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July 7, 2010

In reply refer to:  
**255468:chenning**

Ms. Alice Benson  
Wastewater Operations Manager  
Ramona Municipal Water District  
105 Earham Street  
Ramona, CA 92065-1599

Dear Ms. Benson:

## **SUBJECT: SAN VICENTE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) has reviewed the April – June 2009, July – September 2009, October – December 2009, January – March 2010 quarterly monitoring reports; and January – December 2009 annual monitoring reports submitted by the Ramona Municipal Water District in accordance with Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R9-2009-0005:

The San Diego Water Board identified the following violations in the submitted reports:

1. Discharge Specification B.2 of Order No. R9-2009-0005 states that the number of total coliform bacteria does not exceed a most probable number (MPN) of 23 per 100 milliliters (ml) in more than one sample in any 30 day period. However the daily coliform was reported at 94 MPN/100ml and 140 MPN/100ml on January 1, and January 4, 2010, respectively.
2. Discharge Specification B.3b of Order No. R9-2009-0005 establishes a 12-month average discharge specification for percent sodium at 55%, which was exceeded in December 2009 with a reported value of 57%.
3. Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R9-2009-0005 Section C requires the Recycled Water Agency to monitor and report nitrate (as NO<sub>3</sub>) quarterly. This data was not found in the first quarterly report of 2010.
4. Discharge Specification B.3b of Order No. R9-2009-0005 establishes a 12-month average discharge specification for total dissolved solids at 550 milligrams per liter (mg/L), which was exceeded in 2009 with a reported value of 557 mg/L.
5. Discharge Specification B.3b of Order No. R9-2009-0005 establishes a 12-month average discharge specification for sulfate at 140 mg/L, which was exceeded in 2009 with a reported value of 150 mg/L.

Ms. Alice Benson

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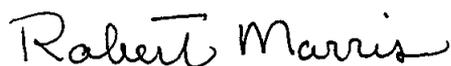
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Please be aware these violations subject you to possible further enforcement action by the San Diego Water Board, including administrative enforcement orders requiring the you to cease and desist from violations, or to clean up waste and abate existing or threatened conditions of pollution or nuisance; administrative assessment of civil liability in amounts of up to \$5,000 per day per violation;<sup>1</sup> referral to the State Attorney General for injunctive relief; and referral to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

The next monitoring report to be submitted is the April – June 2010 quarterly monitoring report due by July 30, 2010.

In the subject line of any response, please include the requested "In reply refer to:" information located in the heading of this letter. For questions pertaining to the subject matter, please contact Amanda Dai at (858) 627-3977 or [adai@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:adai@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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Senior Water Resource Control Engineer  
Groundwater Branch

Regulatory Measure #: 374887  
CIWQS Violation #: 874970, 874971, 874973, 874974, 874975, 874976

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<sup>1</sup> Under authority of California Water Code section 13350.