



City of Arcadia

Public Works Services Department

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The Honorable Sheila Kuehl
Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
821 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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VIA Email: sheila@bos.lacounty.gov

Re: Comments on the Safe, Clean Water Program – April 12, 2018 Draft Release

Dear Supervisor Kuehl:

The City of Arcadia appreciates the Board of Supervisors' leadership in the development of the Safe, Clean Water Program and the extended efforts to engage cities in the stakeholder process to draft a parcel tax for stormwater compliance programs, drought preparedness, water quality, and water sustainability. The City continues to support compliance with water quality standards and strive to comply in a reasonable, practical, feasible and affordable manner.

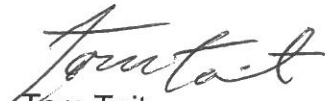
In an effort to assist the further development of the Program, the City offers the following comments regarding the latest draft:

- **Local Return.** Cities should have maximum flexibility and independence in spending local return money in a manner consistent with AB 1180.
- **Los Angeles County Contracting/Hiring Practices.** Recommend removing all requirements to follow Los Angeles County contracting requirements. Municipalities are already guided by state law on hiring and contracting practices. For precedent, note that Measures M, R, and Proposition A do not include the requirement to follow Los Angeles County hiring and contracting requirements as a stipulation for receiving funds.
- **Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)**
 - *110% Return.* Recommend that the definition of "benefit" be such that a downstream project (built in a non-DAC community) that accepts stormwater from a DAC, be included in the definition. Currently, the Program states that the 110% return must "benefit" a DAC. How to define "benefit" requires more discussion.

- o *DAC Count.* Recommend clarifying if DAC population count is by census block or bounded by permittee (city) jurisdiction.

We look forward to supporting the Board of Supervisor's efforts in assisting the cities find reliable, dedicated funding source to meet and achieve stormwater quality goals. Should you have any questions, please contact Vanessa Hevener, Environmental Services Officer, at (626) 254-2712 or via email vhevener@ArcadiaCA.gov.

Sincerely,



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