
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Dear Mr. Kelly,

Thank you for your comment on the Settlement Agreement and Stipulation of Entry of Administrative Civil Liability with California Department of Transportation and Atkinson Contractors LP.

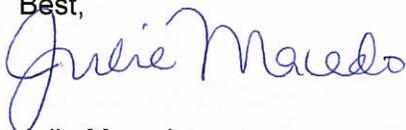
Enforcement is important to the Regional Board and we appreciate the support of Inland Empire Waterkeeper of the Regional Board's actions in this matter. It is also our hope that the sizable settlement amount in this matter will encourage better compliance with the MS4 Permit throughout the region and encourage regulated entities to effectively implement best management practices.

The Regional Board does not have the authority to mandate a SEP as part of a settlement agreement. The State Board is in the process of updating the SEP policy. As part of this process a public workshop was held on August 16, 2017 and a hearing to receive oral comments was held on September 20, 2017. Unfortunately, no comments were received from Inland Empire Waterkeeper prior to the September 25, 2017 deadline. The adoption date for the new SEP policy is scheduled for December 5, 2017.

We agree that the SEP list for the Santa Ana Regional Board should be kept as up to date as possible. Information on the SEP policy and submitting SEP proposals can be found at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/enforcement/sep.shtml.

Again, thank you for your input and your support of enforcement actions in the Santa Ana Region.

Best,



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