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Mr. Shane Sato L.H. Woods and Sons, Inc. 2115 La Mirada Drive, Vista, CA 92081

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED CLAIM NO. 7003 3110 0003 3258 4097

COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – L.H. WOODS AND SONS, INC. – CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY SAND CANYON PIPELINE PROJECT, 20545 SANTA CLARA STREET, SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994004, CI-8925)

Dear Mr. Sato:

We have completed our review of your application for a permit to discharge waste under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). You propose to discharge more than one million gallons per day (MGD) of groundwater from the proposed construction project. Under the general NPDES permit, this Regional Board may authorize a maximum of 2.5 MGD discharge rate for a short-term (six-month) interim period for a construction dewatering project.

Based on the information provided, the proposed discharge of groundwater meets the conditions to be regulated under General Permit No. CAG994004, Order No. R4-2003-0111; *General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit 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.*

Your General NPDES Permit authorized a maximum discharge rate of 2.5 MGD for a period of six months from commencement of discharge above 1.0 MGD. After the interim period, the maximum flow rate for your discharge returns to 1.0 MGD. You must immediately notify this office in writing when you initiate your discharge above 1.0 MGD, and again at the end of the six months interim period, when discharge in excess of 1.0 MGD has ceased. If you wish to increase your discharge above 1.0 MGD to a long-term basis and/or discharge above 2.5 MGD, you will need to apply for coverage under an individual NPDES permit.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serve as your General NPDES Permit, consisting of Order No. R4-2003-0111 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. Cl-8925. The discharge limitations in Part E.1.a. of Order No. R4-2003-0111 for the specific constituents listed on the Table with the enclosed Fact Sheet are applicable to your discharge. The groundwater discharge flows to the Santa Clara River between Lang Gaging Station and Bouquet Canyon Road Bridge. Therefore, the discharge limitations listed in Attachment B.3.b. are applicable to your discharge. Prior to starting discharge, a representative sample of the effluent must be obtained and analyzed to determine compliance with the discharge limitations.

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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-8925 and NPDES No. CAG994004", 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. ubmit 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 Board 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.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 S. Bishop Executive Officer

Enclosures

Fact Sheet Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8925 Order No. R4-2003-0111, General NPDES Permit No. CAG994004

 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
Department of Fish and Game, Region 5
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Flood Control Division
Los Angeles County Department of Environmental Program
City of Santa Clarita, Department of Public Works
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