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California Regional Water
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Dear Ryan,

This letter is written to express support for the approval of the County of San Luis Obispo Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) and NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit Coverage.

As a partner in the SLO County Partners for Water Quality, the Los Osos Community Services District benefits from working with this inter-agency coalition by application of Best Management Practices (BMPs) in public education and outreach. The District is located in an unincorporated area of San Luis Obispo County and having a limited budget, we are able to share our resources with this group and make it more cost-effective to get the message to the public. We appreciate the fact that the SLO County SWMP is tailored to meet the needs of smaller local communities rather than urban metropolitan areas like Los Angeles.

We urge the RWQCB to approve the County's SWMP at this time. Delaying this permit coverage does nothing to benefit water quality.

Thank you for your consideration in approval of the San Luis Obispo County Stormwater Management Program and NPDES Phase II stormwater permit.

Sincerely,

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