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Mr. Fred Meurer, City Manager
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City of Monterey
Monterey, CA 93920

Dear Mr. Meurer:

CONDITIONALLY APPROVED APPLICATION PACKAGE FOR DISCHARGES INTO PACIFIC GROVE AREA OF SPECIAL BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Thank you for your application package dated December 14, 2007, requesting an exception from the California Ocean Plan (Ocean Plan) waste discharge prohibition for your discharges into the Pacific Grove Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS). Your application did not include the following information requested of all applicants: (1) a quantitative description of marine life in the ASBS near the discharge and at a reference location away from the discharge, and (2) certain water quality data for your storm discharge upstream of the Pacific Grove outfall and water quality for the ASBS. However, given the fact that the City of Monterey's storm drain connects to the City of Pacific Grove drain prior to discharge, and since Pacific Grove provided sufficient information in its application, we have deemed your application conditionally complete. This approval is conditioned on your continued collaboration with the City of Pacific Grove in addressing and monitoring runoff into the ASBS.

The receipt of your application supports the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) consideration of an exception to the Ocean Plan for discharges to ASBS. As a responsible party with a conditionally approved application, you will be considered for coverage under an exception.

The exception is likely to include minimizing or eliminating pollutants discharged to the ASBS to maintain natural water quality in the receiving waters. In the meantime, you must continue to plan for and institute best management practices to reduce pollutants and eliminate all dry weather flows. If the exception is granted, the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) may allow your nonpoint source and/or storm water discharges to be covered under a Conditional Waiver, Waste Discharge Requirements, and/or a Storm Water National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit with appropriate provisions required in your storm water management plan. In

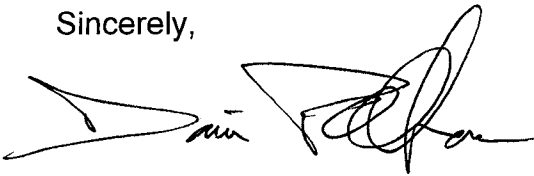
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all cases, it is the Regional Water Board which enforces the mitigation measures to be described in the exception granted by the State Water Board.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (916) 341-5458 (dpolhemus@waterboards.ca.gov) or Dominic Gregorio, Senior Environmental Scientist, Ocean Unit, at (916) 341-5488 (dgregorio@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darrin Polhemus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Darrin Polhemus, Deputy Director
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