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In reply refer to:
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To: Orange County Municipal Storm Water Permit Interested Parties

Dear Interested Party:

SUBJECT: Revised Tentative Order R9-2009-0002, NPDES CAS0108740, Orange County Municipal Storm Water Permit Reissuance

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, (Regional Board) hereby releases for public review Revised Tentative Order No. R9-2009-0002, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Urban Runoff from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) Draining the Watersheds of the County of Orange, the Incorporated Cities of Orange County, and the Orange County Flood Control District within the San Diego Region.*

The Revised Tentative Order, would if adopted, supersede and replace Order No. R9-2002-0001 the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) MS4 Permit No. CAS0108740 issued in February 2002 to the County of Orange, the Orange County Flood Control District, and the Cities of Aliso Viejo, Dana Point, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, and San Juan Capistrano (Permittees).

The Revised Tentative Order has several changes aimed at preserving and improving the quality of southern California's precious and scarce water resources for the benefit of present and future generations of California's citizens. These changes were made to sections involving low impact development, hydromodification, monitoring and reporting program, existing development, and dry weather runoff flows and include measureable criteria and protections for State Water Quality Protected Areas. While practicable to protect water quality, these changes are remaining appropriately consistent among the Southern California Coastal Regional Boards.

Public Workshop

To facilitate public comment, Regional Board staff will conduct a public workshop concerning the Tentative Order. At the public workshop, the Regional Board intends to provide presentations explaining the tentative requirements, opportunities for public comments and questions, and time for responses to comments and questions. The public workshop is currently planned to be held in approximately two to three weeks at a place and specific time to be determined shortly.

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Public Hearing

In addition, the Regional Board will conduct a public hearing to receive and consider oral comments. The hearing is tentatively scheduled for the Regional Board's June 10, 2009 meeting at the Ocean Institute in Dana Point, 24200 Dana Point Harbor Dr. Further notice of the hearing will be provided to the Permittees and interested parties at least 45 days in advance. Following the initial public hearing, a second public meeting will be scheduled by the Regional Board to consider adoption of the Revised Tentative Order.

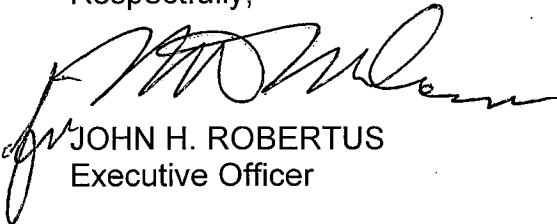
Comment Period

The public review and comment period is now open until closed by the Regional Board. Written comments or testimony should be submitted to the Regional Board as soon as practicable. The Regional Board intends to respond to all comments. Written comments received by April 24, 2009 will be provided with a written response. Written comments or testimony received by 5:00 PM, on May 29, 2009 will be provided to the Regional Board members for their review prior to the June 10, 2009 public hearing. The Regional Board will also consider oral statements at the public hearing. The Regional Board has the option of closing the public comment period at the June 10, 2009 meeting or within a specified time period following the meeting.

The heading portion of this letter includes a Regional Board code number noted after "In reply refer to." In order to assist us in the processing of your correspondence please include this code number in the heading or subject line portion of all correspondence and reports to the Regional Board pertaining to this matter.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact Ben Neill at (858) 467-2952 or email: bneill@waterboards.ca.gov.

Respectfully,



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Enclosure: Revised Tentative Order No. R9-2009-0002, with attachments