed material to the receiving stream.</i> <i>2. Avoid significant bed material supply areas in the site design.</i> <i>3. Replace significant bed material supply areas that are eliminated through urbanization.</i> <p><i>As an alternative to the steps above, the HMP allows "the project applicant to model the site conditions and the receiving stream and provide additional mitigation in site runoff to compensate for the reduction (or addition) of bed material. This option may only be used if the general approach outlined above is deemed infeasible by the permitting authority, or if the project site design requires significant alteration of on-site stream."</i></p> <p><i>Our review of the applicant's report along with supporting materials found no bedload analysis. A limited sediment study was performed for bulking analysis of discharge for closed conduit design, but these studies do not satisfy the requirements of the HMP. At a minimum, to comply with the HMP, the applicant would need to determine whether or not impacted streams are a significant contributor of bed material. If impacted streams were found to contribute bed material, the design of the project would need to be revised to accommodate bedload supply areas, or bedload supply would need to be replaced. It is important to stress that the Orange County HMP requirement for analysis and preservation of bedload sources was specifically written with developments on steep hillslopes such as those underlying the proposed project site in mind.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: The Revised Tentative Order No. R9-2013-007 contains several hydromodification control requirements to prevent or mitigate the effects of coarse sediment deficit in the receiving waters and ensure stream stability.</p> <p><u>Compliance with Hydromodification Requirements in the California Department of Transportation</u></p>	<p>Commenter: Endangered Habitats League Michael Fitts</p>

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(Caltrans) Statewide Storm Water NPDES Permit

Upon opening of the Tesoro Extension roadway, Caltrans will assume ownership of the roadway facility and responsibility for roadway maintenance. Caltrans will be responsible as the discharger of post-development storm water discharges from the facility. For this reason, the revised Tentative Order requires in section V.C. that post construction hydromodification control BMPs and control measures be designed and constructed to comply with the hydromodification requirements set forth in the recently adopted statewide storm water NPDES permit for Caltrans, Order No. 2012-0011-DWQ, NPDES No. CAS000003. The hydromodification analysis and mitigation methods specified in the Caltrans NPDES Order were specifically developed for highway infrastructure which has specific design safety constraints, and drainage design standards to maintain natural flow patterns and stream hydraulic characteristics. The BMP design by the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (F/ETCA) incorporates hydromodification facilities which control flow at specified locations throughout the proposed Tesoro Extension alignment in order to mimic pre-project flow rates and durations and thereby maintaining existing sediment transport processes.

Required Implementation of Runoff Management Plan

F/ETCA), submitted a post construction storm runoff management plan (RMP), *Runoff Management Plan, 241 Tesoro Extension Project, prepared by Saddleback Constructors dated February 14, 2012* to ensure consistency with the hydromodification requirements of Section 2.d.3. on Page 40 of the Caltrans NPDES Order. The RMP is described in Finding G of the Revised Tentative Order. F/ETCA has reported that the design of the post construction BMPS described in the RMP will include flow duration control at all discharge points as well as engineered energy dissipation and cross culvert designs specifically to ensure the maintenance and transport of bed material in the local streams. The Revised Tentative Order requires in section V.B that F/ETCA install and implement the post construction BMPs as described in the RMP.

Compliance with South Orange County Hydromodification Plan

Section V.C. of the Revised Tentative Order requires that the design measures of the post construction BMPs for the Tesoro Extension Project comply with 1) the draft Model Water Quality Management Plan (Model WQMP) for South Orange County, dated December 16, 2011, and 2) the draft South Orange County Hydromodification Plan (HMP), dated December 11, 2011. The HMP contains provisions for avoiding coarse sediment yield areas and implementation of measures that allow coarse sediment to be discharged to receiving waters to

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Background Information

Order R9-2009-0002, the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) NPDES permit for South Orange County (MS4 Permit) requires the incorporation of low impact development and hydromodification requirements in new development and significant redevelopment projects. The Tesoro Extension Project is located in south Orange County and is therefore subject to the requirements of the Orange County Model Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SSMP) and Hydromodification Management Plan (HMP) as a new development project pursuant to the MS4 permit. The SSMP and HMP are specific to the south Orange County watershed management area and contain structural BMP requirements designed to protect the receiving waters in the area from the effects of hydromodification.

Hydromodification refers to changes in the magnitude and frequency of stream flows due to urbanization and the resulting impacts on receiving channels, such as erosion, sedimentation, and potentially degradation of in-stream habitat. It is now recognized that hydromodification approaches and strategies based on flow management need to be expanded to consider sediment management because they trap sediment and release sediment-starved water to downstream areas. The effects of coarse sediment deficit in the receiving waters must be considered to fully address hydromodification impacts. Coarse sediment functions to naturally armor the stream bed and reduce the erosive forces associated with high flows. Absence of coarse sediment often results in erosion of in-channel substrate during high flows. In addition, coarse sediment contributes to formation of in-channel habitats necessary to support native flora and fauna.

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2	<p>COMMENT: <i>The proposed project would likely result in a significant reduction in bedload to receiving waters</i></p> <p><i>It has been well documented that headwater channels (also referred to as first-order channels) are the primary coarse sediment source for downstream channels (Schumm and Hadley, 1961; Boyce, 1975; Strand, 1975; Schumm, 1977; Dietrich and Dunne, 1978). Headwater channels are characterized by steep, ephemeral drainages, where a mix of fluvial and hillslope processes transport sediment. These are high sediment areas that episodically deliver coarse sediment to higher-order streams, which in turn transport and store sediment.</i></p> <p><i>Figure 2 shows several headwater channels within the Wagon Wheel Creek watershed that would be affected by grading activities due to the project. The proposed project would fill in the steep-headwater valleys and move the stream channels to hardened underground conduits. The applicant has not analyzed the effect of these actions on bedload transport rates to receiving streams, but knowing what we know about sediment production in headwater channels, we would expect this action to have a significant effect on the supply of bedload to Wagon Wheel Creek, Canada Gobernadora, Chiquita Creek, and San Juan Creek.</i></p> <p><i>According to sediment transport principals as illustrated graphically by Lane's balance, reduced bedload supply to these channels would result in channel degradation consistent with observations of channel response due to hydromodification. These effects would be channel incision, headcut migration, bank failure and loss of aquatic habitat, all of which would negatively affect beneficial uses of downstream channels.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: See Response to Hydromodification Comment 1. Section V.C. of the Revised Tentative Order R9-2013-007 requires the Discharger to comply with applicable requirements set forth in the statewide storm water NPDES permit for Caltrans, Order No. 2012-0011-DWQ, NPDES No. CAS000003. Post construction BMPs must also provide for the capture and treatment of the 85th percentile, 24-hour storm event from 100 percent of the added impervious surfaces, and comply with the draft Model Water Quality Management Plan (Model WQMP) for South Orange County, dated December 16, 2011, and the draft South Orange County Hydromodification Plan (HMP), dated December 11, 2011. In complying with these requirements the Discharger must consider avoiding coarse sediment yield areas and implementation of measures that allow coarse sediment to be discharged to receiving waters to</p>	<p>Commenter: Endangered Habitats League Michael Fitts</p>

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3	<p>COMMENT: The proposed mitigation for the project would not replace lost bedload.</p> <p>While impacts to bedload supply would be expected to occur in three watersheds (Wheel Creek, Canada Gobernadora, Chiquita Creek, and San Juan Creek) mitigation for channel loss is proposed in only one watershed- the Chiquita Creek watershed. The currently proposed mitigation areas do not appear to match the area impacted by coarse sediment reduction.</p> <p>Moreover, according to the applicant's report, the Chiquita Creek watershed produces substantially less sediment than Canada Gobernadora:</p> <p>"Several active headcuts are present in Cañada Chiquita Creek, and the channel is presently incising in several locations. Continued channel incision will increase the sediment generation for the sub-basin by increasing in-channel sediment generation. The Chiquita subbasin produces substantially less sediment than Gobernadora Canyon (US Army Corps of Engineers 2005).</p> <p>"Mitigation in the Chiquita Creek watershed will likely produce substantially less bedload than the impacted streams in the Wagon Wheel/Canada Gobernadora and therefore would not replace the lost bedload. In addition, the proposed project is expected to reduce coarse sediment supply in San Juan Creek, a coastal stream.</p> <p>RESPONSE: See Response to Hydromodification Comment 1. Section V.C. of the Revised Tentative Order R9-2013-007 requires the Discharger to comply with applicable requirements set forth in the statewide storm water NPDES permit for Caltrans, Order No. 2012-0011-DWQ, NPDES No. CAS000003. Post construction BMPs must also provide for the capture and treatment of the 85th percentile, 24-hour storm event from 100 percent of the added impervious surfaces, and comply with the draft Model Water Quality Management Plan (Model WQMP) for South Orange County, dated December 16, 2011, and the draft South Orange County Hydromodification Plan (HMP), dated December 11, 2011. In complying with these requirements the Discharger must consider avoiding coarse sediment yield areas and implementation of measures that allow coarse sediment to be discharged to receiving waters to prevent sediment deficit.</p>	<p>Commenter: Endangered Habitats League Michael Fitts</p>

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Comment No.	Hydromodification Comment 4	
4	<p>COMMENT: As proposed, the project would be expected to result in channel incision and bank failure in Wagon Wheel Creek, Canada Gobernadora, and Chiquita Creek. In this way, the project would contribute to the further reduction of coarse sediment to San Juan Creek, a coastal stream which has several habitats and public safety concerns which could be exacerbated by the reduced sediment supply.</p> <p>The flow control requirements in the Orange County HMP (controlling flows from 10 percent of the 2- year event up to the 10-year event) are average controls that encompass a diverse range of channel sensitivities across the County. Some receiving waters are more sensitive while some are less so. Steep headwaters such as the project site are especially sensitive to hydromodification.</p> <p>The effects of hydromodification on stream channels have been well documented (Hawley, 2009; Hawley, Bledsoe and Stein, 2011). We expect the project as proposed to cause channel degradation consistent with observed hydromodification effects including large-scale channel enlargement, general scour, stream bank failure, loss of aquatic habitat and degradation of water quality. The San Juan Creek watershed has been shown to be a sediment starved system that has shown significant degradation since 1970. Below is an excerpt from ACOE (2005):</p> <p>“Results of the geomorphic analyses on San Juan Creek from Bell Canyon to the ocean outlet show significant degradation from 1970 to 1984 and continuing lower rates of degradation through 1998...The net effect of bed degradation is its impacts on associated resources, both natural and manmade. Bed degradation will eventually cause (and has already caused) the bed elevation to reach the level of buried pipelines, causing failure of water and sewer lines. It will cause erosion of bed sediments resulting in disappearance of habitat within the bed. If continuous, the resource will disappear permanently.”</p> <p>RESPONSE: See Response to Hydromodification Comment 1. Section V.C. of the Revised Tentative Order R9-2013-007 requires the Discharger to comply with applicable requirements set forth in the statewide storm water NPDES permit for Caltrans, Order No. 2012-0011-DWQ, NPDES No. CAS000003. Post construction BMPs must also provide for the capture and treatment of the 85th percentile, 24-hour storm event from 100 percent of the added impervious surfaces, and comply with the draft Model Water Quality Management Plan (Model WQMP) for South Orange County, dated December 16, 2011, and the draft South Orange County</p>	<p>Commenter: Endangered Habitats League Michael Fitts</p>

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Comment No.	Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan Comment	
5	<p>COMMENT: My main concern is that the HMMP fails to analyze the extent to which the Tesoro Extension Project would impact the San Diego Cactus Wren (<i>Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus sandiegensis</i>), a California Species of Special Concern that occurs in the area that would be affected by construction of this proposed roadway. I was not able to find any recent survey results for the San Diego Cactus Wren in the HMMP or in any supporting documentation.</p> <p>The HMMP does not follow these guidelines, and in my opinion the HMMP's approach to scrub restoration is very unlikely to provide habitat of value to the Cactus Wren. For example, the HMMP's specification of 180 cactus pads per acre of restored coastal sage scrub is much lower than the density of cactus in which one typically finds Cactus Wrens in coastal southern California. But this is only the most obvious deficiency of the proposed mitigation approach. As indicated above, there are many items that should be taken into consideration when devising a restoration plan directed at providing habitat for Cactus Wrens. Implementing the HMMP as proposed would represent a lost opportunity to effectively mitigate this project's significant impacts to the San Diego Cactus Wren. This major deficiency in the project's mitigation approach must be addressed at this time.</p> <p>RESPONSE: The San Diego Water Board appreciates your comments regarding the Discharger's Final Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (HMMP) for the Tesoro Extension Project, dated February 13, 2013, and will consider your concerns during our review of the Final HMMP. Please note that pursuant to Section VII.C of the Revised Tentative Order the San Diego Water Board will release the Final HMMP for public review and comment before accepting the Final HMMP report as complete and ready for implementation.</p>	Commenter: Robert A. Hamilton, President, Hamilton Biological, Inc.

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6	<p>COMMENT: <i>The HMMP makes no mention of the Arroyo Toad (Anaxyrus californicus), a species federally listed as endangered that is known to occur in the project vicinity, in and around San Juan Creek.</i></p> <p><i>The HMMP for this proposed project must analyze impacts on the Arroyo Toad population in San Juan Creek, immediately south of the proposed terminus, taking into account the wide-ranging use of upland habitats described above.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: The San Diego Water Board appreciates your comments regarding the Discharger's Final Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (HMMP) for the Tesoro Extension Project, dated February 13, 2013, and will consider your concerns during our review of the Final HMMP. Please note that pursuant to Section VII.C of the Revised Tentative Order the San Diego Water Board will release the Final HMMP for public review and comment before accepting the Final HMMP report as complete and ready for implementation.</p>	<p>Commenter: Robert A. Hamilton, President, Hamilton Biological, Inc.</p>
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7	<p>COMMENT: <i>Table 2 - While "unnamed tributary" is common parlance for RWQCB, use of the language in this context and as a part of a WDR for fill of isolated waters appears to call the Corps' Approved Jurisdictional Delineation into question, pursuant to which the Corps found that the waters impacted are NOT tributary to waters of the United States.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: The San Diego Water Board changed the language in Table 2 as follows: ""Unnamed waters of the State tributary to..." Finding H in the Revised Tentative Order (page 7) and Section 2 of Attachment B (Information Sheet) of the Tentative Order (Page B-5) clearly state that the waters referred to in the Tentative Order are only waters of the State. Finding H also states that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) determined that the proposed Project activities will not occur within waters of the United States and therefore the Project is not subject to USACOE jurisdiction under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and a Section 404 permit is not required for the Project.</p>	<p>Also Commenter: Valerie McFall, Director, Environmental Services, Transportation Corridor Agencies</p>

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8	<p>COMMENT: <i>Section II. FINDING F. – Add language to identify submission of Final Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (HMMP) for the Tesoro Extension Project.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Pursuant to Section VII.C of the Revised Tentative Order the San Diego Water Board will release the Final HMMP for public review and comment before accepting the Final HMMP report as complete and ready for implementation. The San Diego Water Board has not approved the Final HMMP; therefore reference to the Final HMMP is not appropriate.</p>	<p>Commenter: Valerie McFall, Director, Environmental Services, Transportation Corridor Agencies</p>
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9	<p>COMMENT: <i>Section II. FINDING N. – Requested additional language in the Tentative Order Finding N to document that the public comment period was extended..</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: The San Diego Water Board noted the extension of the public comment period in Attachment B to the Tentative Order, section 10, page B-15.</p>	<p>Commenter: Valerie McFall, Director, Environmental Services, Transportation Corridor Agencies</p>

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10	<p>COMMENT: <i>Section V.C POST- CONSTRUCTION BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES Suggested language to clarify that the F/ETCA must design BMPs to meet Caltrans standards.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: See Response to Hydromodification Comment 1. The Revised Tentative Order No. R9-2013-007 contains several hydromodification control requirements to prevent or mitigate the effects of coarse sediment deficit in the receiving waters and ensure stream stability.</p> <p><u>Compliance with Hydromodification Requirements in the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Statewide Storm Water NPDES Permit</u></p> <p>Upon opening of the Tesoro Extension roadway, Caltrans will assume ownership of the roadway facility and responsibility for roadway maintenance. Caltrans will be responsible as the discharger of post-development storm water discharges from the facility. For this reason, the revised Tentative Order requires in section V.C. that post construction hydromodification control BMPs and control measures be designed and constructed to comply with the hydromodification requirements set forth in the recently adopted statewide storm water NPDES permit for Caltrans, Order No. 2012-0011-DWQ, NPDES No. CAS000003. The hydromodification analysis and mitigation methods specified in the Caltrans NPDES Order were specifically developed for highway infrastructure which has specific design safety constraints, and drainage design standards to maintain natural flow patterns and stream hydraulic characteristics. The BMP design by the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (F/ETCA) incorporates hydromodification facilities which control flow at specified locations throughout the proposed Tesoro Extension alignment in order to mimic pre-project flow rates and durations and thereby maintaining existing sediment transport processes.</p> <p><u>Required Implementation of Runoff Management Plan</u></p> <p>F/ETCA), submitted a post construction storm runoff management plan (RMP), <i>Runoff Management Plan, 241 Tesoro Extension Project, prepared by Saddleback Constructors dated February 14, 2012</i> to ensure consistency with the hydromodification requirements of Section 2.d.3.on Page 40 of the Caltrans NPDES Order. The RMP is described in Finding G of the Revised Tentative Order F/ETCA has reported that the design of the post construction BMPS described in the RMP will include flow duration control at all discharge points as well as engineered energy dissipation and cross culvert designs specifically to ensure the maintenance and transport of bed material in the local streams. The Revised Tentative Order requires in section V.B that F/ETCA install and implement the post construction BMPs as described in the</p>	<p>Commenter: Valerie McFall, Director, Environmental Services, Transportation Corridor Agencies</p>

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11	<p>COMMENT: <i>Section VII.B COMPENSATORY MITIGATION DELETED [Compensatory Mitigation Plan] Updated to reflect submission of Final HMMP on 2/15. Added NEW B. Compensatory Management Plan Development updated to address submission of Final HMMP.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: The San Diego Water Board accepted the requested deletion of Section VII.B and added the new Section VII.C to address the procedures that will be associated with the San Diego Water Board approval of the Final HMMP. Section VII.C of the Revised Tentative Order provides that the San Diego Water Board will release the Final HMMP for public review and comment before accepting the Final HMMP report as complete and ready for implementation</p>	<p>Commenter: Valerie McFall, Director, Environmental Services, Transportation Corridor Agencies</p>
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12	<p>COMMENT: <i>Section VII.E.1 COMPENSATORY MITIGATION Timing of Compensatory Mitigation Suggested revision to allow for permittee to comply with planting conditions of California Department of Fish and Wildlife Section 1602 Agreement and other permits.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: The San Diego Water Board revised Section VII.E.1. to extend the amount of time to complete the compensatory mitigation projects from 12 months to 18 months to account for an additional rainy season for planting.</p>	<p>Commenter: Valerie McFall, Director, Environmental Services, Transportation Corridor Agencies</p>
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13	<p>COMMENT: <i>Section VII.E.4 COMPENSATORY MITIGATION Suggested new requirement "The five-year maintenance and monitoring program contemplated by the Final HMMP shall begin upon completion of construction of the compensatory mitigation projects."</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: The San Diego Water Board did not revise Section VII E.4 of the Tentative Order to accept the addition of the requested new requirement. The timing of monitoring and maintenance will be determined and documented in the approved Final HMMP. The San Diego Water Board did add a requirement at Section VII E.3 of the revised Tentative Order that species mitigation maintenance and monitoring programs required and approved by the San Diego Water Board shall begin upon completion of construction of the compensatory mitigation projects.</p>	<p>Commenter: Valerie McFall, Director, Environmental Services, Transportation Corridor Agencies</p>

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14	<p>COMMENT: <i>Section VII.F.3 Conservation Easement Suggested change clarifying that the F/ETCA will continue to hold the Conservation Easement for the Upper Chiquita Canyon Conservation Area (referred to as Mitigation Area B in the Final HMMP), as agreed to in the 1996 Conservation Easement agreement between the F/ETCA, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (the recorded agreement can be provided to the Regional Board). The Conservation Easement for Mitigation Area A will be held by the Reserve at Rancho Mission Viejo.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: The San Diego Water Board added a reference to Section F.2 of the Revised Tentative Order regarding the 1996 Conservation Easement agreement between the F/ETCA, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and included the document in Attachment F of the Revised Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Valerie McFall, Director, Environmental Services, Transportation Corridor Agencies</p>
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15	<p>COMMENT: <i>Section VII.F.3 Conservation Easement Language adjusted for consistency with comments submitted by RMV</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: The San Diego Water Board did not accept this change request. Satisfactory conservation easements must include the elements listed in Section VII F.3. of the Revised Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Valerie McFall, Director, Environmental Services, Transportation Corridor Agencies</p>
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16	<p>COMMENT: <i>Section VII.F.5 Conservation Easement Language adjusted for consistency with comments submitted by RMV. Addition of "Recordation of the Conservation Easement shall occur no later than ten (10) days after the Discharger receives concurrence from the San Diego Water Board and any other agency with jurisdiction that the Compensatory Mitigation Sites have achieved the performance criteria set forth in the Final Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan."</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: The San Diego Water Board accepted this change request with modifications that add reference to the approved Final HMMP. See Section VII.F.5. of the Revised Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Valerie McFall, Director, Environmental Services, Transportation Corridor Agencies</p>

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17	<p>COMMENT: <i>Section VII.F.6 Conservation Easement Suggested change regarding the F/ETCA as an authorized entity to hold an endowment for long-term management of mitigation sites, per California Civil Code section 815.3 and California Government Code section 65965 et seq. Language also requires the F/ETCA to provide specific annual budget line item to ensure compliance with the interim and long-term management of the Conservation Easements and the mitigation identified in the Final HMMP.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: The San Diego Water Board accepted this change request with modifications that remove the inclusion of the San Diego Water Board in the Endowment Agreement and retained the requirement for proof of full funding for the endowment within 6 months of the issuance of the Order. See Section VII.F.6. of the Revised Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Valerie McFall, Director, Environmental Services, Transportation Corridor Agencies</p>
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18	<p>COMMENT: <i>Section VII.G.1 Letter of Credit Note the financial security is posted separately for long-term management activities. In compliance with other resource agency approvals and financial security obligations for project mitigation areas, the F/ETCA is preparing a separate escrow agreement and requests that the escrow agreement with California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) be submitted to the Regional Board as proof of compliance with the provisions of the Regional Board WDR. The financial security will be used to secure construction and establishment of the compensatory mitigation sites.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: The San Diego Water Board accepted this change request with modifications that require “financial assurances” acceptable to the San Diego Water Board. See Section VII.G.1. of the Revised Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Valerie McFall, Director, Environmental Services, Transportation Corridor Agencies</p>

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19	<p>COMMENT: <i>Section VII.G.2 and 3 Letter of Credit Language updated to reflect applicants request to prepare a financial security agreement acceptable to CDFW and the Regional Board. A separate financial assurance agreement would be prepared for the Regional Board and CDFW to allow each respective agency to withdraw funds to ensure completion of identified mitigation.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: The San Diego Water Board accepted this change request with modifications that require “financial assurances” acceptable to the San Diego Water Board. See Section VII.G.2 and 3 of the Revised Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Valerie McFall, Director, Environmental Services, Transportation Corridor Agencies</p>
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20	<p>COMMENT: <i>Section VIII.A.8 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS Annual Monitoring Report - Language adjusted for consistency with comments submitted by RMV.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: The San Diego Water Board accepted this change request with modifications that require submittal of all reports that satisfy this section to the San Diego Water Board. See Section VIII.A.8. of the Revised Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Valerie McFall, Director, Environmental Services, Transportation Corridor Agencies</p>
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21	<p>COMMENT: <i>Section VIII.D REPORTING REQUIREMENTS Project Completion Report - Suggest for consistency with the design build contract provisions, which call for preparation of these items upon final acceptance of the Project.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: The San Diego Water Board accepted this change request. See Section VIII.D. of the Revised Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Valerie McFall, Director, Environmental Services, Transportation Corridor Agencies</p>
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22	<p>COMMENT: <i>Section VIII.K REPORTING REQUIREMENTS Duly Authorized Representative - It appears the signatory requirements are in Section J?</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: The San Diego Water Board accepted this change request. See Section VIII.K. of the Revised Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Valerie McFall, Director, Environmental Services, Transportation Corridor Agencies</p>

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23	<p>COMMENT: <i>Section IX.F PROVISIONS Inspection and Entry - Suggested revisions included at request of landowners adjacent to Discharger right-of way.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: The San Diego Water Board accepted this change request with modified language acceptable to the San Diego Water Board. See Section IX.F. of the Revised Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Valerie McFall, Director, Environmental Services, Transportation Corridor Agencies</p>
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24	<p>COMMENT: <i>Page 14. Section VII.C - requires the TCA to provide a description of the legal arrangements & financial assurance, protection & management of compensatory mitigation sites including reporting on same. Since RMVLT will be the long term manager of both compensation sites and The Reserve the conservation easement holder, RMV requests that we be afforded the opportunity to review all information developed to respond to this condition to ensure that the information provided accurately reflects the obligations that RMV already has regarding long term management, reporting, etc.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: The San Diego Water Board did not accept this change. Rancho Mission Viejo (RMV) may submit this request to the San Diego Water Board after the Tentative Order has been adopted by the San Diego Water Board.</p>	<p>Commenter: Laura Coley Eisenberg, Vice President, Rancho Mission Viejo</p>

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25	<p>COMMENT: <i>Page 16/17. Section VII.F. RMV and the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA) are parties to a Settlement Agreement (SA) resulting from prior litigation. This settlement agreement pertains partly to TCA's use of RMV property for mitigation purposes for impacts associated with the construction of SR-241. The settlement agreement contains certain terms and conditions related to mitigation for impacts to wetlands including the form of, parties to, and timing of recordation of conservation easements. Specifically, per Section 2.f (ii) "RMV shall cause to be granted to The Reserve, and shall cause to be recorded in the Official Records of the County of Orange a Spreader Amendment to the RMV Conservation Easement over the Wetlands Acreage not later than ten (10) days after the date upon which the Agency notifies RMV that it has obtained, and provides RMV with, written evidence that it has achieved the Wetlands . Performance Standards established by the Wetlands Resource Agencies. "Thus the SA establishes the following 1) the form of the Conservation Easement – the RMV Conservation Easement, 2) who the grantor is - RMV, 3) who the grantee is – The Reserve at Rancho Mission and; 4) the timing of when the conservation easement is to be recorded.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: The San Diego Water Board accepted this change. See Section VII.F. of the Revised Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Laura Coley Eisenberg, Vice President, Rancho Mission Viejo</p>
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26	<p>COMMENT: <i>Page 18. Section VIII.A.8 - this section requires preparation of an annual report by the easement holder. RMV prepares an annual compliance and effectiveness report for USFWS, CDFW and the USACE to fulfill the requirements of the SSHCP, MSAA and SAMP. We request the addition of: "At the discretion of the Conservation Easement holder, the report may be prepared and submitted as a separate report, or the information may be included in the Annual Compliance & Effectiveness Report prepared for the Juan Creek Watershed/Western San Mateo Creek Watershed Special Area Management Plan and Southern Subregion Habitat Conservation Plan;"</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: The San Diego Water Board accepted this change request with modifications that require submittal of all reports that satisfy this section to the San Diego Water Board. See Section VIII.A.8. of the Revised Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Laura Coley Eisenberg, Vice President, Rancho Mission Viejo</p>

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27	<p>COMMENT: <i>Page 23. Section IX.F.4 - in order to clarify where sampling and monitoring may occur, we request the addition of language to designate that monitoring or sampling will be conducted in areas that are regulated by the Order and 24-hour notice for entry to the premises.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: The San Diego Water Board accepted this change request with modified language acceptable to the San Diego Water Board. See Section IX.F.4. of the Revised Tentative Order.</p>	Commenter: Laura Coley Eisenberg, Vice President, Rancho Mission Viejo

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Comment No.	Form Letter A	
28	<p>COMMENT: <i>I am writing in support of the Transportation Corridor Agencies. request (TCA) for a Waste Discharge Requirement permit, as described in Tentative Order No. R9-2013-0007. The TCA.s planned extension the SR-241 (the Tesoro Extension) is a much-needed transportation project that would enhance our local economy, public safety and quality of life. But it does so with incredible attention to natural resource protection and enhancement throughout and beyond its project area.</i></p> <p><i>In fact, after reading about the TCA.s measures to protect water quality, it is clear that they go well above what is required and would be an asset to the natural environment. Measures like the porous asphalt would help ensure that unavoidable pollutants, like brake dust and motor oil, are captured before reaching waterways. It is my understanding that this is an innovative solution that is not required of the TCA but is nevertheless being implemented to ensure the utmost care for our environment. This is in addition to other water quality mitigation measures including Extended Detention Basins (EDBs) and bioswales. The water runoff from this roadway extension will mimic pre-construction conditions in both flow and water quality.</i></p> <p><i>The avoidance, restoration and creation of new wetland habitat is also a testament to the TCA.s commitment to our natural surroundings. These wetlands will not only attract wildlife, but also serve as a natural source of water treatment to preserve local watersheds. Together with the planned water treatment facilities, the TCA.s strategy to capture and treat runoff before reaching local watersheds is a critical element to their plan and will improve the health of our local ecosystems.</i></p> <p><i>These measures closely align with the Water Board’s mission .to preserve, enhance and restore the quality of California’s water resources. and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations. Therefore, I urge you and your colleagues to support Tentative Order No. R9-2013-0007 and grant the TCA its Waste Discharge Requirement Permit at your hearing on March 13.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenters: Laer Pearce, Duane Cave, April Josephson, Ben Boyce, Thomas Rath, Kate Keena, Robert A. Allaire, Martie McIntosh</p>

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Comment No.	Form Letter B	
29	<p>COMMENT: <i>I am writing to urge your support for the Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit submitted by the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) for the Tesoro Extension project in Orange County.</i></p> <p><i>As a member of the LA/OC Building & Construction Trades Council, I support needed and well-planned transportation projects such as this one because I recognize how good infrastructure projects help build prosperous communities. The economic downturn over the past several years has had a negative impact on me personally and on our industry. The State Route 241 Tesoro Extension from Oso Parkway to the area near Ortega Highway is a roadway construction project that will create more than 2,400 jobs and will provide economic growth for the region.</i></p> <p><i>The Tesoro Extension will be one of several traffic relief projects that are underway or planned for South Orange County, including the Ortega/I-5 interchange improvement, the La Pata Gap Closure Project, the Picoll-5 interchange improvement and the 1-5 carpool lane addition. All of these transportation improvement projects are needed to provide traffic relief through the region. Environmental impact studies have shown that the project has minimal impacts and the storm water runoff system that is being proposed is state-of-the-art and creates a runoff flow that mimics nature both in water quality and in the water flow rate.</i></p> <p><i>As an informed Southern California resident, I understand the need for viable transportation projects and encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenters: Jaime Barton, Gene Brewer, Douglas M. Chappell, Ernest Oviedo, Richard Samaniego, Paulina Le, David Martinez, Richard Vasquez, Neal Lauzon, Tim West, Jonathan Garrido, Dave Ruhland, Guy Krisfalusi, Dwayne Garrido, Matthew Iantorno, Jeff Gatlin, Rick Hecht, Rick Peterson, Douglas Mangloine, Dean A. Francis, Sean Ferris, Fred Young, David A. Lawhorn, Jeff Fitzgerald, John Nonenmacher, Richard R. Sanchez, Shawn Parent</p>

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Comment No.	Form Letter C	
30	<p>COMMENT: <i>I am writing to urge your support for the Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit submitted by the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) for the Tesoro Extension project in Orange County.</i></p> <p><i>TCA proposes to create, restore and/or enhance 34.82 acres of habitat for .40 acre of impact the Tesoro Extension will have on surface waters of the State. Additionally, TCA has committed to building the five-mile Tesoro Extension utilizing best management practices (BMP). These BMPs will maintain existing drainage flow patterns and treat all highway runoff to the maximum extent practicable before discharging to receiving waters in order to maintain existing beneficial uses and meet water quality objectives established by the Regional Board and the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin.</i></p> <p><i>I understand the need for viable transportation projects and encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenters: Jancee Aellig, BethL. Armocon, Sandy Condello, Linda Koppererud, Cathy Lee, Beth L. Meyer, Dennis Marracq, Cathy Nelson, Marie Siegel, Jim Rutter, Michele Rutter, John Albu, Virginia Clemens, Kate Jones, E;aine Smith, Lily Wakeman, Peggi Buff, Cindy Holmes, Joan Straka</p>

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31	<p>COMMENT: <i>I am writing to urge your support for the Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit submitted by the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) for the Tesoro Extension project in Orange County.</i></p> <p><i>I support needed and well-planned transportation projects such as this one because I recognize how good infrastructure projects help build prosperous communities. With the large-scale residential and commercial construction already underway at Rancho Mission Viejo, it is vital that the Interstate-S (1-5) have an alternative route for people to utilize. That route needs to be the Tesoro Extension of the 241 Toll Road. Currently, 1-5 is the only north-south non-arterial route available for residents and businesses in South Orange County. 1-5 also serves as the primary route for movement of goods to and from Mexico and the ports of Los Angeles, San Diego and Long Beach. The Tesoro Extension will be one of several traffic relief projects that are underway or planned for South Orange County, including the Ortega/I-S interchange improvement, the La Pata Gap Closure Project, the Pico/I-S interchange improvement and the 1-5 carpool lane addition. All of these transportation improvement projects are needed to provide traffic relief through the region. TCA proposes to create, restore and/or enhance 34.82 acres of habitat for .40 acre of impact the Tesoro Extension will have on surface waters of the State. Additionally, TCA has committed to building the five-mile Tesoro Extension utilizing best management practices (BMP). These BMPs will maintain existing drainage flow patterns and treat all highway runoff to the maximum extent practicable before discharging to receiving waters in order to maintain existing beneficial uses and meet water quality objectives established by the Regional Board and the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin.</i></p> <p><i>As an informed Southern California resident, I understand the need for viable transportation projects and encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenters: Seung Sang, Jim Avery, Bernard A. Allen, Susan Andicochen, Marie Azaula, Doja Alwien, Nat Adam, Gary A. Bisch, Paul D. Berkery, Gregg R. Bond, S.K. Bennett, Erika Bennett, Daniel W. Boyd, Heather Baez, Robert L Brown, Burton Brown, Wendy Bucknem, Lawrence R Cann, Carol A. Cann, Tom Cameron, Michael Conte, Mary West, Susie Caskey, Erin Coates, Duane D. Cave, Tracy Y. Carleten, Dale Chassey, Merideth Cann, Gerald Cox, Jeannie Cisneros, Craig Dibbey, Susan Dinkmeyer, Hanh Dao, Scottie Dinh, Alice Deculis, Cherie D. Eiflen, Ronda Edmondson, Erich P. Engler, Laura Freese, Richard Fisher, Gary Fensel, Gary Gossard, Marc S. Glasser, Joshua Haskins, Paul H. Henry, Sherry Hodges, Kenneth A. Hall, James Hateley, Roger Hatton, Bart Harashi, James B. Hamlin, Farinaz Jalaie, Jason King, Filomena Koranyi, Kerri Korfanta, Constance Kolajtowicz, Issam Khalaf, David Ludwig, Dayton Larson, Alayne Lonigro, Leonilo Lasam, Arnold Leos, Brian Lochrie, Mark Montgomery, Maryiem Ann Matsil, Adabel Mercado, Donea Moore, Kimberly Markert, Charles S. Nills, Melissa McNeece, Kevin</p>

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32	<p>COMMENT: <i>I support the Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit submitted by the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) for the Tesoro Extension project in Orange County. Well-planned transportation and infrastructure projects like the Tesoro Extension build prosperous communities. With the large-scale residential/commercial construction underway at Rancho Mission Viejo, it's vital that 1-5 have an alternative route -that route needs to be the 241 Toll Road's Tesoro Extension.</i></p> <p><i>TCA will create, restore and/or enhance 34.82 acres of habitat for .4 acre of impact the extension will have. TCA will utilize best management practices to maintain existing drainage flow patterns and treat all road runoff to the maximum extent before discharging to receiving waters to maintain existing beneficial uses and meet water quality objectives established by the Regional Board and the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin. Join me and support TCA's WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenters: Dallas A. Wilson, Laura Syme, Steven Tayanipour, Susan Strauss, Trevor Trumbo, Jim Priestley, Robert Lung, Denise Campbell, Sylvia Prata, Marti Mcloud, Nesa Anderson, Joe Tringale, Steve Pattinson, Philip DeRose, Searl Stock, Bill Ring, Lori Olin, Harold Kaufman, Julie Kern, Kevin Halliburton, Veronica Seyde, Susan Carroll, Dana Velarde, Howard Miller, Kelli Goradia, Dave Redderson, Morlene Atkinson, Len Malena, Mark Kleabir, Scott Brusseau, Jerry Rose, Charles Rousseau, Richard Olson, Cathy Malena, Jan Shomaker, Makr Palma, Melanie Coppen, Harrison Long, Melissa Villareal, Dave Stefanides, Ed Bonilla, Linda Williams, Donna Wharton, James Hamlin, Chris Holland, Robert Israel, Herb Bunker, Donna Kalez, Richard Wilson, Melinda Stone, Michael Schoenwald, Michael Stone, Donald Moe, Edward J. Synicky, Robert Fiorillo, Thomas Schroeder, Judith Magboo, Christopher Martin, Mike Phillips, Alan Hisasuna, Melanie Priest, David Rudin, Michael Tegtmeyer, Leonard Savala Jr., Sean Savala, Curtis R. Basnett, Ron Thompson, Marjourie Baumgartner, George Leemon, Ron Getz, Linda</p>

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Williams, Maurice Hansen, Chris
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33	<p>COMMENT: Infrastructure is crucial to economic growth and is extremely important to new home buyers. With that in mind, as a member of the Orange County Association of Realtors, I'm proud to support the State Route (SR) 241 Tesoro Extension. With 14,000 new homes and five million square feet of commercial space already approved for Rancho Mission Viejo, with parts of this development already under construction, the SR 241 Tesoro Extension will improve mobility in the area, alleviate traffic on several heavily congested arterial roads that are already at capacity, and serve as a desperately needed alternative to Interstate 5 in a growing part of Orange County. Additionally, construction of this five mile extension will provide long-term economic benefits to the region as well as the state, and will create more than 2,400 jobs.</p> <p>Protecting our waterways is essential. Scientific studies show that this road can be built with virtually no negative impact on our local waterways. The total acreage of impacts on waterways regulated by the state is less than half an acre. Additionally, the various mitigation measures that are planned such as porous pavement, Austin sand filters, bio-swales and extended detention basins will ensure that this five mile roadway will be one of the most environmentally sensitive highways ever built. The storm-water runoff will be filtered and will mimic pre-development conditions in both water quality as well as water flow rates.</p> <p>Well planned infrastructure projects like this should be considered a model of excellence by regulatory agencies such as yours. I strongly encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenters:Abe Sedghati, Ela Kitchen, Liberato Martinez, Shaun Smith, Gregory Mull, Cindy Bacigalupo, Timothy Doherty, Mike Hosseini, Joey Lee, Conocepcio Benniger, Michael Benniger, Alan Weinstein, Dennis Riviera, Barbara Holland, Dennis Stern, Randall A. Orchen, Jan Smith, Melanie D'Avanzo, Len Herman, Lisa M Dunn, Peter Granimainaro, Roberta J. Liscianobe, Charlie Lescuardo, Rita E. Tayenaka, Colleen Treyillo, Karen Lameijer, Karen Ba, Jefferey Wright, John Oliver, Tracy Roberts, Liz Claus, Jon Meyer, Joanne Frank, Tom Franco, Haley Hinman, Barbie Meyer, Jim Vitali, Susan P. McCabe, Edward Beverage, Mayra Burgoy, Mike Didelot, Judy Minor, Nicole Cinquini, Aaron Hanson, Steve Crowley, Kathy Wood, Ken J. Williams, Hugh Kice, Bob Anderson, Maurice N. Hansen, Cam Graeber, Nancy Taylor, Deborah Ferrari, Randell Let, Bill Godwin, MaryJean Fryar, Robert M. Boyer, David Biddle, Doug Montandon, Jon Moore, Geoffrey Fry, Bill Parker, Bob Fox, Chip Collins, Peter Oret, Elvira Evanoff, Janet Montandon, Sharle Camp, Sharon Custer, Lynne Suzananski, John Razzarrio, Lee Mequet, Perry Harris, Marlene</p>

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Comment No.	Support Tesoro Petition	
34	<p>COMMENT: We the undersigned are residents of South Orange County and are writing to urge your support for the Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit submitted by the Foothill Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) for the Tesoro Extension project in Orange County.</p> <p>All of us support needed and well-planned transportation projects such as this one because we recognize how good infrastructure projects help build prosperous communities. With the large-scale residential and commercial construction already underway at Rancho Mission Viejo, it is vital that the Interstate-5 (1-5) have an alternative route for people to utilize. That route needs to be the Tesoro Extension of the 241 Toll Road. Currently, 1-5 is the only north-south non-arterial route available for residents and businesses in South Orange County; I-5 also serves as the primary route for movement of goods to and from Mexico and the ports of Los Angeles, San Diego and Long Beach.</p> <p>The Tesoro Extension will be one of several traffic relief projects that are underway or planned for South Orange County, including the Ortegall-5 interchange improvement, the La Pata Gap Closure Project, the Picoll-5 interchange improvement and the 1-5 carpool lane addition. All of these transportation improvement projects are needed to provide traffic relief through the region. TCA proposes to create, restore and/or enhance 34.82 acres of habitat for .40 acre of impact the Tesoro Extension will have on surface waters of the State. Additionally, TCA has committed to building the five-mile Tesoro Extension utilizing best management practices (BMP). These BMPs will maintain existing drainage flow patterns and treat all highway runoff to the maximum extent practicable before discharging to receiving waters in order to maintain existing beneficial uses and meet water quality objectives established by the Regional Board and the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin.</p> <p>We are informed Southern California residents, and understand the need for viable transportation projects and encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.</p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenters: David Weaver, Richard Hill Adams, Sheila A. Caruso, Larry Kramer, David Ludwig, Mark Ruddy, Ann Ronan, Ted Roberts, Pat March, Nathalie Lopez, Patty Raves, Kenneth T. Smith, James R. Miller, Stephanie Frisch, Jennifer Pointer, Randi Peshkin, Steve Cohon, Steve Rose, Ron Hanson, Donald L. Hickman, Greg Sykes, Lorinda Sloss, Jennifer Greene, John Frankel, Dorothy I. Franka, David F. Adams, Paul St. Pierre, Paul Jenner, Christopher L. Hon, Arturo Galindo, Raymond Perez, John Cacedora, Wu McDougale, Arthur Gihidich, Joe Soto, John Gillotti, Tom Harbad, Carol Dadeker, F.D. Fuyunn, Erin Doyle, Jennifer Greene, James L. Laurentzen, Chris Adams</p>

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35	<p>COMMENT: <i>As the Mayor Pro Tem of the City of San Juan Capistrano, I am writing to ask that you support the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency's Waste Discharge Requirement application. Residents and businesses throughout my city are directly impacted everyday by the lack of a viable alternative to the Interstate 5 (1-5). Because there is no alternative route to the 1-5, completing the Tesoro Extension is a crucial component to the overarching mobility plan designed to help alleviate the traffic congestion throughout the region. Included with the traffic, relief benefits for residents, businesses and visitors, construction of this nearly-five-mile extension will also create more than 2,000 Orange County jobs and an additional 407 jobs statewide. Job creation and traffic relief are both desperately needed. ' In addition to the jobs and enhanced mobility throughout the region, the Tesoro Extension has extremely minimal impact to waters regulated by the State (less than a half-acre). This project will also benefit the region's air quality as identified in the South Coast Air Quality Management District's 2012 Air Quality Management Plan. I strongly encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	Commenter: City of San Juan Capistrano, Mayor ProTem Allevato

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36	<p>COMMENT: <i>I am writing to you in reference to the Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit application submitted by the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) for the Tesoro Extension project in Orange County.</i></p> <p><i>As a former member of your Board, and a former Mayor and City Councilman of the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, I urge your adoption of Tentative Order No. R9-201J-007. After reviewing the Tentative Order and accompanying documents. I believe both the applicant and the Board have developed a well-defined and comprehensive plan for mitigation of potential pollutants entering the state waterways.</i></p> <p><i>TCA proposes to create, restore and/or enhance 34.82 acres of habitat for .40 acre of impact the Tesoro Extension will have on surface waters of the State. Additionally, TCA has committed to building the five-mile Tesoro Extension utilizing best management practices (BMP). These BMPs will maintain existing drainage flow patterns and treat all highway runoff to the maximum extent practicable before discharging to receiving waters in order to maintain existing beneficial uses and meet water quality objectives established by the Regional Board and the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin.</i></p> <p><i>I support needed and well-planned transportation projects such as this one because I recognize how good infrastructure projects help build prosperous communities. With the large-scale residential and commercial construction already underway at Rancho Mission Viejo, it is vital that the Interstate-S (1-5) have an alternative route for people to utilize. That route needs to be the Tesoro Extension of the 241 Toll Road. Currently, 1-5 is the only north south non-arterial route available for residents and businesses in South Orange County. 1-5 also serves as the primary route for movement of goods to and from Mexico and the ports of Los Angeles, San Diego and Long Beach.</i></p> <p><i>The Tesoro Extension will be one of several traffic relief projects that are underway or planned for South Orange County, including the Ortega/I-5 interchange improvement, the La Para Gap Closure Project, the PiC/I-5 interchange improvement and the 1-5 carpool lane addition. All of these transportation improvement projects are needed to provide traffic relief through the region.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Gary Thompson</p>

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37	<p>COMMENT: Received 19 Feb 2013 <i>As the Mayor of the City of Mission Viejo, I am writing to urge your support for the Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit submitted by the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) for the Tesoro Extension project in Orange County.</i></p> <p><i>I support needed and well-planned transportation projects such as this one because I recognize how good infrastructure projects help build prosperous communities. With the large-scale residential and commercial construction already underway at Rancho Mission Viejo, it is vital that the Interstate-S (1-5) have an alternative route for people to utilize. That route needs to be the Tesoro Extension of the 241 Toll Road. Currently, 1-5 is the only north-south non-arterial route available for residents and businesses in South Orange County. 1-5 also serves as the primary route for movement of goods to and from Mexico and the ports of Los Angeles, San Diego and Long Beach,</i></p> <p><i>TCA proposes to create, restore and/or enhance 34.82 acres of habitat for .40 acre of impact the Tesoro Extension will have on surface waters of the State. Additionally, TCA has committed to building the five-mile Tesoro Extension utilizing best management practices (BMP), These BMPs will maintain existing drainage flow patterns and treat all highway runoff to the maximum extent practicable before discharging to receiving waters in order to maintain existing beneficial uses and meet water quality objectives established by the Regional Board and the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin,</i></p> <p><i>I understand the need for viable transportation projects and encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application,</i></p> <p>Received 15 Feb 2013 <i>As the Mayor of the City of Mission Viejo, I am writing to ask that you support the Foothill Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency's Waste Discharge Requirement application. Because there is no alternative route to the 1-5, completing the Tesoro Extension is a crucial component to the overarching mobility plan designed to help alleviate the traffic congestion throughout the region.</i></p> <p><i>Included with the traffic relief benefits for residents, businesses and visitors, construction of this nearly-five-mile extension will also create more than 2,000 Orange County jobs and an additional 407 jobs statewide. Job creation and traffic relief are both desperately needed in Orange County:</i></p> <p><i>In addition to the jobs and enhanced mobility throughout the region, the Tesoro Extension has</i></p>	<p>Commenter: City of Mission Viejo, Mayor Reardon</p>

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*extremely minimal impacts to waters regulated by the State (less than a half-acre). This project will also benefit the region's air quality as identified in the South Coast Air Quality Management District's 2012 Air Quality Management Plan.
I strongly encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.*

RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.

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38	<p>COMMENT: <i>As a Council Member of the City of Anaheim, I am writing to ask that you support the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency's Waste Discharge Requirement application. Residents and businesses throughout my city are directly impacted everyday by the lack of a viable alternative to the Interstate 5 (1-5). Because there is no alternative route to the 1-5, completing the Tesoro Extension is a crucial component to the overarching mobility plan designed to help alleviate the traffic congestion throughout the region. Included with the traffic relief benefits for residents, businesses and visitors, construction of this nearly-five-mile extension will also create more than 2,000 Orange County jobs and an additional 407 jobs statewide. Job creation and traffic relief are both desperately needed. In addition to the jobs and enhanced mobility throughout the region, the Tesoro Extension has extremely minimal impact to waters regulated by the State (less than a half-acre). This project will also benefit the region's air quality as identified in the South Coast Air Quality Management District's 2012 Air Quality Management Plan. I strongly encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: City of Anaheim, Council Member Kring</p>

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39	<p>COMMENT: <i>As the Mayor Pro Tern of the City of Tustin, I am writing to urge your support for the Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit submitted by the Foothill Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) for the Tesoro Extension project in Orange County. I support needed and well-planned transportation projects such as this one because I recognize how good infrastructure projects help build prosperous communities. With the large-scale residential and commercial construction already underway at Rancho Mission Viejo, it is vital that the Interstate-S (1-5) have an alternative route for people to utilize. That route needs to be the Tesoro Extension of the 241 Toll Road. Currently, 1-5 is the only north-south non-arterial route available for residents and businesses in South Orange County. 1-5 also serves as the primary route for movement of goods to and from Mexico and the ports of Los Angeles, San Diego and Long Beach.</i></p> <p><i>TCA proposes to create, restore and/or enhance 34.82 acres of habitat for .40 acre of impact the Tesoro Extension will have on surface waters of the State. Additionally, TCA has committed to building the five-mile Tesoro Extension utilizing best management practices (BMP). These BMPs will maintain existing drainage flow patterns and treat all highway runoff to the maximum extent practicable before discharging to receiving waters in order to maintain existing beneficial uses and meet water quality objectives established by the Regional Board and the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin.</i></p> <p><i>I understand the need for viable transportation projects and encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	Commenter: City of Tustin, Mayor Pro Tem Puckett

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40	<p>COMMENT: <i>As the California State Assembly Member representing the 73'd District which includes the South Orange County cities of Aliso Viejo, Coto de Caza, Dana Point. Ladera Ranch. Mission Viejo, Laguna Hills. Laguna Niguel, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente and San .Juan Capistrano ask that you support the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency's Waste Discharge Requirement. Residents and businesses throughout my District arc directly impacted everyday by the lack of a viable alternative to the Interstate 5 (IS). Because there is no alternative route to the 1-5, completing the Tesoro Extension is a crucial component to the overarching mobility plan designed to help alleviate the traffic congestion throughout the region. Included with the traffic relief benefits for residents, businesses and visitors, construction of this nearly-five mile extension will also create more than 2,000 Orange County jobs and an additional 407 jobs statewide. Job creation and traffic relief are both desperately needed. In addition to the jobs and enhanced mobility throughout the region, the Tesoro Extension has extremely minimal impact to waters regulated by the State (less than a half-acre). This project will also benefit the region's air quality as identified in the South Coast Air Quality Management District's 2012 Air Quality Management Plan.</i></p> <p><i>I strongly encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: State of California, Assemblywoman Harkey</p>

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41	<p>COMMENT: <i>As a Council Member of the City of Santa Ana, I am writing to ask that you support the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency's Waste Discharge Requirement application. Residents and businesses throughout my city are directly impacted everyday by the lack of a viable alternative to the Interstate 5 (1-5). Because there is no alternative route to the 1-5, completing the Tesoro Extension is a crucial component to the overarching mobility plan designed to help alleviate the traffic congestion throughout the region. Included with the traffic relief benefits for residents, businesses and visitors, construction of this nearly-five-mile extension will also create more than 2,000 Orange County jobs and an additional 407 jobs statewide. Job creation and traffic relief are both desperately needed. In addition to the jobs and enhanced mobility throughout the region, the Tesoro Extension has extremely minimal impact to waters regulated by the State (less than a half-acre). This project will also benefit the region's air quality as identified in the South Coast Air Quality Management District's 2012 Air Quality Management Plan. I strongly encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	Commenter: City of Santa Ana, Council Member Martinez

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42	<p>COMMENT: <i>As a councilmember of the City of Yorba Linda, I am writing to urge your support for the Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit submitted by the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) for the Tesoro Extension project in Orange County. I support needed and well-planned transportation projects such as this one because I recognize how good infrastructure projects help build prosperous communities. With the large-scale residential and commercial construction already underway at Rancho Mission Viejo, it is vital that the Interstate-5 (1-5) have an alternative route for people to utilize. That route needs to be the Tesoro Extension of the 241 Toll Road. Currently, 1-5 is the only north-south non-arterial route available for residents and businesses in South Orange County. 1-5 also serves as the primary route for movement of goods to and from Mexico and the ports of Los Angeles, San Diego and Long Beach.</i></p> <p><i>TCA proposes to create, restore and/or enhance 34.82 acres of habitat for.40 acre of impact the Tesoro Extension will have on surface waters of the State. Additionally, TCA has committed to building the five-mile Tesoro Extension utilizing best management practices (BMP). These BMPs will maintain existing drainage flow patterns and treat all highway runoff to the maximum extent practicable before discharging to receiving waters in order to maintain existing beneficial uses and meet water quality objectives established by the Regional Board and the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin.</i></p> <p><i>I understand the need for viable transportation projects and encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: City of Yorba Linda, Councilmember Schwing</p>

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43	<p>COMMENT: <i>As a council member representing the City of Oceanside, I am writing you to express my support' to approve the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency's (TCA) Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) for the Tesoro Extension project in southern Orange County.</i></p> <p><i>I have long supported this well-planned transportation project because, when completed, it will be the only alternative to the 1-5 to connect North San Diego County with Orange County. Currently, the 1-5 is the only north-south non-arterial route available for residents and businesses in South Orange County. The 1-5 also serves as the primary route for movement of goods to and from Mexico and the ports of Los Angeles, San Diego and Long Beach, critical to improving our struggling economy.</i></p> <p><i>Not only will this project create jobs, the TCA also proposes to create, restore and/or enhance 34.82 acres of habitat for .40 acre of impact the Tesoro Extension will have on surface waters of the State. Additionally, TCA has committed to building the five-mile Tesoro Extension utilizing best management practices (BMP). These BMPs will maintain existing drainage flow patterns and treat all highway runoff to the maximum extent practicable before discharging to receiving waters in order to maintain existing beneficial uses and meet water quality objectives established by the Regional Board and the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin.</i></p> <p><i>In closing, I strongly encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: City of Oceanside Councilmember Kern</p>

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44	<p>COMMENT: <i>On behalf of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to advise you of our support for the Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit submitted by the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) for the Tesoro Extension project in Orange County.</i></p> <p><i>Orange County supports needed and well-planned transportation projects such as this one as it recognizes how good infrastructure projects help build prosperous communities. With the large-scale residential and commercial construction already underway at Rancho Mission Viejo, it is vital that the Interstate-5 (1-5) have an alternative route for people to utilize. That route needs to be the Tesoro Extension of the 241 Toll Road. Currently, 1-5 is the only north-south non-arterial route available for residents and businesses in South Orange County. 1-5 also serves as the primary route for movement of goods to and from Mexico and the ports of Los Angeles, San Diego and Long Beach.</i></p> <p><i>The Tesoro Extension, approximately five miles long, will extend the 241 Toll Road from its current terminus at Oso Parkway to Cow Camp Road in the vicinity of Ortega Highway and provide an alternative route to the heavily traveled Interstate-5 (1-5) and local streets. It will be one of several traffic relief projects that are underway or planned for South Orange County, including the Ortega/I-5 interchange improvement, the La Pata Gap Closure Project, the Pico/I-5 interchange improvement and the 1-5 carpool lane addition. All of these transportation improvement projects are needed to provide traffic relief through the region.</i></p> <p><i>TCA proposes to create, restore and/or enhance 34.82 acres of habitat for DAD acre of impact the Tesoro Extension will have on surface waters of the State. Additionally, TCA has committed to building the five-mile Tesoro Extension utilizing best management practices (BMP). These BMPs will maintain existing drainage flow patterns and treat all highway runoff to the maximum extent practicable before discharging to receiving waters in order to maintain existing beneficial uses and meet water quality objectives established by the Regional Board and the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin.</i></p> <p><i>On behalf of the Orange County, the Orange County Board of Supervisors encourages the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region to approve TCA's WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Orange County Board of Supervisors, Chairman Nelson</p>

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45	<p>COMMENT: <i>I currently serve Oceanside as its Deputy Mayor and I am writing to express my strong support to approve the Foothill Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency's (TCA) Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) for the Tesoro Extension project in southern Orange County.</i></p> <p><i>I have long been on record supporting this well-planned transportation project because, when completed, it will be the only alternative to 1-5 to connect North San Diego County with Orange County. Currently, 1-5 is the only northsouth non-arterial route available for residents and businesses in South Orange County. 1-5 also serves as the primary route for movement of goods to and from Mexico and the ports of Los Angeles, San Diego and Long Beach, critical to improving our struggling economy.</i></p> <p><i>Not only will this project create jobs, the TCA also proposes to create, restore and/or enhance 34.82 acres of habitat for.40 acre of impact the Tesoro Extension will have on surface waters of the State. Additionally, TCA has committed to building the five-mile Tesoro Extension utilizing best management practices (BMP). These BMPs will maintain existing drainage flow patterns and treat all highway runoff to the maximum extent practicable before discharging to receiving waters in order to maintain existing beneficial uses and meet water quality objectives established by the Regional Board and the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin.</i></p> <p><i>I strongly encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application and appreciate your consideration of this request.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: City of Oceanside, Deputy Mayor Feller</p>

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46	<p>COMMENT: <i>As the Mayor of the City of Laguna Niguel, I am writing to ask that you support the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency's Waste Discharge Requirement application. Residents and businesses throughout my city are directly impacted every day by the lack of a viable alternative to the Interstate 5 (1-5). Because there is no alternative route to the 1-5, completing the Tesoro Extension is a crucial component to the overarching mobility plan designed to help alleviate the traffic congestion throughout the region. We are well aware of the importance in addressing water quality runoff issues and have been happy to work with you in the past on finding creative solutions. I hope you will agree that the solutions proposed by TCA are innovative and comprehensive, and will address the water quality issues you are concerned with. My request for your support of the TCA's WDR application is made in my individual capacity as Mayor of the City of Laguna Niguel, in as much as this matter has not been considered by the full City Council. Thank you for your time and consideration and I strongly encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	Commenter: City of Laguna Niguel, Mayor Ming

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47	<p>COMMENT: <i>As the Mayor of Rancho Santa Margarita, my key priorities include ensuring a high quality of life, continued economic growth and the overall vitality of the community. The Tesoro Extension is crucial to the mobility of our residents and the economic growth of our local business community. This five mile extension will allow an entirely new customer and client base to discover Rancho Santa Margarita.</i></p> <p><i>Local tax revenue is essential to the important and necessary government services our city provides. Our business community accounts for a significant amount of the tax revenue that supports the important government programs that enhance the lives of residents and businesses throughout the region.</i></p> <p><i>The Rancho Santa Margarita City Council has repeatedly and unanimously supported extensions of the 241.</i></p> <p><i>The 241 extension will also create more than 2,400 jobs and provide traffic relief for the region. Businesses throughout south Orange County and northern San Diego County are impacted daily by the lack of an alternative route to the Interstate 5 freeway (1-5). This project will help to alleviate some of those issues.</i></p> <p><i>Environmental impact studies have shown that the project has minimal impacts. The stormwater runoff system that is being proposed is state-of-the-art and creates a runoff flow that mimics nature both in water quality and in the water flow rate.</i></p> <p><i>The Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) is going above and beyond to ensure that this roadway is built to the highest environmental standards, while providing the needed regional mobility and traffic relief that is required for residents and businesses throughout Southern California.</i></p> <p><i>With 14,000 homes and five million square feet of commercial space planned for Rancho Mission Viejo, it is imperative that the 241 Toll Road is extended so there is an alternate route to the 1-5 freeway and our city streets.</i></p> <p><i>I urge you to support the TCA's Waste Discharge Requirement application and allow the Tesoro Extension to move forward. The Tesoro Extension is crucial to the economic growth and improved mobility throughout south Orange County.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: City of Rancho Santa Margarita, Mayor Beall</p>

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48	<p>COMMENT: <i>The Transportation Corridor Authority's ("TCA") planned extension the SR241 (the Tesoro Extension) is a much-needed transportation project that would enhance our local economy, public safety, and quality of life. The City believes that TCA has advanced its proposed project with careful consideration of natural resource protections and enhancements throughout, and even beyond, its project area. Today, I am writing to you in support of the TCA for a Waste Discharge Requirement permit, as described in Tentative Order No. R9-20 13-0007. The City believes that the TCA's measures to protect water quality have been well above what is required by State law. Environmental Mitigation Measures such as the use of porous asphalt would help ensure that unavoidable pollutants (i.e., brake dust and motor oil) are captured before reaching waterways. Additionally, other water quality mitigation measures, including the use of Extended Detention Basins (EDBs) and bio swales would help mitigate any potential impacts to the environment in that water runoff from the proposed roadway extension would mimic pre-construction conditions in both flow and water quality.</i></p> <p><i>The avoidance, restoration, and creation of new wetland habitat proposed as part of the project are also a testament to the TCA's commitment to our natural surroundings. These wetlands will not only attract wildlife, but also serve as a natural source of water treatment to preserve local watersheds.</i></p> <p><i>Together with the planned water treatment facilities, the TCA's strategy to capture and treat runoff before reaching local watersheds is a critical element to their plan and would improve the health of our local ecosystems.</i></p> <p><i>The City believes that these measures are consistent with the San Diego Regional Water Quality Board's mission "to preserve, enhance and restore the quality of California's water resources, and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations." Therefore, I urge you and your colleagues to support Tentative Order No. R9-2013-0007 and grant the TCA its Waste Discharge Requirement Permit at your hearing on March 13, 2013.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: City of Lake Forest, Mayor Voigts</p>

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49	<p>COMMENT: <i>I am the Mayor Pro Tem of Newport Beach and I write as an individual to ask that you support the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency's Waste Discharge Requirement application. Residents and businesses throughout my city are directly impacted everyday by the lack of a viable alternative to the Interstate 5 (1-5). Because there is no alternative route to the 1-5, completing the Tesoro Extension is a crucial component to the overarching mobility plan designed to help alleviate the traffic congestion throughout the region.</i></p> <p><i>Included with the traffic relief benefits for residents, businesses and visitors, construction of this nearly-five-mile extension will also create more than 2,000 Orange County jobs and an additional 407 jobs statewide. Job creation and traffic relief are both desperately needed.</i></p> <p><i>In addition to the jobs and enhanced mobility throughout the region, the Tesoro Extension has extremely minimal impact to waters regulated by the State (less than a half-acre). This project will also benefit the region's air quality identified in the South Coast Air Quality Management District's 2012 Air Quality Management Plan.</i></p> <p><i>I strongly encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: City of Newport Beach, Mayor Pro Tem Hill</p>

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50	<p>COMMENT: <i>Economic growth and job creation is a focus of the Ladera Ranch Civic Council. In the past several years this priority has been heightened throughout the economic downturn. The Tesoro Extension IS crucial to the economic growth of our local business community. This five mile extension will allow new customer and client base to discover Ladera Ranch. Ladera Ranch is a community of approximately 25,000 residents in southern Orange County. The growth of our region is hinged upon the expansion of our infrastructure, Ladera Ranch supports the continued growth of development within southern Orange County. The State Route 241 extension from Oso Parkway to Cow Camp Road is a roadway construction project that will create more than 2,400 local jobs and will provide economic growth for the region. Businesses throughout south Orange County and northern San Diego County are impacted daily by the lack of an alternative route to the Interstate 5 freeway (I-5). This project will help to alleviate some of those issues.</i></p> <p><i>It is our understanding that the environmental impact studies have shown that the project has minimal impacts and the stormwater runoff system that is being proposed is state-of-the-art and creates a runoff flow that mimic; nature both in water quality and in the water flow rate.</i></p> <p><i>We are pleased the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) is going above and beyond to ensure that this roadway is built to the highest environmental standards, while providing the needed regional mobility and traffic relief that is required for residents and businesses throughout Southern California.</i></p> <p><i>We urge you to support the TCA's Waste Discharge Requirement application and get the Tesoro Extension on the road to completion.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Ladera Ranch Civic Council, Chairman McCormick</p>

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51	<p>COMMENT: <i>On behalf of the Orange County Association of REALTORS®, we urge your support for the Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit submitted by the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) for the Tesoro Extension project in Orange County. / The Board of Directors of the Orange County Association of REALTORS® and the members of its Local Government Relations. Committee continue to support the extension of the 241 South Toll Road.</i></p> <p><i>With the large-scale residential and commercial construction already underway at Rancho Mission Viejo, this roadway, both the Tesoro Extension and its eventual southern terminus, are a vital alternative to Interstate-S (1-5) for which there is no other reasonable alternative for homeowners and businesses in south Orange County.</i></p> <p><i>On behalf of our Association, we encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	Commenter: Orange County Association of Realtors, Pres.Herman

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52	<p>COMMENT: <i>The movement of goods and services, economic growth, and job creation are top priorities for the South Orange County Regional Chamber of Commerce (SOCRCC). The intensity and duration of the economic downturn has further heightened our focus and commitment to these important priorities. The Tesoro Extension is crucial to the economic growth of our local business community. This five mile extension will foster mobility and encourage an entirely new customer and Client base to discover south Orange County. The State Route 241 extension from Oso Parkway to the area near Ortega Highway is a roadway construction project that will create more than 2,400 jobs and will provide economic growth for the region, Businesses throughout south Orange County and northern San Diego County are impacted daily by the lack of an alternative route to the Interstate 5 freeway (15), This project will support the movement of goods and services, and foster economic vitality. Environmental impact studies have shown that the project has minimal impacts and the stormwater runoff system that is being proposed is state-of-the-art and creates a runoff flow that mimics nature both in water quality and in the waterflow rate.</i></p> <p><i>The Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) is going above and beyond to ensure that this roadway is built to the highest environmental standards, while providing the needed regional mobility and traffic relief that is required for residents and businesses throughout Southern California,</i></p> <p><i>We urge you to support the TCA's Waste Discharge Requirement application and help to complete the Tesoro Extension.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: South Orange County Regional Chamber of Commerce, President Varner</p>

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53	<p>COMMENT: <i>NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association, is the leading organization for developers, owners, and related professionals in office, industrial and mixed-use real estate. The NAIOP SoCal Chapter serves Orange and Los Angeles Counties with a membership of nearly 1,000 companies.</i></p> <p><i>Southern California and its infrastructure are critical to the efficient movement of imports and exports, and the entire goods movement system, for the Country. Transporting goods in a timely and environmentally sensitive manner requires a sound infrastructure system. The State Route 241 Tesoro Extension Project before you is a desperately needed project, and NAIOP SoCal strongly supports the approval of the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency's (TCA) Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) application.</i></p> <p><i>The TCA has a proven history of creating over 51 miles of environmentally sensitive highway projects, nearly 25% of the Orange County highway system, that serve a vital need for the goods movement industry. The TCA's past performance is its true win-win success story. The WDR application before you is an excellent example of how the TCA not only meets the strict environmental standards that exist, but exceeds them. While the area or impact is very small, 0.40 acres, the TCA has included state-of-the-art Austin sand filters, bio-swales, extended detention basins and even permeable pavement in this project. The overall mitigation plan has a 15:1 ratio. This kind of effort should not only be approved, but held out to others as a great example of a collaborative effort between project proponents and your staff.</i></p> <p><i>In addition to the water quality benefits of the project, it also aids in achieving the air quality standards of the Federal Clean Air Act. The Tesoro Extension Project is a Transportation Control Measure (TCM), which is an integral part of the entire Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). TCM projects must be timely implemented or else a region may fall out of compliance, which can stop all transportation funding throughout the entire 6 county SCAG region. To help meet the air quality requirements, this project needs to begin by the end of 2013, this year.</i></p> <p><i>The planning is done. The benefits for water and air quality are clear. It is now time to move ahead. NAIOP SoCal respectfully requests your Honorable Board approve the TCA WDR application at your March 13 meeting.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: NAIOP, Committee Chairman Ivey</p>

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54	<p>COMMENT: <i>The South Orange County Economic Coalition (SOCEC) was formed to support infrastructure projects that will enhance the economic growth of the region. Our board, which is made up of many of the top businesses in Southern California, strongly encourages your support for the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA) Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit application for the Tesoro Extension. South Orange County continues to feel the unfortunate impacts of the recession and our businesses and residents would benefit significantly from the Tesoro Extension.</i></p> <p><i>TCA has made a commitment to water quality treatment and ensuring minimal impacts from the project. This focus on water quality issues, despite the fact that this five-mile stretch impacts just four-tenths of an acre of water regulated by the Regional Board, shows that water quality is an issue TCA is taking very seriously. SOCEC supports infrastructure projects that strive to achieve the highest level of environmental standards in the industry.</i></p> <p><i>The Tesoro Extension will help to provide desperately needed traffic relief in our communities and the safety of a critical alternate route to the often congested Interstate-5 (1-5) freeway. A large scale residential and commercial construction project is currently being built at Rancho Mission Viejo that makes this project even more vital. Right now the 1-5 freeway is the only major corridor through south Orange County. Extending SR-241 to the area near Ortega will help relieve traffic both on arterial streets, as well as the 1-5 freeway. The project will allow south Orange County residents to continue to enjoy a high quality of life.</i></p> <p><i>In addition to the benefits of safety and traffic relief, economic growth will be spurred by the more than 2,000 jobs that will be created by this project. Our members' customers, clients and employees will be positively impacted by having an alternative to the 1-5. On behalf of the South Orange County Economic Coalition, we encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: South Orange County Economic Coalition, Chairman Leach</p>

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55	<p>COMMENT: <i>At the February 12, 2013 Meeting of the Rancho Santa Margarita Landscape and Recreation Corporation (SAMLARC) Board of Directors, the Board took action to instruct and authorize the Board President to send a letter of support on behalf of the SAMLARC Board of Directors to the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board for the Waste Discharge Requirement Permit submitted by the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) for the Tesoro Extension of the 241 Toll Road in Orange County.</i></p> <p><i>The SAMLARC Board of Directors are elected representatives of Rancho Santa Margarita Landscape and Recreation Corporation (SAMLARC), a common interest development with than 13,645 members or homeowners.</i></p> <p><i>Protecting quality of life and property values are key issues for SAMLARC and its residents. Mobility and economic vitality throughout our region are also closely tied to ensuring the continuation of the high quality of life enjoyed by our community.</i></p> <p><i>In the past several years these priorities have been heightened by the economic downturn. The Tesoro Extension is crucial to the economic growth of our local business community. This five mile extension will allow an entirely new customer and client base to discover Rancho Santa Margarita and boost local tax revenue. Our business community accounts for a significant amount of the tax revenue that supports the important government programs that enhance the lives of residents throughout the region.</i></p> <p><i>The State Route 241 extension from Oso Parkway to the area near Ortega Highway is a roadway construction project that will create more than 2,400 jobs and will provide economic growth for the region. Businesses throughout south Orange County and northern San Diego County are impacted daily by the lack of an alternative route to the Interstate 5 freeway (1-5). This project will help to alleviate some of those issues. Environmental impact studies have shown that the project has minimal impacts and the stormwater runoff system that is being proposed is state-of-the-art and creates a runoff flow that mimics nature both in water quality and in the water flow rate.</i></p> <p><i>The Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) is going above and beyond to ensure that this roadway is built to the highest environmental standards, while providing the needed regional mobility and traffic relief that is required for residents and businesses throughout Southern California.</i></p> <p><i>On behalf of SAMLARC and the thousands of homeowners within the community, we urge you to support the TCA's Waste Discharge Requirement application and get the Tesoro Extension on the road to completion.</i></p>	<p>Commenter: SAMLARC, President Chadd</p>

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	<p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	
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56	<p>COMMENT: <i>The Southwest California Legislative Council, a coalition of the Temecula Valley, Murrieta, Lake Elsinore & Wildomar Chambers of Commerce and the more than 2,200 businesses we represent, strongly urge your support of the Transportation Corridor Agencies' (TCA) application for a Waste Discharge Requirement permit for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension project in south Orange County.</i></p> <p><i>Fostering economic development, stimulating business growth, developing job creation and ensuring regional mobility are key areas of focus for the Southwest California Legislative Council (SWCLC). Not only do businesses need the ability to move goods quickly and efficiently around the region, but employees need connectivity to travel from their homes to their jobs. On behalf of our membership of public officials, utility providers, educational institutions, and private sector business leaders throughout Southwest California, we support the SR 241 Tesoro Extension and are confident that it will foster mobility between Orange County and the Inland Empire.</i></p> <p><i>The environmental impact studies show that the project has minimal impacts and the water runoff system that is being proposed is state-of-the-art and creates a runoff flow that mimics nature both in water quality and in the water flow rate.</i></p> <p><i>The Transportation Corridor Agencies is going above and beyond to ensure that this roadway is built to the highest environmental standards, while providing the needed regional mobility and traffic relief that is required for the residents and businesses throughout Southern California. We urge you to support the TCA's WDR application and get the Tesoro Extension on the road to completion.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Southwest California Legislative Council, Dennis Frank, Chair, Gene Wunderlich, Legislative Liaison,</p>

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57	<p>COMMENT: <i>Orange County Business Council stands in support of your approval of the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency's (TCA) application for the Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit submitted for the Tesoro Extension project in Orange County. The business community in Orange County and throughout the region needs reliable commercial transportation corridors and alternatives, Mobility is the lifeblood of the Southern California economy, The project itself will create more than 2,400 jobs and once built. the roadway will enhance economic growth throughout the region.</i></p> <p><i>There is 5.6 million square feet of commercial space planned for Rancho Mission Viejo, Today, the Interstate-5 (1-5) freeway is the only major corridor through South Orange County. Extending Slate Route-241 (SR-241) to the area of Ortega Highway will help relieve traffic both on arterial streets as well as the 1-5 freeway,</i></p> <p><i>From an environmental perspective, the project is needed to improve regional air quality according to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Idling cars create more air pollution, which is why free-flowing traffic is crucial to both traffic relief and a reduction in air pollution,</i></p> <p><i>TCA has committed to building this five-mile extension using Best Management Practices (BM P) when it comes to stormwater runoff. The project impacts less than a half acre of water that is regulated by the state board. By the significant water treatment processes that will be implemented arc designed to mimic pre-project flows and water quality.</i></p> <p><i>On behalf of Orange County Business Council. We encourage you to approve TCA' s WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Orange County Business Council, Bryan Starr, Senior Vice President. Government Affairs</p>

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58	<p>COMMENT: BRICKLAYERS & ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS <i>Embedded jpg file not legible on scan</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. Embedded jpg file not legible on scan.</p>	Committer: Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local No. 4, Darryl Brandt

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59	<p>COMMENT: <i>I am writing to urge your support for the Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit submitted by the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) for the Tesoro Extension project in Orange County.</i></p> <p><i>As a member of the LAIOC Building & Construction Trades Council, I support needed and well-planned transportation projects such as this one because I recognize how good infrastructure projects help build prosperous communities. The economic downturn over the past several years has had a negative impact on me personally and on our industry. The State Route 241 Tesoro Extension from Oso Parkway to the area near Ortega Highway is a roadway construction project that will create more than 2,400 jobs and will provide economic growth for the region.</i></p> <p><i>The Tesoro Extension will be one of several traffic relief projects that are underway or planned for South Orange County, including the Ortega/I-S interchange improvement, the La Pata Gap Closure Project, the Pico/I-S interchange improvement and the 1-5 carpool lane addition. All of these transportation improvement projects are needed to provide traffic relief through the region. Environmental impact studies have shown that the project has minimal impacts and the storm water runoff system that is being proposed is state-of-the-art and creates a runoff flow that mimics nature both in water quality and in the water flow rate.</i></p> <p><i>As an informed Southern California resident- I understand the need for viable transportation projects and encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Richard Whitney, President/Secretary-Treasurer</p>

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60	<p>COMMENT: <i>I am writing to urge your support for the Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit submitted by the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) for the Tesoro Extension project in Orange County.</i></p> <p><i>While the need for this vital transportation project is well documented, I will focus on the extensive measures taken in the planning and design of this project to protect water quality and to preserve receiving waters, a topic near and dear to my heart, as a storm water engineer and water quality expert. Having reviewed this aspect of the project, I can see that the potential impacts have been carefully considered, and multiple advanced mitigation measures have been incorporated into the project.</i></p> <p><i>For example, TCA proposes to create, restore and/or enhance 34.82 acres of habitat for .40 acre of impact the Tesoro Extension will have on surface waters of the State. Additionally, TCA has committed to building the five-mile Tesoro Extension utilizing best management practices (BMP). These BMPs will maintain existing drainage flow patterns and treat all highway runoff to the maximum extent practicable before discharging to receiving waters in order to maintain existing beneficial uses and meet water quality objectives established by the Regional Board and the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin.</i></p> <p><i>I understand the need for viable transportation projects and encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: TORY R. WALKER ENGINEERING, INC., President Tory Walker, P.E.</p>

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61	<p>COMMENT: <i>This letter is written on behalf of the Trabuco Highlands Community Association, which represents the owners of 811 homes nested near the Cleveland National Forest in the City of Rancho Santa Margarita.</i></p> <p><i>Protecting quality of life and property values are key issues for the Trabuco Highlands Community Association and its residents. Mobility and economic vitality throughout our region are also closely tied-to ensuring the continuation of the, high quality of life enjoyed by our community.</i></p> <p><i>In the past several. years these priorities have been heightened by the economic downturn. The Tesoro Extension is crucial to the economic growth of our local business community. This five mile extension will allow an entirely new customer and client base to discover Rancho Santa Margarita and boost local tax revenue. Our business community accounts for a significant amount of the tax revenue that supports the important government programs that enhance the lives of residents throughout the region.</i></p> <p><i>The State Route 241 extension from Oso Parkway to the area near Ortega Highway is a roadway construction project that will create more than 2,400 jobs and will provide economic growth for the region. Businesses throughout south Orange County and northern San Diego County are impacted daily by the lack of an alternative route to the Interstate 5 freeway (1-5). This project will help to alleviate some of those issues.</i></p> <p><i>Environmental impact studies have shown that the project has minimal impacts and the stormwater runoff system that is being proposed is state-of-the-art and creates a runoff flow that mimics nature both in water quality and the waterflow rate</i></p> <p><i>The FoothillEastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) is going above and beyond to ensure that this roadway is built to the highest environmental standards, while providing the needed regional mobility and traffic relief that is required for residents and businesses throughout Southern California.</i></p> <p><i>On behalf of the Trabuco Highlands Community Association and our homeowners, we urge you to support the TCA's Waste Discharge Requirement application and get the Tesoro Extension on the road to completion.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Trabuco Highlands Community Association, Don Chadd, President, Board of Directors</p>

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62	<p>COMMENT: <i>Economic growth and job creation has always been a focus of South County Bank. In the past several years this priority has been heightened throughout the economic downturn. The Tesoro Extension is crucial to the economic growth of our local business community. This five mile extension will allow an entirely new customer and client base to discover Rancho Santa Margarita. Our business community enhances the lives of residents and businesses throughout the region.</i></p> <p><i>The State Route 241 extension from Oso Parkway to the area near Ortega Highway is a roadway construction project that will create more than 2,400 jobs and will provide economic growth for the region. Businesses throughout south Orange County and northern San Diego County are impacted daily by the lack of an alternative route to the Interstate 5 freeway (1-5). This project will help to alleviate some of those issues.</i></p> <p><i>Environmental impact studies have shown that the project has minimal impacts and the stormwater runoff system that is being proposed is state-of-the-art and creates a runoff flow that mimics nature, both in water quality and in the water flow rate.</i></p> <p><i>The Foothill Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) is going above and beyond to ensure that this roadway is built to the highest environmental standards, while providing the needed regional mobility and traffic relief that is required for residents and businesses throughout Southern California.</i></p> <p><i>We urge you to support the TCA's Waste Discharge Requirement application and get the Tesoro Extension on the road to completion.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: South County Bank, Regional Vice President Conte</p>

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63	<p>COMMENT: <i>Economic growth and job creation are a priority for the LA&OC Building & Construction Trades Council. In the past several years this priority has been heightened throughout the economic downturn where upwards of 40 percent of our membership have been out of work at one point or another.</i></p> <p><i>The State Route 241 Tesoro Extension from Oso Parkway to the area near Ortega Highway is a roadway construction project that will create more than 2,400 jobs and will provide economic growth for the region. Businesses throughout South Orange County and Northern San Diego County are impacted daily by the lack of an alternative route to the Interstate 5 freeway and this project will help alleviate some of those issues. With 5.6 million square feet of commercial space planned for Rancho Mission Viejo, this project is badly needed to provide redundancy in the transportation system.</i></p> <p><i>Environmental impact studies have shown that the project has minimal impacts and the storm water runoff system that is being proposed is state-of-the-art and creates a runoff flow that mimics nature both in water quality and in the water flow rate.</i></p> <p><i>The Foothill Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) is going above and beyond to ensure that this roadway is built to the highest environmental standards, while providing the needed regional mobility and traffic relief that is required for residents and businesses throughout Southern California.</i></p> <p><i>We urge you to support the TCA's Waste Discharge Requirement application and get the Tesoro Extension on the road to completion.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Los Angeles Orange County Building & Construction Trades Council, Ron Miller, Executive Secretary, Jim Adams, Council Representative, Chris Hannan, Council Representative</p>

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64	<p>COMMENT: <i>The Brea Chamber of Commerce, a member of the North Orange County Legislative Alliance (NOCLA) and advocate for better business infrastructure in the region stands in support of your approval of the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency's (TCA) application for the Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit submitted for the Tesoro Extension project in Orange County. In these trying times, increasing the availability of commercial transportation corridors and alternatives in the region benefits local businesses tremendously. Increased mobility in the region will cut down financial costs for everyone. With this project creating more than 2,400 jobs and benefiting the region for years to come, it is vital that this roadway is built to further economic growth in Orange County.</i></p> <p><i>There is 5.6 million square feet of commercial space planned for Rancho Mission Viejo. Today, the Interstate5 (1-5) freeway is the only major corridor through South Orange County. Extending SR-241 to the area near Ortega Highway will help alleviate traffic both on arterial streets as well as the 1-5 freeway.</i></p> <p><i>The Chamber also promotes sustainable growth that benefits the overall quality of life for residents and workers in the region. From an environmental perspective, the project is needed to improve regional air quality according to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). Idling cars create more air pollution, which is why free-flowing traffic is crucial to both traffic relief and a reduction in air pollution.</i></p> <p><i>TCA has committed to building this five-mile extension using Best Management Practices (BMP) when it comes to storm water runoff. The project impacts less than a half acre of water that is regulated by the state board, but the significant water treatment processes that will be implemented are designed to mimic preproject flows and water quality.</i></p> <p><i>On behalf of the Brea Chamber of Commerce, we encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Brea Chamber of Commerce, Tina Javid, Legislative Chair, Sharon Wagner, Chief Executive Officer</p>

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65	<p>COMMENT: <i>The International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 12 joins the South Orange County Economic Coalition (SOCEC) in requesting your support for the Transportation Corridor Agencies' (TCA's) waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit application regarding the SR-241 Tesoro Extension.</i></p> <p><i>This project would provide a much-needed alternative route to the heavily traveled 1-5 and local streets, and is approved by the majority of Orange County residents surveyed.</i></p> <p><i>The SOCEC was formed to support infrastructure projects that will enhance the economic growth of the region and the highest levels of environmental standards in the industry.</i></p> <p><i>TCA has committed to incorporating water quality improvements. "will utilize a multidimensional approach to stormwater treatment, including an innovative roadway overlay material; detention basins; flow splitters; Austin sand filters, and vegetated slopes/medians. According to the SEIR, all environmental impacts are minimal and can be successfully mitigated. This focus on water quality issues dearly demonstrates that the TCA takes water quality issues very seriously, despite the fact that the five-mile project only affects four-tenths of an acre of waters regulated by your Board.</i></p> <p><i>IUOE Local 12 represents the most skillful and qualified group of Operating Engineers in California. South Orange County is still feeling the impact of the recent recession. Significant economic growth would be spurred by the more than 2,000 jobs-including those jobs that would go to Operating Engineers-that would be created by this project.</i></p> <p><i>On behalf of the Officers and the 22,000 members of IUOE Local 12, I strongly encourage you to approve TCA's WDR permit application for the SR-241 Tesoro Extension.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: International Union of Operating Engineers, Local #12, William C. Waggoner, Business Manager, General Vice President</p>

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66	<p>COMMENT: <i>At their February 5, 2013 meeting, Community Associations of Rancho (CAR), a community organization that provides a forum for collaboration with the Master Homeowner Associations in the city of Rancho Santa Margarita, the CAR representatives approved sending a letter of support to the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board for the Waste Discharge Requirement Permit submitted by the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) for the Tesoro Extension of the 241 Toll Road in Orange County. CAR represents the seven master homeowner associations that comprise the residential community of Rancho Santa Margarita.</i></p> <p><i>Protecting quality of life and property values are key issues for the Associations and their residents. Mobility and economic vitality throughout our region are also closely tied to ensuring the continuation of the high quality of life enjoyed by our community.</i></p> <p><i>In the past several years these priorities have been heightened by the economic downturn. The Tesoro Extension is crucial to the economic growth of our local business community. This five mile extension will allow an entirely new customer and client base to discover Rancho Santa Margarita and boost local tax revenue. Our business community accounts for a significant amount of the tax revenue that supports the important government programs that enhance the lives of residents throughout the region.</i></p> <p><i>The State Route 241 extension from Oso Parkway to the area near Ortega Highway is a roadway construction project that will create more than 2,400 jobs and will provide economic growth for the region. Businesses throughout south Orange County and northern San Diego County are impacted daily by the lack of an alternative route to the Interstate 5 freeway (1-5). This project will help to alleviate some of those issues.</i></p> <p><i>Environmental impact studies have shown that the project has minimal impacts and the stormwater runoff system that is being proposed is state-of-the-art and creates a runoff flow that mimics nature both in water quality and in the water flow rate.</i></p> <p><i>The Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) is going above and beyond to ensure that this roadway is built to the highest environmental standards, while providing the needed regional mobility and traffic relief that is required for residents and businesses throughout Southern California.</i></p> <p><i>On behalf of CAR, we urge you to support the TCA's Waste Discharge Requirement application and get the Tesoro Extension on the road to completion.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the</p>	<p>Commenter: Community Associations of Rancho, Chairman David McGregor</p>

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68	<p>COMMENT: <i>Support Comment: Tent. Order R9-2013-0007 Place 785677 Please support the Waste Discharge Requirement permit submitted by the TCA for the Tesoro Extension project. We in San Juan Capistrano need traffic relief projects to help reduce the through-traffic that passes through our town.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	Commenter: Dave Solt
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69	<p>COMMENT: <i>Subject:241 toll road extension I am in favor of the toll road extension. Do it!</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	Commenter: Kathy Z

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70	<p>COMMENT: <i>Subject: Support 241 Toll Road's Waste Discharge Requirement Permit</i> <i>The 5 freeway from Irvine South to San Diego is a total disaster on the weekends. If the 73 could get built! (and everyone says HALLELUJA, as it has helped tremendously ihru the Y), why can't the 241 connect lip to the 5 at the easement between South San Clemente and Camp Pendleton?? I thought it was all in the plans already, like the 73, and was a "done deal" We sure NEED it -what's the hold-up?</i> <i>However, I DID think that when the investors for the 73 earned back their money}, the road would either no longer be a toll road, or the tolls would go into a fund for the maintenance of the road. THAT's not happening.</i> <i>Governmental agencies seem to be adamantly against working together to accomplish projects with the least amount of money and time spent. We tax payers just keep paying the money for each of them to continue their money-making portion of the projects. But at least we do benefit from the projects --once they're done. Will this one get done in most of our lifetimes?????</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	Commenter: BETTE BROOKS
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71	<p>COMMENT: <i>I think this is a total waste of money. Sooner or later the cost of all this environmental nonsense will come out of us, whether as taxpayers or toll road users. Most people in MV , SC, SJC would need a map, compass and a troop of Boy Scouts to even find these wetlands (aka, swamp). Get on with it and stop wasting our money.</i> <i>How many people have been killed on I -5 while you putz around with this? Any idiot can see where the road has to go.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted.</p>	Commenter: Loring Bean

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72	<p>COMMENT: <i>I urge you to support the Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit submitted by the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) for the Tesoro Extension project in Orange County. The Tesoro Extension project offers much needed north/south traffic relief inland of 1-5 and brings a significant number of job opportunities to Orange County. while leaving critical wetlands intact and implementing sophisticated water treatment methods to manage storm water and roadway runoff. Please support the permit. Thank you,</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	Commenter: Micki Davey
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73	<p>COMMENT: <i>I support 241 Tesoro extension.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	Commenter: Javier Gonzalez

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74	<p>COMMENT: <i>Economic growth and job creation has always been a focus of South Orange County. In the past several years this priority has been heightened throughout the economic downturn. The Tesoro Extension is crucial to the economic growth of our local business community. Mobility is also important to our local businesses and residents. The State Route 241 extension from Oso Parkway to the area near Ortega Highway is a roadway construction project that will create more than 2,400 jobs and will provide economic growth for the region. Businesses throughout south Orange County and northern San Diego County are impacted daily by the lack of an alternative route to the Interstate 5 freeway (1-5). This project will help to alleviate some of those issues. Environmental impact studies have shown that the project has minimal impacts and the stormwater runoff system that is being proposed is state-of-the-art and creates a runoff flow that mimics nature both in water quality and in the water flow rate. The Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) is going above and beyond to ensure that this roadway is built to the highest environmental standards, while providing the needed regional mobility and traffic relief that is required for residents and businesses throughout Southern California. We urge you to support the TCA's Waste Discharge Requirement application and get the Tesoro Extension on the road to completion.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Justin Allington, Flatiron Project Manager</p>

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75	<p>COMMENT: <i>I am writing to urge your support for the Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit submitted by the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) for the 241 Tesoro Extension project in Orange County.</i></p> <p><i>With Rancho Mission Viejo commencing construction of their large-scale residential and commercial construction the need for the 241 Tesoro Extension of the 241 Toll Road is now. Currently, 1-5 is the only north-south non-arterial route available for residents and businesses in the Los Angeles/Orange basin. Without the alternative route of the 241 Tesoro Extension project traffic will continue to be gridlocked on weekends and congested at best during the work week. This is no longer acceptable. Please help our counties and their people that rely on these vital corridors to go to work, see family/friends, and enjoy the coastal communities.</i></p> <p><i>TCA's track record has consistently used high quality building standards for their facilities and will surely manage the 241 Tesoro Extension utilizing best management practices (BMP) as demanded by the resource agencies.</i></p> <p><i>I encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Lee Vander Linden</p>

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76	<p>COMMENT: Cover: This is a very important extension of the 241 toll road. My letter of support is attached. Thank you for your careful review and approval of this project.</p> <p><i>I have been a resident of San Clemente for over twenty five years, and have witnessed the huge traffic increase in all the arterials in south Orange County. The Tesoro Extension project is a vital addition to the arterial network. It clearly should be built before the large scale residential project nearby starts impacting local traffic.</i></p> <p><i>The project neatly meshes with the other traffic relief projects now underway -the Ortega/I-S interchange improvement, the La Pata Gap Closure Project, the Pico/I-S interchange improvement and the 1-5 carpool lane addition. It is not a hasty addition.</i></p> <p><i>The planned improvements to native habitat are measurable. The Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) has an enviable proven record in their completed sections of the 241 Toll Road: They not only protected existing coastal sage habitat -but also creating new to replace the essentially barren areas (of native plants) where livestock grazing existed for many years. And their record in preserving water quality is impeccable.</i></p> <p><i>I urge the California Water Quality Board for the San Diego Region to approve the TCA's Waste Discharge Requirements permit as submitted. The project will not only improve traffic. It will also result in the net addition of over 34 acres of habitat. This is a "banner" Win -Win project!</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	Commenter: John T. Tengdin

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77	<p>COMMENT: <i>I am writing to urge your support for the Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit submitted by the Foothill / Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) for the Tesoro Extension project in Orange County.</i></p> <p><i>I support needed and well-planned transportation projects such as this one. With the large-scale residential and commercial construction already underway at Rancho Mission Viejo, it is vital that the Interstate-S (1-5) have an alternative route for people to utilize. That route needs to be the Tesoro Extension of the 241 Toll Road. Current, 1-5 is the only north-south non-arterial route available for residents and businesses in South Orange County. 1-5 also serves as the primary route for movement of goods to and from Mexico and the ports of Los Angeles, San Diego, and Long Beach.</i></p> <p><i>TCA proposes to create, restore and / or enhance 34.82 acres of habitat for 0.40 acres of impact the Tesoro Extension will have on surface waters of the State. Additionally, TCA has committed to building the five-mile Tesoro Extension utilizing best management practices (BMP). These BMP's will maintain existing drainage flow patterns and treat all highway runoff to the maximum extent practicable before discharging to receiving waters in order to maintain existing beneficial uses and meet water quality objectives established by the Regional Board and the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin.</i></p> <p><i>Viable transportation projects are desperately needed and I encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: Birtcher Anderson Realty Management, Inc., Becky J. Rodarte, CEO</p>

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78	<p>COMMENT: <i>On behalf of the San Clemente Chamber of Commerce we urge your support for the Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) permit submitted by the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension project in Orange County.</i></p> <p><i>The San Clemente Chamber of Commerce supports needed and well-planned transportation projects such as this one because we recognize how good infrastructure projects help build prosperous communities. With the large-scale residential and commercial construction already underway at Rancho Mission Viejo, it is vital that the Interstate-S (1-5) have an alternative route for people to utilize. That route needs to be the Tesoro Extension of the 241 Toll Road. Currently, 1-5 is the only north-south non-arterial route available for residents and businesses in South Orange County. 1-5 also serves as the primary route for movement of goods to and from Mexico and the ports of Los Angeles, San Diego and Long Beach.</i></p> <p><i>The Tesoro Extension will be one of several traffic relief projects that are underway or planned for South Orange County, including the Ortega/I-S interchange improvement, the La Pata Gap Closure Project, the Pico/I-S interchange improvement and the 1-5 carpool lane addition. All of these transportation improvement projects are needed to provide traffic relief through the region. TCA proposes to create, restore and/or enhance 34.82 acres of habitat for .40 acre of impact the Tesoro Extension will have on surface waters of the State. Additionally, TCA has committed to building the five-mile Tesoro Extension utilizing best management practices (BMP). These BMPs will maintain existing drainage flow patterns and treat all highway runoff to the maximum extent practicable before discharging to receiving waters in order to maintain existing beneficial uses and meet water quality objectives established by the Regional Board and the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin.</i></p> <p><i>On behalf of the San Clemente Chamber of Commerce, we encourage you to approve TCA's WDR application.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: San Clemente Chamber of Commerce, Chairman, Bernie Allen</p>

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80	<p>COMMENT: <i>I am the principal of an engineering consulting firm and actively involved in business organizations in northern San Diego County. I am writing you today to express my strong support for the approval of the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency's (TCA) Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) for the Tesoro Extension project in southern Orange County.</i></p> <p><i>Currently, the 1-5 is the only north-south non-arterial route available for residents and businesses between San Diego and south Orange County. The 1-5 also serves as the primary route for movement of goods to and from Mexico and the ports of Los Angeles, San Diego and Long Beach, critical to improving our struggling economy.</i></p> <p><i>Not only will this project create approximately 2,400 jobs, the TCA also proposes to create, restore and/or enhance 34.82 acres of habitat for .40 acre of impact the Tesoro Extension will have on surface waters of the State. Additionally, TCA has committed to building the five-mile Tesoro Extension utilizing best management practices (BMP). These BMPs will maintain existing drainage flow patterns and treat all highway runoff to the maximum extent practicable before discharging to receiving waters in order to maintain existing beneficial uses and meet water quality objectives established by the Regional Board and the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin.</i></p> <p><i>I appreciate the opportunity to support this project.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	<p>Commenter: TAIT Consulting, President, Bruce Tait, PE</p>

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81	<p>COMMENT: <i>The Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce is writing to express its support for the approval of the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency's (TCA) Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) for the Tesoro Extension project in southern Orange County. The Carlsbad Chamber has long been on record supporting this well-planned transportation project because. Currently, the 1-5 is the only north-south non-arterial route available for residents and businesses in South Orange County. The 1-5 also serves as the primary route for movement of goods to and from Mexico and the ports of Los Angeles, San Diego and Long Beach, critical to improving our struggling economy. Not only will this project create jobs, the TCA also proposes to create, restore and/or enhance 34.82 acres of habitat for .40 acre of impact the Tesoro Extension will have on surface waters of the State. Additionally, TCA has committed to building the five-mile Tesoro Extension utilizing best management practices (BMP). These BMPs will maintain existing drainage flow patterns and treat all highway runoff to the maximum extent practicable before discharging to receiving waters in order to maintain existing beneficial uses and meet water quality objectives established by the Regional Board and the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin. Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.</i></p> <p>RESPONSE: Comment noted. The San Diego Water Board will include the comment expressing support for the SR 241 Tesoro Extension Project and the Tentative Order in the administrative record for the Tentative Order.</p>	Commenter: Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce, Ted Owen, CEO

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