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In reply refer to / attn:
CW-794843:CArias

**Subject: San Diego Water Board Notice of Acceptance
Peñasquitos Watershed Management Area Water Quality Improvement Plan**

Mr. Brown:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) received the revised final Peñasquitos Watershed Management Area (WMA) Water Quality Improvement Plan (Plan) on September 29, 2015. The revised final Peñasquitos WMA Plan was jointly submitted by the City of San Diego, City of Poway, City of Del Mar, and the County of San Diego (collectively Peñasquitos WMA Copermittees) after considering written comments submitted by the public and San Diego Water Board staff on the draft final Plan. Submittal of the Peñasquitos WMA Plan, as revised in response to comments, is required by Order No. R9-2013-0001, as amended by Order Nos. R9-2015-0001 and R9-2015-0100, NPDES No. CAS0109266, *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) Draining the Watersheds within the San Diego Region* (Order).

Provisions B and D of the Order describe the required elements that must be included in the Peñasquitos WMA Plan. After reviewing the revised final Peñasquitos WMA Plan and the comments received during the Plan revision process, the San Diego Water Board finds that the Plan is in compliance with Provisions B and D of the Order.

Based on these findings, the San Diego Water Board accepts the revised final Peñasquitos WMA Plan dated September 29, 2015 as meeting the requirements of Provisions B and D of the Order. As such, the Peñasquitos WMA Copermittees should continue implementation of the strategies described therein according to the specified schedules. The Peñasquitos WMA Copermittees are now authorized to allow exemptions to the Hydromodification Management BMP Requirements that have been identified pursuant to Provision E.3.c.(2)(d)(iii) of the Order, and implement the Alternative Compliance Program for Priority Development Projects provided under provision E.3.c.(3) of the Order, within the Peñasquitos WMA.

The accepted Peñasquitos WMA Plan, dated September 29, 2015 will continue to be available for public review on the San Diego Water Board website. Any person aggrieved by this San

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Diego Water Board action to accept the Peñasquitos WMA Plan may petition the State Water Resources Control Board to review the action in accordance with Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 23, section 2050, et seq. The State Water Resources Control Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m. within 30 days after the date of this action except if the thirtieth day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the petition must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the first business day following. Copies of laws and regulations applicable to petitions are available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality and are available upon request.

Please submit any written correspondence in response to this letter to SanDiego@waterboards.ca.gov. Electronic documents must be submitted as a single file, in Portable Document Format (PDF) format, and converted to text searchable format using Optical Character Recognition (OCR). All electronic documents must also include scanned copies of all signature pages; electronic signatures will not be accepted. Electronic documents submitted to the San Diego Water Board must include the following identification numbers in the header or subject line: **PIN: CW-794843:CArias.**

Should you have any questions or comments on this matter, please contact Christina Arias by phone at (619) 521-3361 or by e-mail at Christina.Arias@waterboards.ca.gov.

Respectfully,



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