

WATER

Workable Approach To Environmental Regulation



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Dear Ms. Doduc:

Recently, the State Water Resources Control Board conducted a series of Strategic Planning Stakeholder Summits in Sacramento and at regional boards throughout the state. The state's effort to seek this input and invite participation was greatly appreciated.



The major issue that consistently remains of concern to the signatories on this letter is the need for the state to develop a uniform and consistent statewide storm water policy. With major permit renewals coming forward, including municipal, construction and the general industrial permit, our organizations are requesting that the state board consider the imperative need to conduct a thorough and open hearing process for establishing a statewide storm water policy. This policy should set minimum guidelines on processes/protocols and provide the scientific justification for water quality requirements and standards. Once the state's framework is in place, then regional boards can tailor their requirements to address local differences.



Attached is an issues paper for your review which addresses what we believe to be compelling reasons why a state storm water policy should be a priority.



Thank you for your consideration of these issues, and we would be happy to provide extensive participation in the work efforts to develop this policy

Sincerely,

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