

Via email: lwalsh@waterboards.ca.gov

September 13, 2012

Laurie Walsh, P.E. San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92123

Re: Comments on Administrative Draft MS4 NPDES Permit

Dear Ms. Walsh:

The City of National City (City) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) Regional Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) Storm Water NPDES Permit (Tentative Order No. R9-2012-0011, hereafter "Administrative Draft"). In particular, the City would like to thank the Regional Board for the opportunity to participate in open focused meetings along with other stakeholders. These meetings have been helpful in helping the various stakeholders to better understand each others' positions, and, we believe, to reach consensus on some, although not all, issues.

City representatives have been actively involved in San Diego County Copermittee preparations for the focused meetings and in the process of developing a set of written comments on the Administrative Draft. The City is in general agreement with the Copermittee group comments that are being submitted to the Regional Board and therefore, for the sake of simplicity, is not submitting a separate group of comments at this time. We look forward to continuing to work with you and the rest of the staff at the Regional Board as this permit reissuance process goes forward.

Sincerely,

Stephen Manganiello

City Engineer