

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS**

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TENTATIVE ADDENDUM NO. 1 TO ORDER NO. R9-2007-0001 RWQCB REF.: SWPU: 50000.02 dgibson

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comments on Tentative Addendum No. 1 to Order No. R9-2007-0001, (Addendum). The City of Chula Vista supports the proposed addendum.

Recent Southern California wildfires have impacted the development of regional program elements. This is due primarily to the temporary re-assignment of much of the Principal Permittee's (County of San Diego's) key NPDES Program staff to emergency-related duties, such as evaluation of erosion and pollution potential from burn areas and development of plans to address those potential problems.

The Harris Fire burned up to residential neighborhoods in northeastern Chula Vista, resulting in the evacuation of hundreds of Chula Vista residents; fortunately, Chula Vista did not suffer significant property damage. However, regional workgroup meetings were cancelled and regional programs that were dependent upon the collaboration of all jurisdictions were postponed. As a result, the incident has affected the City of Chula Vista's ability to complete the Effectiveness Assessment portion of its Jurisdictional Urban Runoff Management Program (JURMP). Development of the Watershed URMP (WURMP) and the Regional URMP (RURMP) were similarly affected.

The City of Chula Vista believes the granting of a sixty-day extension by the Regional Board for completion of the JURMP, WURMP, and RURMP will allow the San Diego County Copermittees to prepare and submit more comprehensive and more meaningful plans that will benefit these programs for the life of the Order. During the extension period, City of Chula Vista staff will continue to work with other Copermittees to complete these remaining program elements.

Thank you for consideration of the above. Should you have any questions or if you need further information, please contact Khosro Aminpour, Senior Civil Engineer, at (619) 397-6111.

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