



June 14, 2012

Ms. Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk of the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814



Subject: Comment Letter – 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Phase II Small MS4 General Permit

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The City of Solvang would like to thank the State Water Resources Control Board for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the draft Phase II Small MS4 General Permit. The City of Solvang strongly supports the concept of stormwater as a valuable asset and a resource that should be diligently protected. Our comments on the draft General Permit are as follows:

1. Section E.7. We believe education and outreach programs are far more successful and cost effective when performed on a regional basis. We request that the requirements of this section be restructured to allow small local agencies, such as Solvang, to contribute financially to a regional education and outreach program.
2. Section E.10. The opening paragraph of this section is unclear. Please revise for greater clarity.
3. Sections E.13 and E.14. The requirements of these sections are complex and very difficult for small local agencies to comply with. We request that the requirements of these sections be restructured to be incremental (or tiered) such that the requirements are less for smaller local agencies and increase as the size of the local agency increases.
4. Section I. This section is unclear. Please revise for greater clarity.

We thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of our comments. If you have any questions or require clarification on any of our comments please do not hesitate to contact me at (805) 688-5575.

Sincerely,

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Public Works Director/City Engineer