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Dear Mr. Neill,

Attached is a letter from our local civic group about the MS4 Permit.

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San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
9174 Sky Park Ct., Suite 100
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Re: Aliso Watershed MS4 Permit

Gentlemen:

Living as we do at the mouth of Aliso Creek, we have long been concerned about the pollution of the creek and the ocean that is caused by runoff from upstream. Recently we have also begun to worry about an Orange County proposal to clear the creek bed of vegetation, move some 1 million cubic yards of dirt there, and install concrete-and-rock drop structures in an attempt to control the excess flows caused by upstream development. The project would do nothing to reduce the excessive amount of water in the creek, and the version of it now being studied by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has no water-treatment component.

The proposed new MS4 regulations, which would prohibit dry-weather discharges into the creek and require low-impact development and retrofitting of existing development to control runoff, seem to promise a welcome solution to the creek's problems. We urge you to adopt them.

Sincerely,

Barbara Metzger
for the Village Laguna Board