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May 23, 2007

Mr. Roberts G. Newman City of Santa Clarita 23920 Valencia Blvd., Suite 300 Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested Claim No. 7002 0860 0004 5295 6659

Dear Mr. Newman:

REVISED COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS—MAGIC MOUNTAIN PARKWAY/I-5 OUTLET PROJECT—SEGMENT C, CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994004, CI–9164)

On May 8, 2007, we received your package requesting a revision of your enrollment under the general NPDES permit to incorporate creekside dewatering provision and to change the start date for initiation of the construction project to May 2007. You have indicated that the construction project has not been initiated. We have revised your package and concur that you have satisfied the provisions for creekside dewatering. Therefore, we have no objection to you beginning the construction project in May 2007.

The proposed project is located at Magic Mountain Parkway / Interstate-5 and Santa Clara River in the City of Santa Clarita. City of Santa Clarita is undertaking Magic Mountain Parkway / I-5 Outlet Project to construct a cement concrete box culvert to convey storm water that empties into Santa Clara River. This new box culvert replaces the existing open channel at this site. 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 next three months period. The high rate of discharge is necessary because the construction project is being conducted within the bank of the Santa Clara River. Should the construction dewatering component of this project last past six months from the date of approval of this authorization letter, 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. Your discharge has been determined to satisfy the provisions for creekside dewatering, therefore the discharge limitations in Attachment B.3.c. of Order No. R4-2003-0111 are not applicable to your discharge, except for boron and nitrogen.*

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-9164.

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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 Santa Clara River between Bouquet Canyon Road Bridge and West Pier Highway 99. Prior to starting discharge, a representative sample of the effluent shall be obtained and analyzed to determine compliance with the discharge limitations.

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-9164 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 Gensen Kai at (213) 576-6651.

Sincerely,

Deborah J. Smith Interim Executive Officer

Enclosures:

General NPDES No. CAG994004, Order No. R4-2003-0111 Fact Sheet Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-9164

CC:

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