

Date: November 28, 2012

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Coast Region  
Attn: Monitoring and Reporting Review Section  
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Dear Mr. Ken Harris:

Facility Name: Carpinteria Sanitary District  
Wastewater Treatment Facility  
Address: 5351 Sixth Street  
Carpinteria, CA 93013  
Contact Person: Mark H Bennett  
Job Title: Operations Manager  
Phone Number: (805) 684-7214 x17  
WDR/NPDES Order Number: CA 0047364, R3-2011-0003

Type of Report (circle one): Monthly Quarterly Semi-Annual Annual

Month(s) (circle applicable months\*)  
JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN  
JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

Year: 2012

Violation(s) (Place an X by the appropriate choice):        No (there are no violations to report)   X   Yes

If Yes is marked (complete a-g).

a) Parameter(s) in Violation: Loss of Disinfection  
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b) Section(s) of WDR/NPDES Violated: Table E-3 Note 5  
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c) Reported Value(s) N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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d) WDR/NPDES Limit/Condition: Continuous disinfection loss  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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e) Dates of Violation(s) 10/3/2012  
(ref. page of report/data sheet): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

f) Explanation of Cause(s): See attached letter.  
(attach additional info as needed) \_\_\_\_\_  
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g) Corrective Action(s): See attached letter.  
(attach additional info as needed) \_\_\_\_\_  
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In accordance with the Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements, I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision following a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my knowledge of the person(s) who manage the system, or those directly responsible for data gathering, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at the number provided above.

Sincerely,



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Mark H Bennett  
Operations Manager



Carpinteria Sanitary District  
**MEMORANDUM**

Date: 10/04/2012

To: Mr. Ken Harris – Interim Executive Officer  
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

From: Mark Bennett - Operations Manager

CC: Peter Von Langen – Central Coast RWQCB  
Craig Murray, P.E. – CSD General Manager

Re: Noncompliance Notification

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On October 3, 2012 at 4:08 a.m. the disinfection system at the Carpinteria Sanitary District's wastewater treatment facility malfunctioned. It was restored to full operability the same day at 9:45 a.m. The District estimates the volume of fully treated, but non-disinfected effluent discharged during this event to be 281,250 gallons. Routine effluent sampling was conducted within the period that the equipment was not operational. Results will be reported pursuant the District's NPDES permit and MRP requirements.

The cause of the malfunction is suspected to be an air-locked chemical feed pump. The District had over 1,200 gallons of sodium hypochlorite in inventory at that time. There is no additional evidence that points to causation, and it is noted that the chemical feed pump in question has operated reliably for over a decade and is regularly inspected and maintained.

The District notified the Central Coast Water Board of the event and left telephone messages for Peter Von Langen and also for his supervisor. The District also notified both the Santa Barbara County Environmental Health Department and the Preharvest Shellfish Unit, Environmental Management Branch of the California Department of Public Health.