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Mr. Keith Hess
165 South Fortuna Boulevard, Suite 3
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Dear Mr. Hess:

Subject: Coverage under Order No. R1-2005-0011, "General Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality Certification for Discharges Related to Sand and Gravel Mining, Excavation, and Processing Activities, Including Asphalt and Concrete Operations, on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region"

File: Leland Rock Sand & Gravel – Gravel Extraction Operations
WDID No. 1B02126WNHU

On June 6, 2005, you submitted an application to this office for Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements on behalf of Leland Rock. On June 21, 2005, the Regional Water Board adopted Order No. R1-2005-0011, "General Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality Certification for Discharges Related to Sand and Gravel Mining, Excavation, and Processing Activities, Including Asphalt and Concrete Operations, on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region (General WDR). Initial review of the application indicated that Leland Rock's Van Duzen River gravel extraction activities and processing facility would be eligible for coverage under the General WDR.

On July 19, 2005, we posted a public notice for your project on our web site, and a 21-day public comment period has taken place. We received comments during the public comment period. Regional Water Board staff have considered the comments and have determined that authorized discharges from Leland Rock's proposed gravel extraction operations will comply with the applicable provisions of the Clean Water Act and State law.

This letter hereby informs Leland Rock that their proposed aggregate extraction activities on the lower Van Duzen River and their aggregate processing facility near Alton are now subject to the requirements of General WDR Order No. R1-2005-0011. The identification number for this project file will be WDID No. 1B02126WNHU. This number should be included on all future correspondence related to this matter.

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We encourage all appropriate personnel to review and become familiar with the discharge requirements and prohibitions contained in the General WDR. Please call Dean Prat of our staff at (707) 576-2801 if you have any questions.

Sincerely

Catherine E. Kuhlman
Executive Officer

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Enclosure:

1. Order No. R1-2005-0011, "General Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality Certification for Discharges Related to Sand and Gravel Mining, Excavation, and Processing Activities, Including Asphalt and Concrete Operations, on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region"
2. Regional Water Board staff's letter responding to comments submitted by the Voice Family during the public comment period

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