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Subject: **SUPPORT FOR COUNTY OF VENTURA'S APPLICATION FOR A PROPOSITION 84 GRANT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER PARKING LOT GREEN STREETS URBAN RETROFIT PROJECT**

Dear Ms. McLean:

On behalf of the Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program, I would like to express support for the County of Ventura's application for the Proposition 84 Storm Water Grant Program (SWGP) funding from the California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to fund implementation of the proposed **County Government Center Parking Lot Green Streets Urban Retrofit** project.

The County of Ventura Government Center encompasses an area of approximately 89 acres in an urban area located at 800 South Victoria Avenue in Ventura, California, and provides daily surface parking for approximately 3,200 vehicles on impervious asphalt concrete surface. The parking facility was constructed in the late 70's without the benefit of any stormwater treatment system, and stormwater runoff from the surface sheet flows directly into the storm drain system, which discharges into the Santa Clara River. The Santa Clara River Estuary is listed on the 303(d) impaired waterbody list for bacteria and nitrogen.

The intent of this project is to provide treatment using infiltration systems to capture, store, treat, and infiltrate the first-flush stormwater and non-stormwater runoff from the 39-acre parking facility to improve the quality of water discharging from this facility into the Santa Clara River.



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The proposed Low Impact Development (LID) controls for runoff treatment include pervious gutter with infiltration basins, pervious gutter with drywells, and permeable pavement. The proposed LID controls for the project were selected based on cost efficiency and minimum maintenance requirements as compared to other LID controls. The proposed project will provide stormwater pollution prevention outreach and education opportunities because of the high traffic frequency and visibility at the County Government Center parking lots. The proposal will include design, construction, water quality monitoring to evaluate LID performance, and a component for public outreach and education. Additionally the project will serve as a model and demonstration project of the various infiltration methodology and effectiveness.

We strongly endorse and support this project as it will serve as a model and a demonstration of successful implementation of LID and Green Streets on a local and regional level.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (805) 654-5051.

Sincerely,



Gerhardt Hubner
*On Behalf of the Entire
Ventura Countywide
Stormwater Management Program*

CC: Shirley Birosik, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
Ventura Countywide Stormwater Management Committee