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## State Water Resources Control Board

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### **APPROVAL OF JUNE 2025 FINAL REVISED AREAS OF SPECIAL BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE (ASBS) COMPLIANCE PLAN; STATEWIDE PHASE I MUNICIPAL STORMWATER PERMIT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Dear Mr. Takhar,

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) regulates stormwater discharges from the Department of Transportation (Department) through the Statewide Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit Order WQ 2022-0033-DWQ (Order).

In accordance with the Order, the Department submitted its ASBS Compliance Plan on May 1, 2024. After incorporation of State Water Board comments, a revised ASBS Compliance Plan was posted on the State Water Board's webpage for a 30-day public comment period that closed on September 6, 2024. Thereafter, the State Water Board worked with the Department to address public comments as appropriate. The final [Revised ASBS Compliance Plan](#) was posted to the website in June 2025.

To allow the Department to promptly implement its ASBS Compliance Plan, the Department's final Revised ASBS Compliance Plan is approved. However, State Water Board staff recognize that further discussion and guidance are needed regarding the application of the General Exception's monitoring requirements to the Julia Pfeiffer Burns, Salmon Creek, and Point Lobos ASBS. State Board staff will continue collaborating with the Department to update the plan and address this issue in the future.

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If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Mary Boyd, Statewide Municipal Stormwater Program Manager, at [Mary.Boyd@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Mary.Boyd@waterboards.ca.gov) .

Sincerely,



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