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**Subject:** Proposed Ventura County Stormwater Permit

Regional Board Members  
Regional Water Quality Control Board  
ATT: Dr. Xavier Swamikannu  
RE: Proposed Ventura County Stormwater Permit

Dear Regional Board Members:

Portions of the proposed Ventura County Permit currently under consideration are extremely detrimental to business growth and will put a very onerous strain on the construction industry. Some of the exceptionally stringent requirements (based on national & state data rather than local data) would limit business growth and very probably put some companies out of business completely.

The extreme grading restrictions will drive up costs and add months if not years to project schedules that would not only make the project financially unfeasible, but in the end, could cause a harmful impact on the environment. Hundreds of jobs will be impacted. While work sites lay idle, jobs will be lost when companies are unable to support their workforce or go out of business and workers must leave the county to find work elsewhere. Ventura County cannot afford this unnecessary setback to its economy. Current BMPs are working and we request that the regional board work hand-in-hand with the local construction business community to modify the draft permit's overreaching requirements to support not only our environment, but the practical needs of the community and business as well.

We appreciate your consideration in this very serious matter.

Thank you,

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