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Mr. Ernesto Che Venegas Water Superintendent California Domestic Water Company 15505 E. Whittier Boulevard Whittier, CA 90609-1338 CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED CLAIM NO. 7003 3110 0003 3258 2659

Dear Mr. Venegas:

COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – CALIFORNIA DOMESTIC WATER COMPANY, BASSETT WELLFIELD PRODUCTION WELLS START-UP PROJECT, EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994005, CI-8769)

We have completed our review of your application for a permit to discharge waste under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). You have proposed to discharge up to 100,000 gallons of groundwater per day during the start-up of potable water supply wells associated with the above-referenced wellfield site.

Based on the information provided, the proposed discharge of groundwater meets the conditions to be regulated under Order No. R4-2003-0108, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Groundwater from Potable Water Supply Wells to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties (General NPDES Permit No. CAG994005)*, adopted by this Board on August 7, 2003.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serve as your General NPDES Permit, consisting of Order No. R4-2003-0108 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. Cl-8769. Based on the groundwater analytical data provided, full enrollment under this general permit is authorized and the discharge limitations in Section E.1. and E.2. of Order No. R4-2003-0108 are applicable to your discharge. Discharge from the project drains to San Gabriel River between Ramona Boulevard and Valley Boulevard; therefore, the discharge limitations in Attachment B.7.c. are also applicable to your discharge.

The Monitoring and Reporting Program requires you to implement the monitoring program on the effective date of coverage under Order No. R4-2003-0108. 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-8769 and NPDES No. CAG994005", which will assure that the reports are directed to the appropriate file and staff. Also, please do not combine your discharge monitoring reports with other 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 Board Order No. R4-2002-0108 only to the applicant. For those on the mailing list, please refer to the Board Order previously sent to you. A copy of the Order will be furnished to anyone who requests it, or it can be obtained at our web site address: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov//~rwqcb4/html/permits/general_permits.html.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. James Tang at (213) 576-6696.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Bishop Interim Executive Officer

- Enclosures: Fact Sheet Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 8769 Order No. R4-2003-0108, General NPDES Permit No. CAG994005
- cc: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Clean Water Act Standards and Permits Office (WTR-5)
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service
 Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 Michael Lauffer, Office of the Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board
 California Department of Health Services, Drinking Water and Field Operations Branch
 Department of Fish and Game, Region 5
 Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works, Flood Control and Drainage
 Los Angeles County, Department of Environmental Programs Division
 City of El Monte, Department of Public Works

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