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From: Jonathan Bishop
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Subject: Cancellation of Item No. 17 [Consideration of a Tentative Resolution to Reiterate Existing Authority to Regulate Hydromodifications with the Los Angeles Region] from the October 7, 2004 Board Meeting Agenda

On August 12, 2004 a notice was mailed out with a tentative resolution, which was intended to heighten awareness about the importance and immeasurable benefits of our natural watercourses and the impacts of hydromodification on water quality and the beneficial uses of those waters. The tentative resolution also reiterated existing authority to regulate hydromodifications within the Los Angeles Region. The Regional Board scheduled the tentative resolution for consideration at the October 7th Board meeting.

Due to questions and concerns raised by a significant number of stakeholders both in written comments and during the public workshop held on September 24, 2004, I have decided after consultation with the Board Chair to cancel the Board hearing on this item. Instead, Regional Board staff will convene a stakeholder workgroup to further explore the issue of protecting our natural watercourses through the Regional Board's regulatory authority related to hydromodification of watercourses.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Renee DeShazo, Basin Planning Coordinator, at (213) 576-6783 or by e-mail at rdeshazo@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov or Melinda Becker, Acting Section Chief, Regional Programs, at (213) 576-6681 or mbecker@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov.

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