Mr. David Gibson, Executive Officer  
Northern Watershed Unit  
CRWQCB – San Diego Region  
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100  
San Diego, CA 92108

Dear Mr. Gibson:

Re: Water Quality Improvement Plan for the Santa Margarita River Watershed Management Area

Please find enclosed a digital copy of the Santa Margarita River (SMR) Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) pursuant to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program Board Order No. R9-2013-0001, as amended by R9-2015-0001 and R9-2015-0100 (Regional MS4 Permit), adopted by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) on November 18, 2015. The WQIP is being submitted on behalf of the SMR Watershed Management Area Co-Permittees (the Cities of Murrieta, Temecula, and Wildomar, the Counties of Riverside and San Diego, and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District)) and the City of Menifee.

This document is the culmination of a collaborative effort rendered by the Co-Permittees, the City of Menifee, the Consultation Committee, the Regional Water Board, the consultant team, and other interested parties during an extensive stakeholder process dating back to 2016. Through critical collaboration and discussion with your staff, the WQIP has been revised on multiple occasions to ensure that it not only meets the requirements of the Regional MS4 Permit, but that it is a practical and implementable plan that will lead to improvements in water quality within the watershed. These efforts have resulted in a viable watershed management approach that will be utilized to address the goals presented in the WQIP.

The District looks forward to ongoing cooperation with the Regional Water Board during the implementation of the WQIP, and would like to thank Laurie Walsh and Erica Ryan for their support and assistance during development of the WQIP.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

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Chief of Watershed Protection Division
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Attachment: Water Quality Improvement Plan

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