Public Comment Trash Amendments Deadline: 8/5/14 by 12:00 noon



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Electronic Submission: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov

Subject: Comment Letter – Trash Amendments

Dear Ms. Townsend and Members of the Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Amendments to Statewide Water Quality Control Plans to Control Trash (Trash Amendments). Santa Barbara County understands the importance of the proposed Trash Amendments for improving storm water quality and appreciates the effort of the State Water Board staff in developing a trash policy for statewide application. The County is in full support of the comments provided by the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) in their August 2014 letter and we strongly encourage the State Water Board to incorporate their suggestions into the final version of the Trash Amendments.

Santa Barbara County is committed to protecting and improving water quality and has been implementing a Storm Water Management Program that is successful and cost-effective. Like many municipal permittees throughout the State, the County is concerned about our ability to fund installation of trash capture devices within the ten year timeframe. For this reason, our County would request that you pay particular attention to CASQA's recommendation that the State Water Board assist with the development of funding sources for permittees to comply with the Trash Amendments.

Thank you for considering these comments on behalf of Santa Barbara County.

Sincerely,

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