



CITY OF

Palos Verdes Estates

OFFICE OF
THE MAYOR

April 11, 2017

The Honorable Ed Hernandez, O.D.
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 2080
Sacramento, CA 95814
FAX: (916) 651-4922

RE: SB 589 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems: Financial Capability Analysis
NOTICE OF SUPPORT

Dear Senator Hernandez:

I am writing to express the City of Palos Verdes Estates' support for SB 589 that codifies U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2014 Financial Capability Analysis allowing the state's Regional Water Quality Control Boards and permittees to consider alternative compliance pathways when communities are addressing the integrated utilities of drinking water, sanitary sewer, flood control, and stormwater programs.

It is well understood that water quality requirements for drinking water, sanitary sewer, flood control, and storm water programs require significant investments, and the funding of such programs and projects must be balanced with the cost of providing other public services. The 2012 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, adopted by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, states that Los Angeles County must meet some of the strongest water quality guidelines in the country. In order to meet these standards, municipalities must spend billions of dollars upgrading infrastructure and stormwater capture technology. The specific costs to Palos Verdes Estates are projected to be millions of dollars over the next several years while we concurrently are working to overcome a revenue shortfall of \$5 million (equating to a 37% reduction in budget) for balancing the 2017-18 fiscal year budget.

We appreciate that SB 589 does not alter or waive water quality standards, but instead offers sustainable and achievable compliance options for MS4 permittees and particularly disadvantaged communities. For these reasons, the City of Palos Verdes Estates supports SB 589.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. King, Mayor

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