

CAPITOL OFFICE
STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 2054
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814
TEL (916) 651-4040
FAX (916) 327-3522

California State Senate

SENATOR
BEN HUESO
FORTIETH SENATE DISTRICT

STANDING COMMITTEES
VETERANS AFFAIRS
CHAIR
BANKING & FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS
EDUCATION
NATURAL RESOURCES
& WATER
TRANSPORTATION
& HOUSING

SELECT COMMITTEES
CALIFORNIA'S ENERGY
INDEPENDENCE
CHAIR
CALIFORNIA-MEXICO
COOPERATION

May 22, 2014



Ms. Joann Lim
Water Resource Control Engineer
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92108

Dear Ms. Lim:

As the State Senator of California's 40th Senate District, I urge the Board to delay the adoption date currently scheduled for June 26, 2014 in order to consider inclusion of a real-time prediction model for the **National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)** tentative order.

The new monitoring requirements for the United States International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC), South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant (IWTP) are an opportunity for the San Diego Region Regional Water Quality Control Board to modernize and improve the ocean monitoring programs as they are currently in need of an update. The monitoring plan could be improved to represent current oceanographic knowledge of the region and state of the art tools.

I suggest the implementation of a **real-time prediction model** for the South San Diego ocean region including the Tijuana River Estuary and the coastline from Point Loma down to near Baja Malibu (Mexico), to help improve monitoring efforts, plan for future changes in outfall capacity, and respond to potential spills or other events.

In conclusion, I urge the board to delay the adoption date and include a real-time prediction model for the NPDES permit renewal for the SBIWTP. This would greatly strengthen the ability of the discharger to determine South Bay Ocean Outfall (SBOO) plume behavior and other potential stressors to the South San Diego Bay and Shoreline.

I thank you and the board for your ongoing efforts to ensure surface waters are safe for drinking, fishing, swimming, and supporting healthy ecosystems. I hope that you can continue to support that water quality is comprehensively measured to evaluate its protection and restoration. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (619) 409-7690.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Hueso".

BEN HUESO
Senator, 40th Senate District

BH:ih

CHULA VISTA DISTRICT OFFICE
303 H STREET, SUITE 200
CHULA VISTA, CA 91910
TEL (619) 409-7690
FAX (619) 409-7688

INDIO DISTRICT OFFICE
45-125 SMURR STREET, SUITE B
INDIO, CA 92201
TEL (760) 398-6442
FAX (760) 398-6470

EL CENTRO DISTRICT OFFICE
1224 STATE STREET, SUITE D
EL CENTRO, CA 92243
TEL (760) 335-3442
FAX (760) 335-3444

