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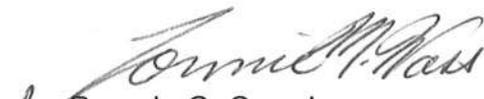
## COVERAGE UNDER THE GENERAL PERMIT FOR THE DISCHARGE OF STORM WATER FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS, CITY OF TULARE

The City submitted an application to obtain coverage under the *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for the Discharge of Storm Water From Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (Small MS4)*, Order No. 2003-0005-DWQ (General Permit). The application consisted of a Notice of Intent to Comply with the terms of the General Permit, a fee, and a Storm Water Management Program (SWMP). The application fee will apply toward the City's first annual fee payment. State Water Board Resolution 2003-0064 revised the fee schedule so the City may receive a supplemental bill (see <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resdec/resltn/2003/rs2003-0064.pdf>).

The City's SWMP was reviewed and appears to comply with the intent and requirements of the General Permit and federal Phase II Storm Water Regulations. The SWMP was also made available to the public for review and comment and the possibility of a public hearing. No comments were received and no public hearing was requested.

In accordance with section A.3 of the General Permit, the steps for obtaining coverage under the General Permit have been fulfilled. The City's SWMP is hereby approved and discharges from the City's MS4 are authorized pursuant to the General Permit, which necessitates that the City now implement and monitor the SWMP and comply with the requirements and prohibitions of the General Permit.

For any questions regarding the information in this letter or the General Permit, please contact Bridget Supple at (559) 445-5919 or by email at [bsupple@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:bsupple@waterboards.ca.gov).

  
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