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*Via Electronic Mail*

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**Re: *Extension of Period for Review and Request for Abeyance of Petition of the Natural Resources Defense Council, Los Angeles Waterkeeper, and Heal the Bay for Review of the Regional Board Executive Officer's Action to Conditionally Approve Nine WMPs Pursuant to the 2012 LA County MS4 Permit***

Dear Ms. Wadhvani:

On behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council, Los Angeles Waterkeeper, and Heal the Bay (collectively, Environmental Groups), I am writing with regard to our petition for review of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) Executive Officer's action to conditionally approve nine Watershed Management Programs pursuant to the 2012 LA County MS4 Permit, NPDES Permit No. CAS004001, Order No. R4-2012-0175.

Pursuant to Title 23 of Cal. Code of Regulations section 2050.5(e), our petition would be dismissed by operation of law on August 26, 2015, unless the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board or Board) indicates that it will act on the petition by issuing a written notification pursuant to section 2050.5(a) prior to that date. At the June 16, 2015 State Board meeting, the Chair of the Board stated on the record that her Board will consider the petition on an expedited basis.

However, given the fact that the State Board is unlikely to act on the petition until the Regional Board first gets the opportunity to review the petition on September 10, 2015, Environmental Groups request that the State Board place the petition in abeyance under Title 23 of Cal. Code of Regulations section 2050.5(d), effective as of the date of this letter, until November 9, 2015. Environmental Groups reserve the right to remove the petition from abeyance prior to this time at their discretion.

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We look forward to working with the State Board to resolve the issues raised in our petition. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, and thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Becky Hayat". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'B' and a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Becky Hayat  
Project Attorney  
Natural Resources Defense Council