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**Subject:** Ref: public stakeholder's meeting regarding the draft Region 9 Orange County MS4 permit.

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Reference: Public Stakeholder's Meeting regarding the draft Region 9 Orange County MS4 permit.

Who: Staff of the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

What: Region 9 Orange County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit

Where: Ocean Institute, 24200 Dana Point Harbor Dr., Dana Point, CA

When: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, May 6, 2009

Dear Mr Neill:

I attended the above Public Stakeholder's meeting regarding the draft Region 9 Orange County MS4 permit. I helped organize the educational bus tours that were conducted along Aliso Creek in Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park on 5/2 and as a result of seeing what urban run-off has done to Aliso Creek I am totally in support of the MS4 Permit.

Instead of damming up the creek as proposed by the SUPER Project I wholeheartedly support you in your efforts to tighten the MS4 Permit so that the 6 cities upstream and Laguna Beach downstream are forced to significantly reduce their toxic run-off. I believe that as a result of this we do not need the SUPER Project (or any other Army Corps of Engrs flood control for that matter) which will destroy our wilderness park in Aliso Canyon. Besides the destruction of our wilderness park at the very most the SUPER Project will only clean the bacteria at the outflow of the creek not in the wilderness park and the chemical effluents will remain as a nasty soup flowing into the ocean.

Furthermore, based on our research, we have found that the clean up area proposed for the end of the creek will be the first item to be cut from the project. If that should happen, the SUPER Project will have done nothing but destroy our wilderness park and leave the water quality as an unresolved major issue. I have grandchildren that I would like to see be assured of swimming, skim boarding and surfing in clean ocean water not the toxic mess that exists today because of the Upstream Cities and my own city's inability to support the MS4 Permit. Laguna Beach should be working with the 6 Upstream Cities to bring them on board, not acting as just another deterrent to a much needed strengthening of the MS4 Permit.

We need the 6 Upstream Cities to take responsibility one by one to contain and drastically reduce their urban run-off and by tightening the MS4 Permit will demand that they do so.

Thank you and sincerely,

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