



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Mary Casillas Salas

December 20, 2016

Henry Abarbanel, Chair
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92108-2700

Re: Comment – Tentative Order No. R9-2017-0007
Support of Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant NPDES Modified Permit Renewal

Dear Mr. Abarbanel,

I am writing this letter to you in support of the City of San Diego's (City) request to renew its variance from the secondary treatment requirements contained in section 301(b)(1)(B) of the Clean Water Act for the E. W. Blom Point Loma Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant and Ocean Outfall. Specifically, I am writing to support the approval of the permit as submitted.

During the public hearing on December 14, 2016, there was a brief discussion on the Pure Water Program and how it relates to the Permit. The proposed permit does include milestones related to the Pure Water Program. The City is currently on track to achieve all of the Pure Water milestones outlined in the Permit. At the hearing, a suggestion was made to raise the 2023 production milestone for purified water from 15 Million Gallons per Day (MGD) to 30 MGD. The City of Chula Vista does not support changing any of the goals at this time and feels that the Permit as submitted is already a substantial commitment to protect the environment while limiting hardship to the ratepayers affected by this permit.

Once again, the City of Chula Vista supports the approval of the NPDES Modified Permit as submitted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Casillas Salas".

MARY CASILLAS SALAS

Mayor