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Ms. Tracy Egoscue
Executive Officer
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
320 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Subject: Comments on NPDES No. CAS004002 – Draft Tentative Order of April 29th, 2008 (Permit)

Dear Ms. Egoscue:

The City of Ojai is a community of 8,000 people in just under five square miles in northwest Ventura County. We have a small staff, but have been willing and active participants in the stormwater permits to date. However, the draft MS4 Permit for Ventura County proposed by your staff is misguided, counterproductive, ineffectively expensive, and prohibitive to implement, especially in a small community like Ojai.

We do not have the resources to comment individually on all details, but have been working closely with our co-permittees in review of the draft Permit. Rather than repeat what has been said by others, suffice it to say that the City of Ojai wholeheartedly endorses the comments of Gerhard J. Hubner in his letter of May 27, 2008, on behalf of all the co-permittees, and of the City of Ventura in their letter of May 29, 2008. Copies of those letters are attached.

We urge you to respond constructively to our comments, and we look forward to the opportunity to learn about your responses at the July 10 workshop of the LARWQCB.

Sincerely,

Jere A. Kersnar
City Manager

Cc: Mayor and City Council
Mike Culver, Public Works Director, City of Ojai
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