## **State Water Resources Control Board**



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Mr. Jim Thorsen, City Manager City of Malibu 23815 Stuart Ranch Road Malibu, CA 90265-4861

Dear Mr. Thorsen:

ACCEPTED APPLICATION FOR DISCHARGES INTO LAGUNA POINT TO LATIGO POINT AREA OF SPECIAL BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE (ASBS)

In our previous letter to you dated November 27, 2007, we suggested the City of Malibu provide funding to support the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project's (SCCWRP) ASBS reference envelope water quality pilot monitoring program during the 2007-2008 storm season. The 2007-2008 ASBS reference area pilot monitoring program proceeded without support from the City of Malibu. However, State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff later recommended an alternative to a group of conditionally approved exception applicants, including the City of Malibu. It was suggested that the conditionally approved exception applicants share the cost of a study by Dr. Peter Raimondi of the University of California, Santa Cruz to assess the biological data submitted by the applicants and make recommendations for regional biological monitoring.

This letter serves to acknowledge that we have received confirmation from Dr. Raimondi of your participation in the biological assessment effort. Your application is therefore accepted, and staff will recommend coverage of your storm water and nonpoint source discharges under the general exception. We expect the draft exception to be released for public review soon.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (916) 341-5458 (<a href="mailto:dpolhemus@waterboards.ca.gov">dpolhemus@waterboards.ca.gov</a>) or Dominic Gregorio, Senior Environmental Scientist, Ocean Unit, at (916) 341-5488 (<a href="mailto:dgregorio@waterboards.ca.gov">dgregorio@waterboards.ca.gov</a>).

Sincerely,

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