

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

Via Email

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In reply refer to / attn:
Place ID 255265:JLLim

SUBJECT: Violations of Order No. R9-2005-0100, NPDES No. CA0107999; Review of Self-Monitoring Reports for San Eljio Water Reclamation Facility

Mr. Thornton:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region has reviewed the April 2007 – November 2011 monthly SMRs, April 2007 – September 2011 quarterly SMRs, January 2007 – June 2011 semiannual SMRs, and 2007 - 2010 annual SMRs for the San Eljio Water Reclamation Facility. We have identified the following violations for the above SMRs.

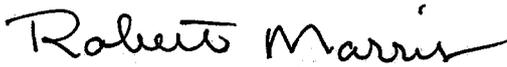
- **Effluent Violations of Section IV.B.1 of Order No. R9-2005-0100**
 1. The instantaneous maximum limitation for pH (9.0 standard units, SU) was exceeded on July 26, 2007 with the values 10.44 and 9.3 SU.
 2. The instantaneous maximum limitation for settleable solids (3.0 ml/L) was exceeded on July 26, 2007 and August 1, 2007 with concentrations of 3.4 and 5.0 ml/L.¹
- **Deficient Monitoring Violation**
 3. Monthly sampling for ammonia was not performed for the September 2007 as required by Order No. R9-2005-0100, Attachment E, Section IV.A.1.

¹ Pursuant to the California Water Code (CWC) Section 13385(h) and (i), a mandatory minimum penalty of three thousand dollars (\$3000) shall be assessed for each serious and chronic violation

Please take steps to ensure that the violations noted above do not occur in the future. Pursuant to the California Water Code (CWC), the violations noted are subject to additional enforcement action(s) by the San Diego Water Board including a time schedule order, cease and desist order, cleanup and abatement order, imposition of administrative civil liability, referral to the district attorney for criminal prosecution, or referral to the attorney general. Administrative civil liability amounts that may be imposed by the San Diego Water Board under authority of CWC Section 13385 include up to \$10,000 per day, or up to \$10 per gallon for each gallon of waste discharged.

In the subject line of any response, please include the reference "Place ID 255265:JLLim. For questions or comments, please contact Joann Lim by phone at 858-637-5589 or by email at jllim@waterboards.ca.gov.

Respectfully,



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Tech Staff Info & Use	
Order Nos.	R9-2005-0100 and R9-2010-0087
Party ID	39664 (San Elijo Joint Powers Authority)
File No.	01-125
WDID	9 000000125
NPDES No.	CA0107999
Reg. Measure Nos.	305389 (R9-2005-0100), 375641 (R9-2010-0087), 387227 (Staff Enforcement Letter, SEL)
Place ID	255265 (San Elijo Water Reclamation Facility)
Person ID	75818 (Thornton)
Violation IDs	(1) 934840 and 934841, (2) 934849 and 934850 (3) 934853