



# State Water Resources Control Board



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Mr. Donald L. Wolfe, Director  
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Dear Mr. Wolfe:

## ACCEPTED APPLICATION FOR DISCHARGES INTO AREAS OF SPECIAL BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE (ASBS)

In our previous letter to you dated December 7, 2007, we requested the County of Los Angeles to provide funding to support the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project's (SCCWRP) ASBS reference envelope water quality pilot monitoring during the 2007-2008 storm season. For logistical reasons, the 2007-2008 ASBS reference area pilot monitoring proceeded without support by the conditional applicants. However, State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff suggested an alternative to a group of conditionally approved exception applicants, including the County of Los Angeles. It was suggested that the conditionally approved exception applicants fund a study by Dr. Peter Raimondi of the University of California, Santa Cruz to assess the biological data submitted by the applicants, and make recommendations for regional monitoring.

This letter serves to acknowledge that we have received confirmation from SCCWRP that you are finalizing arrangements to participate in Dr. Raimondi's biological assessment effort as well as the Southern California Bight 2008 ASBS regional monitoring program. Your application is therefore accepted, and staff will recommend coverage of your storm water discharges under the general exception. We expect the draft exception to be released for public review soon.

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

Sincerely,

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