

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD REVISE THE DRAFT TENTATIVE ORDER FOR THE MUNICIPAL REGIONAL STORMWATER PERMIT TO REDUCE IMPACTS ON THE CITY BUDGET AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Whereas, the City of San Carlos supports the goal of clean stormwater; and

Whereas, the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board released a draft Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit for public comment on 2/11/2009; and

Whereas, the City of San Carlos has imposed a \$20 per residential parcel fee for city stormwater programs; and

Whereas, the Community Development, Parks and Recreation and Public Works staff have reviewed the draft permit; and

Whereas, the estimated direct costs to the City of San Carlos to comply with the draft permit would be on the order of \$400,000 to \$700,000 per year; and

Whereas, current stormwater program costs are exceeding revenues; and

Whereas, City of San Carlos stormwater program revenues would need to be doubled or tripled to fully fund the requirements of the draft permit; and

Whereas, property owners in San Carlos also pay a fee of \$6.30 per residential parcel for countywide stormwater programs; and

Whereas, the San Mateo City/County Association of Government Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program staff has reviewed the draft permit; and

Whereas, countywide stormwater revenues would need to be doubled to fully fund the requirements of the draft permit; and

Whereas, the San Mateo City/County Association of Government staff has recommended that the draft permit be revised to reduce the permit's cost impacts in the areas of water quality monitoring, special studies, pilot projects, trash and litter control, and conditionally exempted discharges; and

Whereas; the permit would impose new stormwater treatment measures on all but the smallest private development projects, discouraging new construction and reconstruction; and

Whereas, revenues from new construction and reconstruction activity are an important revenue source for the City of San Carlos and an important source of local economic activity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of San Carlos hereby requests that the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board revise the draft Tentative Order for the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit to reduce impacts on the city budget and the local economy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council supports the recommendation of the San Mateo City/County Association of Government to reduce the permit's cost impacts in the

areas of water quality monitoring, special studies, pilot projects, trash and litter control, and conditionally exempted discharges.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board is requested to consider the cost burden that that the draft permit would place on new construction and reconstruction and the potential impacts to the local economy.

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I, Christine D. Boland, hereby certify that this Resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of San Carlos at a regular meeting held on the 23rd day of March 2009, by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

City Clerk of the City of San Carlos

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of San Carlos