

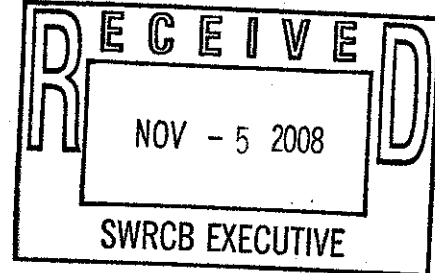
CITY OF DANA POINT



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

November 5, 2008

Ms. Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov



RE: Bacterial Standards for REC-1 Waters

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The City of Dana Point appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed statewide policy for bacterial standards for water contact recreation in fresh waters of California. The City was able to participate in the scoping meeting that was held in Anaheim on October 22, 2008 supports the concerns that were raised during the oral comment period.

The City recognizes the importance of updating existing bacterial standards to reflect current standards, conditions and would like to reiterate the importance of providing flexibility to accommodate scientific work that has already been done and/or is underway. The standards need to be iterative and adaptive and include provisions that allow local efforts to determine their own objectives based on local conditions.

As a stakeholder, the City supports the comments submitted separately by the Santa Ana Region Stormwater Quality Standards Task Force.

The City of Dana Point continues to be committed to protecting and improving the water quality at our creeks, beaches and ocean efficiently and effectively. It is imperative that the selection and use of the bacterial objectives is scientifically based and reflect the latest knowledge, as these objectives will be the basis for compliance with existing and new TMDLs that may directly affect municipal storm water discharges.

Respectfully,

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