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Mr. David Gibson
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego Region 9
9174 Sky Park Court, Ste. 100
San Diego, CA 92123

April 2013 Public Hearing - Municipal Storm Water Permit Proposed Changes

Dear Mr. Gibson:

Many public and private parties responded to the Board's draft permit late last year and early this year. We are concerned that there has been insufficient time for review of the Regional Board's responses to that input.

We are also concerned that the proposed new regulations will result in billions of dollars in new costs to copermitees, land owners and tax payers of the State of California. Another concern is that the proposed regulations have not had the benefit of a serious environmental review, so that the full impact of these changes is not known.

A task of this magnitude requires that we consider the best possible and most effective method of achieving the result of cleaner storm water. We feel that there are other more practical methods of treating storm water runoff that would address a larger portion of the hydrologic drainage basins at a lower cost to the taxpayer.

We realize that the task of improving storm water quality is a serious and complex challenge. Further dialogue between all of the stakeholders could result in area wide or community wide solutions that would be both practical and effective. For this reason, we urge the Board to postpone any hearing on the matter.

Sincerely,

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Oceanside Chamber of Commerce