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Francine Diamond, Chair
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

RE: Ventura County MS-4 Draft Permit-NPDES Permit No. CAS004002

Dear Chair Diamond:

Thank you for providing for the additional hearing on the Ventura County Stormwater Permit. My district covers a large portion of Ventura County, including the cities of Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Moorpark, Camarillo, Santa Paula, Fillmore, and Ojai. I am very concerned about the implications of the new MS-4 Permit that is being proposed for Ventura County and its ten cities. I certainly value the quality of life that we enjoy in the County and we have a group of local governments who have proven to be good stewards of the environment.

For a county that is consistently recognized for its commitment to protecting our resources, I'm concerned with the very stringent new regulatory mandates that are being considered as part of the MS-4 Permit. The concept of Municipal Action Levels (MAL's), and the associated cost, for a County that has clean beaches, significant amounts of open space, and good water quality seems to be overreaching.

I would respectfully request that you and your Board reconsider the issue of MAL's and work with the County and the cities to provide for an improvement to the existing permit that is reasonable, manageable, and cost effective.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Audra Strickland".

Audra Strickland
Assemblywoman, 37th District