

SUBJECT: Comment Letter - 2nd Draft Phase II Small MS4 General Permit

Dear Ms. Townsend and Members of the State Water Resources Control Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) dated May 18, 2012.

Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) is currently listed in Attachment B of the aforementioned draft General Permit as a non-traditional MS4 specially designated by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (CCRWQCB). The Agency feels that designation is inappropriate. We have discussed this draft designation with the CCRWQCB and they have agreed to remove the Agency from Attachment B at this time. It is our understanding that the CCRWQCB will provide the State Water Board with the necessary information to remove the Agency from Attachment B. If for some reason this does not occur as agreed, or the Agency is not promptly removed from Attachment B notwithstanding the CCRWQCB's request, the Agency reserves the right to provide substantive comments on this matter, including the basis for the Agency's disagreement with the designation, at that time.

The Agency looks forward to working with the State Water Board and CCRWQB in the future, and thank you for your attention to this matter.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Brent Buche or Elizabeth Krafft at 831.755.4860.

Sincerely,

David ?- Chardwayne

Monterey County Water Resources Agency manages, protects, and enhances the quantity and quality of water and provides specified flood control services for present and future generations of Monterey County