



# State Water Resources Control Board

## Division of Water Quality

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Mr. Thomas F. Casey III  
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Dear Mr. Casey:

### AREA OF SPECIAL BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE (ASBS) CALIFORNIA OCEAN PLAN EXCEPTION APPLICATION STATUS

If you are receiving this letter, you have either not applied for an exception to the California Ocean Plan ASBS waste discharge prohibition, or you have submitted an application deemed incomplete. Those that cannot submit a completed application may submit their partial application by December 31, 2007. The receipt of your partial application may be conditionally approved. For those who have already submitted an incomplete application and are requesting conditional approval, please contact Ms. Constance Anderson no later than December 31, 2007.

Not less than \$35 million of the Proposition 84 Bond Act of 2006 funds has been set aside to assist local public agencies in complying with the California Ocean Plan's waste discharge prohibition into ASBS. Staff is proposing that in order to be eligible for Division of Financial Assistance funding, a complete or conditionally approved application for an exception must be received by December 31, 2007. If the State Water Resources Control Board approves the staff proposal to link Proposition 84 Bond Act eligibility with the request for an exception, a completed application or compliance with a conditional approval would allow you to compete for the Proposition 84 funds.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 341-5488 ([dgregorio@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dgregorio@waterboards.ca.gov)) or Constance Anderson at (916) 341-5280 ([csanderson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:csanderson@waterboards.ca.gov)).

Sincerely,

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