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**EAST BAY DIVISION**

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Bruce Wolfe, Executive Officer  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
San Francisco Bay Region  
1515 Clay St.  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Wolfe and Members of the Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Tentative Order Reissuing the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (MRP 2.0). The League of California Cities, East Bay Division, supports the Water Board's objectives of reducing stormwater pollution and protecting our local creeks, the delta and San Francisco Bay.

The League of California Cities has standing policy supporting the development of objectives and standards to assure high quality water throughout California and that surface and groundwater should be protected from contamination.

The League also supports the development of economic protocols and guidelines to assist local governments and water boards in determining reasonably achievable, cost effective and environmentally sound regulations. We urge you to take into careful consideration the concerns that you are receiving from cities regarding MRP 2.0. Any water board policy changes should recognize the inherent differences between cities and regions in California and should also take into consideration the funding, or lack thereof, for the implementation of such practices.

The League of California Cities, East Bay Division, appreciates your efforts to develop permit requirements that are implementable and effective in improving surface water quality—a goal which we share. We look forward to resolution of the remaining issues so that our cities can effectively implement MRP 2.0.

Sincerely,



Janet Abelson  
President, East Bay Division  
Council Member, City of El Cerrito

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