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Mr. Patrick Scanlon, Vice President Customer Service, Region II Southern California Water Company Southwest District 12035 Burke Street, # 1 Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested Claim No. 7002 2410 0005 0647 7874

Dear Mr. Scanlon:

COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER COMPANY, CONVERSE PLANT, 6360 CONVERSE AVENUE, FLORENCE, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994005, CI–8730)

We have completed our review of your application for a permit to discharge waste under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

Based on the attached Fact Sheet and other information provided, we have determined that the proposed groundwater discharge meets the conditions to be regulated under Order No. R4-2003-0108, General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Groundwater from Potable Water Supply Wells to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, adopted by this Board on August 7, 2003.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serve as your NPDES permit, consisting of Order No. R4-2003-0108 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8730. Prior to starting discharge, a representative sample of the effluent shall be obtained and analyzed to determine compliance with the discharge limitations. Since the groundwater analytical data provided meets the screening criteria, full enrollment under this general permit is authorized and Section E.2. will not be applicable to your discharge. However, the discharge limitations in Part E.1. of Order No. R4-2003-0108 are applicable to your discharge. The groundwater discharge flows into Compton Creek, thence to the Los Angeles River. Therefore, the discharge limits in Attachment B.7.e. of Order No. R4-2003-0108 are applicable to your discharge.

The Monitoring and Reporting Program requires you to implement the monitoring program on the effective date of coverage under this permit. All monitoring reports should be sent to the Regional Board, <u>ATTN: Information Technology Unit.</u> When submitting monitoring or technical reports to the Regional Board per these requirements, please include a reference to "Compliance File No. CI-8730 and NPDES No. CAG994005", which will assure that the reports are directed to the appropriate file and staff. Also, please do not combine other reports with your monitoring reports. Submit each type of report as a separate document.

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In order to avoid future annual fees, please submit written notification when the project has been completed and the permit is no longer needed.

We are sending a copy of Order No. R4-2003-0108 only to the applicant. For those on the mailing list, please refer to the Board Order sent to you previously or download a copy of the Order from our website at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/permits/general_permits.html.

If you have any questions, please contact Raul Medina at (213) 620-2160.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Dickerson Executive Officer

Enclosures:

General NPDES No. CAG994005, Order No. R4-2003-0108 Fact Sheet Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8730

cc: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permit Section (WTR-5)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Division of Ecological Services
NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service
Michael Lauffer, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board
California Department of Fish and Game, Marine Resources, Region 5
California Department of Health Services, Environmental Branch
Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works, Waste Management Division
Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services
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