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RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

October 9, 2018

Mr. David Gibson, Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Gibson:

Re: Water Quality Improvement Plan for the Santa Margarita River Watershed Management Area

Please find enclosed a digital copy of the revised Santa Margarita River (SMR) Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) pursuant to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program Board Order No. R9-2013-0001, as amended by R9-2015-0001 and R9-2015-0100 (Regional MS4 Permit), adopted by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) on November 18, 2015. The WQIP is being submitted on behalf of the SMR Watershed Management Area Co-permittees (the Cities of Murrieta, Temecula, and Wildomar; the Counties of Riverside and San Diego; and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District)) and the City of Menifee.

The WQIP was submitted as required on January 4, 2018 and has been revised based on comments from the Regional Water Board and the Co-permittees. We have had several meetings, telephone discussions, and email exchanges with Regional Water Board staff and the Co-permittees since March 2018, through which we worked together to resolve the remaining issues in accordance with Provision F.1.b (4) of the Regional MS4 Permit.

The District looks forward to ongoing cooperation with the Regional Water Board during the implementation of the WQIP and appreciates the support from your staff during the revision process.

Very truly yours,

Edwin Quinonez

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Chief of Watershed Protection Division

Attachment: Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP)

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