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The City of San Dimas would like to express its sincere concerns with the financial impact of the Los Angeles County Municipal Storm Water Permit, Order NO. R4-2012-0175 (Los Angeles Permit). Regardless of the ongoing storm water quality debates concerning the process, requirements, effectiveness, and best practices , there has to be the financial capacity in place to implement an effective storm water quality program..

In order to meet the water quality objectives in Los Angeles Permit, the City of San Dimas has been called upon to invest in and construct new low impact development and green street infrastructure. Notwithstanding the design and construction costs, the City must also bear the expensive ongoing operational costs. Therefore, a program to adequately and properly fund storm water infrastructure is more important than the permit requirements themselves. Without the financial capacity to fully implement storm water permit requirements, those permit requirements are just words on paper.

While the Los Angeles Permit offers several strategies for permittees to meet water quality objectives, it provides no answers to the critical issue of funding. The City recognizes there is some financial relief is available through state grant programs. However, these funds are limited and are highly competitive in nature. Society and its government have simply not provided the resources to address storm water quality.

As municipal storm water permittees, we have extracted money from our municipal operating budgets to muster what has been needed for the development of a watershed management program and a coordinated integrated monitoring program. However, you can only muster financially for a short time before the cupboard is bare. Please accept our call for sufficient financial resources to implement the storm water requirements. There is a reality we all face, regardless of what is required, nothing meaningful will happen without sufficient financial resources to comprehensively address the serious infrastructure and operating costs imposed by the Los Angeles County Municipal Storm Water Permit.

The City of San Dimas greatly appreciates your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

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