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Ms Debbie Irvin, Clerk of the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 24th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### FAX LETTER

Re: Support for the draft General Industrial Storm Water Permit

Dear Ms. Irvin

This letter is sent to express our support for the document referenced above. We support the draft General Industrial Storm Water Permit as proposed because it provides a rational, cost-effective approach for businesses like ours to effectively comply with storm water pollution prevention regulations.

For the last 80 years we have provided reliable transportation service to our many California customers as well as safe, steady, good paying employment for our Teamster Union member employees. We currently employ 17 people at our Anaheim, CA terminal. We consider ourselves to be good citizens of the State of California and endeavor to comply to the fullest extent possible with every regulation, rule, law and code that is imposed upon us and our industry no matter the source. As an example of our resolve to comply, in 2004, at our 5 acre facility in Anaheim we spent in excess of \$15,000.00 in labor and equipment purchases to improve our compliance practices for our Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program alone.

It is our understanding that there are proposed amendments to the current storm water program that would require numeric limits for storm water discharges. I suggest that such limits would be counterproductive, impractical to impose and impossible to meet. I say that because if stiffer regulations are imposed only the good citizens will comply and the pollution problem will remain unchanged. What is needed to achieve less pollution is universal compliance from **ALL SECTORS** of the ever-expanding population. All citizens should be held accountable not just the California business community. The resources needed to reduce the pollution problem would be better spent on educating the general public, as well as the uninformed businesses, of the need for compliance by everyone. I say this because there are many business owners that have never heard of the program and are ignorant of their obligation to comply.

I conclude with this thought. Increased efforts in education and enforcement should be attempted before increasing the compliance criteria. Get all citizens to comply before punishing the citizens that already comply. Thank you for the opportunity to offer my thoughts and comments.

Very Truly Yours

Lee Hobbs, President

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