

# Lompoc City Council Agenda Item



**City Council Meeting Date:** April 5, 2011

**TO:** Laurel M. Barcelona, City Administrator

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**Subject:** Consideration Of Comment Letter On State Water Quality Control Board's Draft Industrial General Permit

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## RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Consider the attached [Draft Comment Letter](#) on the State Water Quality Control Board's Draft Industrial General Permit, prepared for the Mayor's signature.
2. Approve the attached Draft Comment Letter to be sent to the State Water Quality Control Board with Mayor Linn's signature.

## DISCUSSION:

Beginning in Fall 1991, the State Water Quality Control Board (SWQCB) initiated an industrial permit program to implement the Federal Clean Water Act. The Industrial General Permit was first adopted in November 1991, was amended in 1992 and then again in 1997. Since the inception of the permit program, the City's Airport, Corporate Yard, Landfill and Wastewater Plant have been subject to its requirements.

Since 1997, the permit has not changed, though it is required to be amended every five (5) years. The Draft Industrial General Permit, on which comments are now being considered, was released in January, 2011 by the SWQCB. The new Draft Permit increases the requirements for equipment, staffing, water quality sampling, recordkeeping and inspections.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

The issuance of a letter of comment will not have a significant fiscal impact. However, the adoption of the proposed Draft Industrial General Permit by the State Water Quality Control Board is expected to have a significant fiscal impact on the City in terms of additional staffing, equipment, sampling and recordkeeping costs.

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**SUMMARY:**

Staff recommends the City Council review and approve the Draft Letter of Comment to be sent with the Mayor's signature to the State Water Quality Control Board.

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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

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Arleen T. Pelster, AICP, Community Development Director

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:**

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Laurel M. Barcelona, City Administrator

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment A: [City of Lompoc Comments on the Draft Industrial General Permit](#)