

California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region



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Mr. Ken Striplin Assistant City Manager City of Santa Clarita 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite 295 Santa Clarita, CA 91355 Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested Claim No. 7002 2410 0005 0647 8536

Dear Mr. Striplin:

COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, EMERGENCY DEWATERING DISCHARGE, 27601 CANYON VIEW DRIVE, SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994004, CI-8892)

We have completed our review of your application for a permit to discharge waste under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Up to 2.50 million gallons per day of groundwater will be discharged during the first six months of dewatering activities at the site starting May 16, 2005. It is necessary to discharge at this rate in order to lower the water table that has risen during the wet season and to prevent damage caused by uprising water table to nearby properties. After six months (November 15, 2005), the discharge will be reduced to no more than 1.0 million gallons per day.

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. R4-2003-0111, General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Groundwater from Construction and Project Dewatering 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. R4-2003-0111 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8892. Prior to starting discharge, a representative sample of the effluent must be obtained and analyzed to determine compliance with the discharge limitations. The groundwater discharge flows into the Santa Clara River between Lang Gaging Station and Bouquet Canyon Road Bridge. Therefore, the discharge limits in Attachment B.3.b. of Order No. R4-2003-0111 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, ATTN: Information Technology Unit. When submitting monitoring or technical reports to the Regional Board per these requirements, please include a reference to "Compliance File No. CI-8892 and NPDES No. CAG994004", which will assure that the reports are directed to the

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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. R4-2003-0111 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.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/html/permits/general_permits.html.

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

Sincerely,

Jonathan S. Bishop Executive Officer

Enclosures:

General NPDES No. CAG994004, Order No. R4-2003-0111 Fact Sheet
Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8892

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
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