



VACAVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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January 26, 2005

Ms. Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Reference: Support for draft General Industrial Storm Water Permit

Dear Ms. Irvin:

The Board of Directors of the Vacaville Chamber of Commerce represents 800 business clients who employ approximately 20,000 people. On behalf of our client/members and the remainder of the greater Vacaville business community we wish to support the draft General Industrial Storm Water Permit as proposed.

We believe the draft provides a rational and cost effective approach.

Furthermore, we urge the Board NOT to give consideration to the outrageous recommendations by some that would require numeric limits for storm drain discharges. These recommendations would be extremely difficult to manage and impossible to predict due to the very nature of storm water.

The cost to the business community and the potential additional costs due to fines is considered to be Draconian and would do nothing more than create a burden that could very well stifle business growth and retention.

Your consideration for the plight of the business community and future employment growth is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Gary H. Tatum
President/CEO

cc: City of Vacaville
California Chamber of Commerce
The Reporter

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