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August 30, 2005

Mr. Stan Martinson
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By e-mail: smartinson@waterboards.ca.gov

Dear Mr. Martinson:

We appreciate the Board's efforts in organizing a Blue Ribbon panel to address the issue of numeric effluent limits for stormwater runoff. As we have discussed with your staff, we would appreciate the opportunity to testify during the public testimony period on September 14, 2005

We believe that testimony by the California Department of Transportation would present a unique and useful perspective for the following reasons:

- The Department represents a unique type of discharger with some similarities and many differences from other (MS4) municipalities.
- We have possibly the largest set of consolidated monitoring data for runoff from highways in the state.
- We manage a large (possibly largest) number of stormwater discharges in California.
- We have tested a large number of treatment technologies and can provide data on the expected operations of these technologies.
- We have a broad range of experience with all regions across the State.
- We are a major builder of linear infrastructure (roads and bridges).
- Due to our extensive roadways and facilities, any new requirements would perhaps have a larger impact on us than any other governmental or private entity in the state.

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We look forward to the opportunity to discuss our experience at the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 653-4947.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Flake". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

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