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August 19, 2004

Mr. Dan Masnada General Manager Castaic Lake Water Agency 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road Santa Clarita, CA 91350 Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested Claim No. 7003 0500 0000 5777 4443

Dear Mr. Masnada:

COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY, TEMPORARY TREATMENT PLANT AT SAUGUS WELL NOS. 1 AND 2, MAGIC MOUNTAIN PARKWAY AT SOUTH FORK SANTA CLARA RIVER, SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994005, CI–8798)

We have completed our review of your application for a permit to discharge wastewater under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Up to 3.50 million gallons per day of groundwater from pilot testing of a temporary treatment plant will be discharged into the South Fork of the Santa Clara River. The pilot testing of the treatment plant and pumping test of the production wells will last up to three months.

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-8798. 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 exceeds the screening criteria, effluent limitations in Section E.1. and E.2. of Order No. R4-2003-0108 are applicable to your discharge. The treated groundwater discharge flows into the South Fork of the Santa Clara River, thence to the Santa Clara River, between Bouquet Canyon Road Bridge and West Pier Highway 99. Therefore, the discharge limits in Attachment B.3.c. 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."

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CI-8798 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.

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,

Jonathan Bishop Interim Executive Officer

Enclosures:

General NPDES No. CAG994005, Order No. R4-2003-0108 Fact Sheet Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8798

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
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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
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