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August 22, 2006

Mr. Robert G. Newman 23920 Valencia Blvd., Suite 300 Santa Clarita, CA 91355 Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested Claim No. 7002 0860 0004 5295 5300

Dear Mr. Newman:

COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – SAN FRANCISQUITO CANYON CREEK TRAIL - SEGMENT B, CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994004, CI-9154)

We have completed our review of your application for a permit to discharge groundwater to surface waters under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). City of Santa Clarita is undertaking restoration of a public hiking trail that was damaged during the winter storm of 2004/2005. The construction project is located on the banks of San Francisquito Canyon Creek, a tributary to Santa Clara River, in the City of Santa Clarita, California. You propose to discharge up to 2.5 million gallons per day (mgd) of groundwater during the construction project. The construction dewatering will be completed within three months. The high rate of discharge is necessary because the construction project is being conducted within a bank of the San Francisquito Canyon Creek. Should the construction dewatering component of this project last past six months, then the discharge will be limited to no greater than 1.0 mgd.

Based on the attached Fact Sheet and other information provided, we have determined that the proposed discharge at the above-referenced site meets the conditions to be regulated under Order No. R4-2003-0111, General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for Groundwater Discharges 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-9154. 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 discharge of groundwater flows to San Francisquito Canyon Creek thence to Santa Clara River between Bouquet canyon Road bridge and West Pier Highway 99. Therefore the discharge limitations in Attachment B.3.c. of Order No. R4-2003-0111 are applicable to your discharge. Prior to starting discharge, a representative sample of the effluent shall be obtained and analyzed to determine compliance with the discharge limitations.

California Environmental Protection Agency

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-9154 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. 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/rwqcb4/html/permits/general_permits.html.

If you have any questions, please contact Namiraj Jain at (213) 620-6003.

Sincerely,

Jonathan S. Bishop Executive Officer

Enclosures:

General NPDES No. CAG994004, Order No. R4-2003-0111 Fact Sheet Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-9154

cc: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permit Section (WTR-5)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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