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Mr. Eric Becker, P.E.
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San Diego, CA 92123-4340

Sent Via E-Mail to ebecker@waterboards.ca.gov

Dear Mr. Becker:

Re: Schedule for Focused Meetings on the
Proposed Joint Permit for San Diego, Orange
and Riverside County Copermittees

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Margarita Region ("SMR") Copermittees regarding the proposed schedule for focused meetings on the Administrative Draft proposed joint MS4 permit for the San Diego, Orange and Riverside County Copermittees.

As we discussed in our May 10, 2012 meeting with you, Laurie Walsh and Wayne Chiu, the SMR Copermittees are fully occupied through the end of June in modifying existing compliance programs as well as preparing and submitting the required documentation of these programs under the terms of the 2010 MS4 Permit. As a result, the Copermittees lack staff and financial resources to participate in the focused meetings during June, especially given that Regional Board staff has indicated that Copermittees should come to those meetings prepared to comment on the Administrative Draft as well as propose alternative language.

Because the SMR Copermittees cannot attend any focused meetings during June, and need time to study the Administrative Draft and prepare comments, alternative language and questions, the Copermittees request that the first focused meeting occur no earlier than the week of July 23, 2012 which will give the Copermittees time to prepare and help ensure that the focused meetings are productive for all participants.

Please note that by agreeing to participate in the focused meetings, the SMR Copermittees are not waiving their already-stated concerns with the joint permit process nor their previous comments on the format for the focused meetings.

Please contact me at 951.955.8602 or by e-mail at cmpadres@rcflood.org if you have any questions concerning the matters discussed in this letter.

Very truly yours,

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