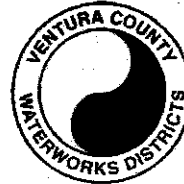


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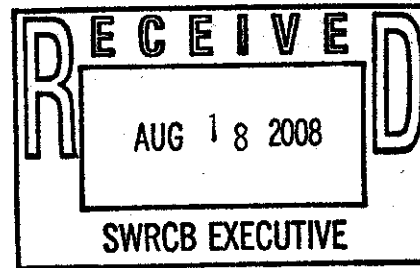
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Dear Mr. Stevens:

Subject: SEPTEMBER 2, 2008, BOARD MEETING – CLEAN WATER
STATE REVOLVING FUND (CWSRF) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES POLICY.
LETTER OF SUPPORT

The County of Ventura, Public Works Agency, Water and Sanitation Department (Department) has an interest in the CWSRF proposed policy revision. The Department has several wastewater treatment reclamation projects for which we have applied, or will apply, for CWSRF funding. Five of our projects involve low-income, disadvantaged communities in Ventura County. We strongly support any policy that will reduce the financial burden on low-income, disadvantaged communities throughout the State.

It is our goal to provide a safe water supply to meet the consumers' needs; and to collect, treat and dispose of wastewater safely and efficiently, meeting all state and federal permit requirements. The approval of the proposed CWSRF Program revisions will assist low-income, disadvantaged communities in the repayment of funding for much needed sewer infrastructure projects.

Of particular interest within the proposed CWSRF Policy (Policy) is the Extended Term Financing (ETF) Program. This program provides up to 30 years for repayment, and is included in the Policy document your Board will be considering at the September 2, 2008, meeting.

We support the proposed ETF Program as drafted. We understand that the Division of Financial Assistance will address the zero interest loan for low-income, disadvantaged communities, with the development of CWSRF Regulations over the next year. We are looking forward to commenting on the draft Regulations when released for public comment.



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If you have any questions or comments, please call me a (805) 378-3005.

Sincerely,



R. R. Pakala, Director
Water and Sanitation Department

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cc: Ventura County Supervisor John Flynn
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Bill Lykins, Staff Services Specialist, Water and Sanitation Department