

Participating Agencies

September 26, 2013

Camarillo

County of Ventura

**Fillmore** 

Moorpark

Ojai

Oxnard

Port Hueneme

San Buenaventura

Santa Paula

Simi Valley

Thousand Oaks

Ventura County Watershed Protection District Mr. Samuel Unger Executive Officer California Regional Water Quality Control Board - Los Angeles Region 320 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200 Los Angeles, CA 90013

Subject: SUBMITTAL OF FINAL HYDROMODIFICATION CONTROL PLAN; VENTURA COUNTYWIDE MS4 PERMIT, BOARD ORDER NO: 10-0108 NPDES PERMIT NO CAS004002

Dear Mr. Unger:

On behalf of the Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program (Program), please find attached for you approval an electronic copy of the Ventura Countywide Hydromodification Control Plan (HCP) pursuant to your October 20, 2011 letter requiring electronic submittals of documents. The Program includes the cities of Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Ventura, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks, the County of Ventura, and the Ventura County Watershed Protection District. This submittal is to comply with the requirements of the Ventura County Municipal Stormwater Permit (Permit), Order No. R4-2010-0108. Once approved, it is our intent to incorporate the HCP as an appendix to the 2011 Ventura County Technical Guidance Manual for Stormwater Quality Control Measures (Manual).

To ensure the HCP adequately addressed the Permit requirements, and the concerns of the stakeholders, a public stakeholder meeting was held on July 30<sup>th</sup>. The goals of the meeting were to explain the new hydromodification control requirements, where they apply, and how the HCP will assist the development community in meeting them.





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This well attended meeting included representatives from the Regional Board, Heal the Bay, the development community, public agency staff, and a BMP manufacturer. Comments were received from four stakeholders and incorporated as appropriate.

All written comments were reviewed by our working group comprised of land development and planning staff from all Ventura County Permittees. Consensus was reached on how to best incorporate the comments while maintaining the HCP's usefulness and compliance with the Permit requirements. Written comments can be found on the Manual's website along with a summary of comments with our responses at www.vcstormwater.org/technicalguidancemanual.html.

Your Board staff also publicly noticed a comment period for the draft HCP. A conference call was held between your staff and the Program to discuss the public comments they received, as well as the additional comments only received by the Program. All comments were adequately addressed to the satisfaction of your staff.

To ensure a smooth transition to the new requirements the Program, in cooperation with the Building Industry Association, is planning a training seminar in December to cover the new hydromodification requirements, and review the low impact development and water quality control Permit requirements explained in the Manual.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at (805) 654-5051, or Arne Anselm at (805) 654-3942.

Respectfully,

Gerhardt Hubner

Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Program

Enclosure:

Ventura County Hydromodification Control Plan - 2013

C w/o enclosure: Renee Purdee - LARWQCB Ivar Ridgeway – LARWQCB

Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Program Management

Committee Members

Stakeholders of the Revision to the Technical Guidance Manual