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Palos Verdes Estates

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ATTACHMENT: A

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Senator Ed Hernandez
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 2080
Sacramento, CA 95814

VIA FAX: (916) 651-4922

Dear Senator Hernandez:

SB 485: County of Los Angeles: Sanitation Districts: Support Position

In recognition of the importance of water quality and the large unfunded mandate for compliance with municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) Permit requirements, the Palos Verdes Estates City Council supports SB 485 authorizing the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County to manage stormwater and dry weather urban runoff. The City of Palos Verdes Estates is a member of Sanitation District No. 5 of Los Angeles County and as such, SB 485 would provide another option or tool to assist us in meeting the requirements of the Los Angeles Region's MS4 permit.

Under the MS4 Permit, the City of Palos Verdes Estates is charged with implementing new best management practices and water quality projects to meet the requirements of numerous Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) issued for multiple pollutants in two separate watersheds and also with increased monitoring and reporting requirements. These MS4 permit requirements are expected to cost hundreds of thousands of dollars per year to the City and millions of dollars countywide for which there is no funding source. Per a recent report completed by the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities and the California Contract Cities Association, it is recommended that the Sanitation Districts' statute be changed to authorize them to assist the cities in managing stormwater and dry weather urban runoff to offset a portion of the needed resources to comply with the MS4 Permit. The statute change will allow the Sanitation Districts to use its civil engineering and water quality expertise to help cities and the county comply with the MS4 Permit in an efficient and effective manner across the Los Angeles Region. Their assistance and support would be most helpful, if not essential.

We appreciate your introduction of SB 485, and are pleased to support this important legislation. If you have any questions, please contact Anton (Tony) Dahlerbruch, City Manager at 310.378.0383 or adahlerbruch@pvestates.org.

Sincerely,

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