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The Honorable Sheila Kuehl
Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
821 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Safe Clean Water Program-Los Angeles Flood Control District Boundary

Dear Supervisor Kuehl:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Safe, Clean Water Program. It is our understanding that the County is proposing a tax for all areas within the Los Angeles County Flood Control District boundaries under this program. However, the northern boundary of the Flood Control District is Avenue S in the City of Palmdale and includes a relatively small number of the city's parcels. The vast majority of the City of Palmdale is not south of Avenue S, and therefore will not be taxed under Safe, Clean Water Program; if the measure is approved as it currently stands. As currently drafted, the proposal will tax a small percentage of Palmdale's residents, who because of the nature of the programs goals, will receive little if any benefit from the tax.

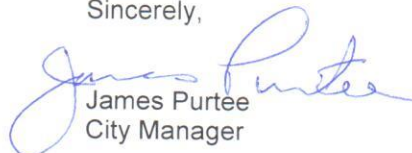
The program's stated goals are to capture stormwater to meet compliance with the General Permit and eliminate wasting water that would otherwise flow to the ocean. It is important to note that the Antelope Valley is not subject to the General Permit (see attached letter from the Lahontan Regional Board); and stormwater within the Antelope Valley is contained and does not flow to the ocean.

Therefore, with this letter, the City is formally requesting that the northern taxing boundary of this program be moved to the watershed boundary. This action will remove the City of Palmdale from the taxing boundary.

For your reference, we are also including a copy of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board letter dated January 18, 2005, which states the City is not regulated under the General Permit.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please call me at (661) 267-5101 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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City Manager

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