



Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program

Participating Agencies

August 22, 2012

Camarillo

County of Ventura

Fillmore

Moorpark

Ojai

Oxnard

Port Hueneme

San Buenaventura

Santa Paula

Simi Valley

Thousand Oaks

Ventura County
Watershed Protection
District

Governor Jerry Brown
c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: AB1478 - MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION ON THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

Dear Governor Brown:

The purpose of this letter is to express the Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Program's concern that the recently adopted AB1478 may have the unintended consequence of limiting the representation and understanding of municipal governments in the membership of Regional Boards.

As of July 1, 2012 and AB1478, there are no longer categories associated with the appointments to the Water Quality Control Board, including the category representing Municipal Government. According to AB 1478, the criteria for appointment is as follows, "... each member shall be appointed on the basis of his or her demonstrated interest or proven ability in the field of water quality, including water pollution control, water resource management, water use or water protection. The Governor shall consider appointments from the public and nonpublic sector. In regards to appointments from the public sector, the Governor shall consider including members from key economic sectors in a given region, such as agriculture, industry, commercial activities, forestry, and fisheries."

In your evaluation of candidates, we urge you to not only include experience in municipal government, but to strive to ensure that municipal governments are represented in the formation of Regional Boards.

Currently in our region, LARWQCB Region 9, the previously appointed Municipal Government representative, Mary Ann Lutz, is under consideration for reappointment. As an elected Mayor, Ms. Lutz has a diverse background which enables her to understand the environmental goals and water quality challenges that face the Board and municipalities.



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The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board will benefit from Ms. Lutz's experience in municipal government. The Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Program highly recommends someone with her experience for reappointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gerhardt Hubner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Gerhardt Hubner, Chair

cc: Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program Management Committee