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THE CITIES OF ARCADIA, BELLFLOWER, CARSON, CERRITOS, CLAREMONT, COMMERCE, DOWNEY, DUARTE, GARDENA, GLENDORA, HAWAIIAN GARDENS, IRWINDALE, LAWNDALE, MONTEREY PARK, PARAMOUNT, SANTA FE SPRINGS, SIGNAL HILL, VERNON, WALNUT, WEST COVINA, and WHITTIER, municipal corporations, and BUILDING INDUSTRY LEGAL DEFENSE FOUNDATION, a non-profit corporation,

Petitioners/Plaintiffs,
vs.
THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD; and THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, LOS ANGELES REGION, and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

Respondents/Defendants,
vs.
NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL; HEAL THE BAY; and SANTA MONICA BAYKEEPER,

Intervenors.

SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF ORANGE , CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER

Case No. 06CC02974
Honorable Thierry Patrick Colaw
Dept: CX-104
PETITIONERS' AND RESPONDENT BOARDS' STIPULATION RE: PROPOSED ORDER ON INTERPRETATION OF WRIT
OF MANDATE AND JUDGMENT

Hearing
Date: August 1, 2008
Time: 1:30 P.M.
Dept.: CX-104

Action Filed: December 9, 2005
Trial Date:

WHEREAS, Judgment was entered in the above-referenced action on July 2, 2008, with a Peremptory Writ of Mandate ("Writ") having been issued against Respondents the State Water Resources Control Board ("State Board") and the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards, Los Angeles Region (hereafter collectively "Respondent Boards") on that same date;

WHEREAS, Intervenors the Natural Resources Defense Council, Heal The Bay, and the Santa Monica Baykeeper ("Intervenors") were permitted to intervene in this case as of May 1, 2008;

WHEREAS, the Writ of Mandate and Judgment (collectively "Writ/Judgment") among other matters and until such time as certain specified actions as required by the Writ have been undertaken by the Respondent Boards, direct and command Respondent Boards to:

> cease, desist and suspend all activities relating to the implementation, application and/or enforcement of the Standards [Water Quality Standards] in the Basin Plan, as applied or to be applied to Stormwater [defined under federal law to include urban runoff], whether through TMDLs [Total Maximum Daily Loads] or other Basin Plan amendments or regulations, or through NPDES [National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System] permits, water quality policies or otherwise. . .

WHEREAS, Paragraph 4 of the Writ contains the following limiting language to the abovereferenced language:

> Nothing contained in this Paragraph 4 shall prevent the enforcement of any term or provision in an NPDES Stormwater permit, except to the extent that any such term or provision is used or designed to implement or enforce (i) any element of a TMDL, or (ii) any numeric limit that may be included in any such NPDES permit as a means of enforcing a Standard outside of the TMDL process.

WHEREAS, Paragraph 2(d) of the Judgment contains nearly identical language to the above-referenced limiting language of Paragraph 4 of the Writ;

WHEREAS, a dispute has arisen between the Petitioners and Respondent Boards over whether the Writ/Judgment apply to two specific activities of the State Board: (1) whether the Writ/Judgment preclude enrollments under existing general storm water permits; and (2) whether the Writ/Judgment preclude the Respondent Boards' activities related to assisting persons who voluntarily seek oversight, cooperation, funding or input from any Respondent Board;

WHEREAS, Petitioners and Respondent Boards both contend that the scope of the

Writ/Judgment are clear from the plain language, but reach opposing conclusions as to whether the Writ/Judgment's plain language allow enrollments under the existing general Stormwater permits, with Petitioners contending that the Writ/Judgment does not preclude enrollments under the existing general Stormwater permits or preclude persons from voluntarily seeking oversight or grant funds from the Respondent Boards, and the Respondent Boards contending otherwise;

WHEREAS, the Petitioners and the Respondent Boards hereto, therefore, propose this Stipulation to resolve their differences over the interpretation of the Writ/Judgment;

WHEREAS, this Stipulation is not intended to provide a comprehensive interpretation of the Writ/Judgment, nor shall it be viewed as a comprehensive interpretation of Paragraph 4 of the Writ or Paragraph 2(d) of the Judgment, nor shall it be cited or used as evidence of the meaning or scope of the Writ/Judgment except with respect to the terms of paragraphs 1 and 2 of the [PROPOSED] ORDER ON INTERPRETATION OF WRIT OF MANDATE AND JUDGMENT attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A."

WHEREAS, nothing in this Stipulation (nor the Respondents Boards' agreement to it) shall be construed to limit or expand the Respondent Boards' ability to otherwise challenge the Writ/Judgment on any grounds as may be permitted by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, Petitioners and Respondent Boards hereby agree and stipulate to the terms of the [PROPOSED] ORDER ON INTERPRETATION OF WRIT OF MANDATE AND JUDGMENT attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A."

Dated: August /, 2008.
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THE CITIES OF ARCADIA, BELLFLOWER, Case No. 06CC02974 CARSON, CERRITOS, CLAREMONT, COMMERCE, DOWNEY, DUARTE, GARDENA, GLENDORA, HAWAIIAN GARDENS, IRWINDALE, LAWNDALE, MONTEREY PARK, PARAMOUNT, SANTA FE SPRINGS, SIGNAL HILL, VERNON, WALNUT, WEST COVINA, and WHITTIER, municipal corporations, and BUILDING INDUSTRY LEGAL DEFENSE FOUNDATION, a non-profit corporation,

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GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, the Ex Parte Application of Petitioners in this action for an Order interpreting the Writ of Mandate issued on July 2, 2008 ("Writ") and the Judgment entered on July 2, 2008 ("Judgment") (collectively, "Writ/Judgment"), is hereby GRANTED, and the Court ORDERS as follows:

Without modifying, altering or adding to the Writ/Judgment, the Court hereby finds and declares that, pursuant to the plain language in Paragraph 4 of the Writ and Paragraph 2(d) of the Judgment, as well as the record and pleadings on file in this action, that the Writ/Judgment are to be interpreted such that nothing therein is to:

1. Prevent any action to implement, apply, or enforce any term or provision in any Stormwater NPDES permit (including but not limited to a municipal Stormwater NPDES Permit, a General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity, a General Permit for Small Linear Underground/Overhead Projects, or an Industrial Stormwater General Permit), except to the extent that any such term or provision is used or designed to implement or enforce (i) any element of a TMDL, or (ii) any numeric limit that may be included in any such NPDES permit as a means of enforcing a Standard outside of the TMDL process.
2. Prevent the Respondent Boards from coordinating or cooperating with, or assisting any Petitioner or any other person or entity (collectively "Requesting Party"), who voluntarily seeks the oversight, cooperation, funding or input of any Respondent Board in connection with any voluntary effort by the Requesting Party to assess, investigate or attempt to further improve water quality in the Los Angeles Region; no such voluntary action by a Requesting Party shall be construed or in any way interpreted as being a waiver or relinquishment of any right or interest provided under the Writ/Judgment.

Dated:


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## STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE

I am employed by the law office of Rutan \& Tucker, LLP in the County of Orange, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 611 Anton Boulevard, Fourteenth Floor, Costa Mesa, California 92626-1931.

On August 1, 2008, I served on the interested parties in said action the following documents:

## [PROPOSED] ORDER ON INTERPRETATION OF WRIT OF MANDATE AND JUDGMENT

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I also served a courtesy copy of the above-referenced document on the interested parties by electronic mail at their email addresses) listed below their mailing addresses as stated above. The transmission of the documents) was reported as complete and without error.

Executed on August 1, 2008, at Costa Mesa, California.
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Cathryn L. Campbell


