

I have one quick comment to make regarding compost facilities. In So. California, specifically the San Jacinto River Watershed, a sub watershed of the Santa Ana watershed, we have a few composting facilities in or near flood plains and within feet of dry creek beds. Normally this is not an issue, however when we do get a heavy storm event all the nutrients as well as plastics and other materials in the compost end up in Salt Creek or the San Jacinto River.

You have a 100 foot set back to surface water however this set back should include large channels like Salt Creek that only have surface runoff in large storm events and are normally dry.

We recently sampled after a storm downstream of these types of facilities and the nutrients were high. Addressing this in the revisions would be very helpful.

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