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**RE: PROHIBITION OF WASTE DISCHARGES INTO THE PACIFIC GROVE MARINE  
GARDENS AND HOPKINS MARINE LIFE REFUGE AREA OF SPECIAL BIOLOGICAL  
SIGNIFICANCE**

Dear Mr. Gregorio:

The City of Pacific Grove is in receipt of an October 18, 2004, letter from Celeste Cantú, Executive Director, State Water Resources Control Board. The letter is intended to inform the city of the requirement to prohibit waste discharges ("waste" defined as the "total discharge, of whatever origin," to include dry and wet weather storm water runoff) into the Pacific Grove Marine Gardens and Hopkins Marine Life Refuge Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS).

The letter further states that because the City of Pacific Grove does not have an exception issued by the State Board for discharges to the ASBS, that the city is required to cease discharging, by an assumed date of December 31, 2004. However, if the city believes that its discharge will not compromise protection of ocean waters for beneficial uses, with the public interest being served, the city can request an exception to the prohibition.

By way of this correspondence, the City of Pacific Grove does intend to seek an exception to the discharge prohibition and looks forward to working with the appropriate Commissions and Board to accomplish that goal.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Leiker, PE  
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

cc: James Costello, Mayor  
Ross G. Hubbard, City Manager  
David Fleishman, City Attorney  
Roger W. Briggs, Executive Officer, Central Coast RWQCB