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Ms Jeanine **Townsend**
Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Opposition to CalTrans MS\$ NPDES Permit

Dear State Water Board;

I am writing as the President of the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association. Nobody is in favor of unsafe water supply's. However, anybody who drives on California's Highways knows that they are falling apart and in need of significant repair and upgrade. In our opinion it is ridiculous to impose a solution to a problem that we have lived with for decades that could take as much as \$600 million a year away from fixing our highway infrastructure.

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With the economy in the shape it is now new taxes are not a likely solution which would leave us all with a continuously deteriorating highway system. We urge you to find a different way to solve a problem which has existed for decades rather than taking funds from a program that is trying to fix our highways.

Sincerely,

Ronald Pasquinelli
President
Monter Peninsula Taxpayers Association