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March 8, 2007

Mr. Mathew Bryant Ventura River County Water District 409 Old Baldwin Road Ojai, CA 93023 CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
CLAIM NO. 7001 1140 0000 1129 6326

Dear Mr. Bryant:

COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS—VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT—WELL #2 AQUIFER TESTING, DEVELOPMENT, AND START—UP PROJECT, 409 OLD BALDWIN ROAD, OJAI, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994005, CI-9239)

We have completed our review of your application for a permit to discharge wastewater under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). You propose to discharge up to 1.75 million gallons per day (MGD) of groundwater during aquifer testing, well development, and start-up from the above-referenced facility. It is necessary to discharge at this flowrate to properly pump test the aquifer and the potable water supply well pumps.

Based on the information provided, the proposed discharge of groundwater meets the conditions to be regulated under Order No. R4-2003-0108, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Groundwater from Potable Water Supply Wells to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties (General NPDES Permit No. CAG994005)*, adopted by this Board on August 7, 2003.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serve as your General NPDES Permit, consisting of Order No. R4-2003-0108 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-9239. Since the groundwater analytical data provided meets the screening criteria, full enrollment under this general permit is authorized and Section E.2. will not be applicable to your discharge. However, the discharge limitations in Section E.1. of Order No. R4-2003-0108 are applicable to your discharge. Discharge from the project drains to the Ventura River between Casitas Vista Road and confluence with Weldon Canyon. Therefore, the discharge limitations in Attachment B.2.c. 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.

The Monitoring and Reporting Program requires you to implement the monitoring program on the effective date of coverage under Order No. R4-2003-0108. 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-9239 and NPDES No. CAG994005", which will assure that the reports

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are directed to the appropriate file and staff. Also, please do not combine your discharge monitoring reports with other reports. Submit each report type 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. R4-2002-0108 only to the applicant. For those on the mailing list, please refer to the Board Order previously sent to you. A copy of the Order will be furnished to anyone who requests it, or it can be obtained at our web site address: 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. 9239

Order No. R4-2003-0108, General NPDES Permit No. CAG994005

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

Philip Isorena, State Water Resources Control Board, NPDES Unit

California Department of Health Services, Drinking Water and Field Operations Branch

Department of Fish and Game, Region 5

Ventura County, Department of Public Works, Flood Control and Drainage

Ventura County, Department of Environmental Program

Lee Solomon, Tetra Tech

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