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Mr. Kurt Berchtold, Executive Officer
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Santa Ana Region
3737 Main Street, Suite 500
Riverside, CA 92501-3339

Re: Basin Plan Amendments to Revise Recreation Standards for Inland Fresh Surface Waters in the Santa Ana Region (Basin Plan Amendment)

Dear Mr. Berchtold:

The City of Corona is submitting this letter in support of the Basin Plan Amendment put forth for adoption by the Regional Board. The City has been actively involved in the Storm Water Quality Standards Task Force since its inception approximately nine years ago. We recognize the diligent work that has gone into finalizing the proposal and appreciate the collaborative effort amongst the Regional Board staff, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Orange Counties, as well as other interested parties such as Inland Empire Water Keeper and various stakeholders.

We support the Basin Plan Amendment in its entirety as each piece works together to function as a whole comprehensive plan. For this reason, we also support the letter submitted by the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District on behalf of the Permittees to the Regional Board on February 27, 2012. The City of Corona values the rich hydrologic resources of Prado Basin and Temescal Creek in our community and is committed to enhancing, maintaining and protecting them as a valuable natural resource.

Our goals to sustain the quality of our hydrologic resources and comply with the NPDES program can be better fulfilled through the adoption of this Basin Plan Amendment. We look forward to working with District and Regional Board staff in implementing this Basin Plan Amendment.

Sincerely,

Bradly L. Robbins
City Manager

Cc: Jason Uhley, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Maria Perez, Public Works Department