

California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region





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Mr. Dan Masnada General Manager Castaic Lake Water Agency 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road Santa Clarita, CA 91350-2173 CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
CLAIM NO. 7002 0860 0001 0651 1746

Dear Mr. Masnada:

COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY - EARL SCHMIDT FILTRATION PLANT AND RIO VISTA TREATMENT PLANT, HYDROSTATIC TEST & OVERFLOW DISCHARGES, 32700 N. LAKE HUGHES ROAD, CASTAIC & 27234 BOUQUET CANYON ROAD, SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG674001, CI-8958)

We have completed our review of your application for a permit to discharge waste under the General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Discharge of hydrostatic test water and overflows from the subject facilities is currently regulated under Order No. 97-030 (NPDES Permit No. CA0059030) adopted by the Regional Board on April 7, 1997.

Based on the attached Fact Sheet and other information provided, the discharge of hydrostatic test water and overflows from the subject facilities meets the conditions to be regulated under Order No. R4-2004-0109, Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Low Threat Hydrostatic Test Water to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties (General NPDES Permit No. CAG674001), adopted by this Board on July 1, 2004.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serve as your General NPDES Permit, consisting of Order No. R4-2004-0109 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. Cl-8958. The discharge limitations in Section E Order No. R4-2004-0109 are applicable to your discharge. Discharge from the project drains to the Santa Clara River between Bouquet Canyon Bridge and West Pier Highway 99. Therefore, the discharge limitations in Attachment B.3.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. R4-2004-0109. 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-8945 and NPDES No. CAG674001", 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 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 Dr. James Tang at (213) 576-6696.

Sincerely,

Jonathan S. Bishop **Executive Officer**

Enclosures: Fact Sheet

Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 8958

Order No. R4-2004-0109, General NPDES Permit No. CAG674001

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Clean Water Act Standards and CC: 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 program

City of Santa Clarita, Department of Public Works

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