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Subject: Inclusion of Late Comments into the Administrative Record for the San Luis Obispo County Stormwater Management Program

Dear Ms. Okun:

This letter is in reply to your February 27, 2007 email requesting comments on the acceptance of six newspaper articles submitted by the Natural Resources Defense Council into the administrative record for the San Luis Obispo County Stormwater Management Program (SWMP). The email notes that the articles will be accepted into the record "absent an objection from the County". We have reviewed the six articles and have the following comments.

The articles, which include editorials, concern various issues surrounding the Monterey County Stormwater Management Program. While it is certainly valuable to draw certain parallels and insight between Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties, it is also important that San Luis Obispo County's SWMP be tailored to the particular water quality conditions and needs of San Luis Obispo County. Accordingly we are anxious to move forward with our SWMP at the earliest opportunity. The granting of permit coverage by the Water Board will allow us to access the resources necessary to fully implement the Program as described in our most recent submittal.

We believe that the management of the administrative record is the sole responsibility of the Water Board. In proceedings before the County it is our practice to afford the public the greatest possible opportunity to participate in all decisions made by our Board of Supervisors, however, we understand that the Water Board may have different procedures, in which case we urge the Water Board to follow your established rules.

Item No. 8 Supplemental Sheet
Attachment 2
March 23, 2007 Meeting
SLO Stormwater Program

Thank-you for the opportunity to respond to this issue. We look forward to the public hearing scheduled for March 23 and subsequent implementation of the SWMP.

Sincerely,



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Director of Public Works

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