

Ben Neill - Comments Tentative Order No. R9-2009-0002

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I am the Member at Large on the Casa Loma Homeowners' Association Board of Directors. In fact, my building is practically next to Oso Creek as the creek heads to the golf course. I have read R9-2009-0002 and have the following comments on it. I like the report. It seems well written and took along time and lots of research to put together. The parts in it for retrofitting properties like Casa Loma is very good. And making the water quality control enhancements in such a way as to complement and not destroy natural features that can be part of water quality control is a great plus. The natural features of the land should be preserved and this Order does that. Storm water should be treated at its source to the greatest extent possible before heading to the storm drain system, and this Order calls for that. Also, we are working with two water districts to have a union supply line for recycled water go by our complex so we can use recycled water for the landscape; and I saw a small part in the report looking to see if storm water runoff could not be integrated with recycled water to the fullest extent possible which is another good thing. The way it is in the Order, the Pollutant Credit System seems good. And I am happy that the Order recommends against pouring more concrete onto stream and river banks but calls for restoration to natural conditions to the greatest extent possible. There is a part of the Oso Creek Trail on the Pacific Hills side between the Marguerite Parkway and La Paz Road trail entrances where old sections of curb, old brick chimneys, and old pieces of tennis courts with the paint still on them have been dumped along the creek bank. Those things really stand out from the natural features. There are also two large storm drain openings that empty into Oso Creek on either side of the La Paz Road overpass bridge and sometimes there are plastic bottles, tin cans, plastic wrapping at the mouths of these storm drains and plastic cups and bottles floating down in the creek that probably came in through the storm drains because they are not too far from the drains. Finally, if I was giving a grade to this report, I would give it between an A and A plus. It should be implemented. Thank you and best wishes, Michael E. Bailey, 25801 Marguerite Parkway, No. 103, Mission Viejo, CA 92692.