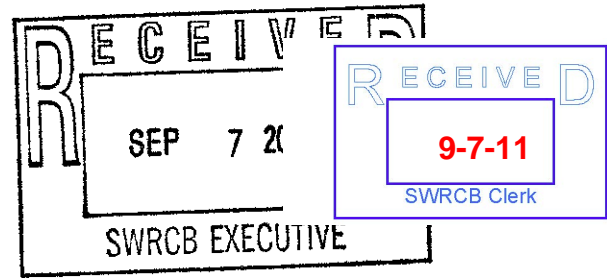


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RE: Draft Phase II Small MS4 General Permit Comment

Dear Ms. Townsend:

On behalf of the 400 members of the Valley Contractors Exchange, who reside in the rural counties of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Plumas, Sutter and Yuba, we urge reconsideration of the Small MS4 General Permit as drafted.

144.1 → We support reasonable efforts to maintain and improve the quality of California's water. Our opposition to this permit as drafted is that it is unnecessarily expensive and overly burdensome. Our local municipalities do not have the resources to comply.

144.2 → We urge the State Water Resources Control Board to be cognizant of the current economic reality in California and start over with this plan.

We applaud the efforts going on right now in the legislature to review unreasonable regulations. We encourage the SWRCB to join in those efforts.

Sincerely,

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