



California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Santa Ana Region



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**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR)
FOR THE PROPOSED BOLSA CHICA WATER LINE AND WASTEWATER SERVICE
PROJECT**

Dear Mr. Wetstone:

We reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Bolsa Chica water line and wastewater service project designed for the proposed Bolsa Chica planned community and are concerned with potential runoff generated from short-term construction activities which will ultimately drain into Huntington Harbour.

As mentioned in the DEIR, on page C.6-8 Water Quality section, Huntington Harbour is the receiving waterbody of all drainage channels along the proposed route for the construction of the water and wastewater pipelines: should runoff be generated from the construction site, Huntington Harbour could receive targeted pollutants such as sediments and toxic materials associated with construction activities. Designated as a "Known Toxic Hot Spot" and identified and listed as an impaired waterbody in accordance with the Clean Water Act Section 303(d), Huntington Harbour is scheduled for "Total Maximum Daily Load" (TMDL) development.

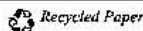
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Best Management Practices should be identified for erosion and sediment controls for the following construction activities associated with, but not limited to, the proposed project as mentioned in the DEIR:

- C.6-14 and C.6-15: Construction of supporting structures used to hold up the pipeline crossing the Westminster and Anaheim-Barber City channels aboveground, such as a truss;
- C.6-15: Soil stockpiles generated from construction activities (Note: Dust controls measure for stockpiles to minimize sediment tracking and dust generated at the construction site should be implemented);

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- C.6-16 Dewatering activities where perched groundwater is encountered during construction.

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If a Federal Clean Water Act, Section 404 permit is required for the project, an application for a 401 Water Quality Certification must be submitted to the Regional Board office. In addition, if dewatering becomes necessary during construction at the site, either a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for any discharge of wastes to surface waters or a Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) permit for any discharge of wastes to land will be required from this Regional Board. Please note that the time frame for the issuance of a permit can be as long as 180 days from the time a completed permit application is received at the Regional Board.

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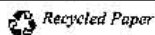
If you have any questions, please call me at (909) 782-3221.

Sincerely,



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- 3-1 The pipeline construction contractor will be required to obtain and comply with an NPDES Discharge Permit for any groundwater or storm water discharges.
- 3-2 The required BMPs will be identified in the NPDES permit which will be overseen by the RWQCB. Additional discussion of these BMPs has been added to Section C.6 of the Final SEIR.
- 3-3 Noted. Thank you for this information.