



September 5, 2008

Dominic Roques, Engineering Geologist
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Coast Region
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Subject: Water Board Staff Comments On Draft Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) September 2008 – September 2013, dated August 12, 2008

Dear Mr. Roques:

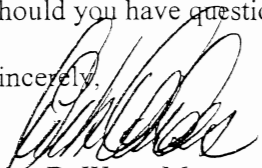
On behalf of the City of Lompoc (City), we would like to thank you for your review and comments of the City's Draft Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP), which were received by the City on August 13, 2008. We understand that the City is required to incorporate the identified changes contained in your August 13, 2008 communication into its SWMP for Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) staff to recommend approval of the City's SWMP to the Regional Board.

Overall, the City finds most of the staff's comments helpful and intends to revise its SWMP to address items 1-9. To that end, the City requests sufficient time to revise its SWMP accordingly. We estimate that it will take the City approximately 4 months to revise the SWMP, present it to the City Council for review and approval, and transmit the revised SWMP to the Regional Board.

With regard to Items 10 through 14, the City respectfully rejects the need to revise its SWMP to incorporate the staff's required revisions. As conveyed by the City in previous communications, the City continues to maintain that these stipulated revisions exceed requirements contained in the General Permit, exceed the federal requirement to control pollutants to the MEP, and go well beyond federal regulatory requirements for small MS4s. Further, the City believes that the imposition of such criteria by the Central Coast Regional Board on Phase II communities is premature until such time that the State Water Resources Control Board has revised the General Permit for Phase II communities to incorporate appropriate and applicable provisions for a community of our size. Thus, the City does not believe it is appropriate to revise its pending SWMP to accommodate items 10-14.

Should you have questions regarding the City's SWMP, please contact Stacy Lawson at 805-875-8275.

Sincerely,


Dick DeWees, Mayor
City of Lompoc

cc: Lompoc City Council