

## California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## **Los Angeles Region**

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Mr. Garry Hofer, Manager California American Water Company – San Marino 8657 Grand Avenue Rosemead, CA 91770 CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
CLAIM NO. 7002 2410 0005 0647 6327

COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS—CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER COMPANY- SAN MARINO-NEW PATTON WELL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, 1100 ARDEN ROAD, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994004, CI-9515)

Dear Mr. Hofer:

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 up to 1.4 million gallons per day (MGD) of treated groundwater from the aforementioned project. The short-term well pumping will be completed within three weeks. It is necessary to discharge at this flowrate to properly develop the well.

Based on the information provided, the proposed discharge of treated groundwater meets the conditions to be regulated under General Permit No. CAG994004, Order No. R4-2008-0032; 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 June 5, 2008.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serve as your General NPDES Permit, consisting of Order No. R4-2008-0032 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-9515. The discharge limitations in Part V.1. Table 1 and Table 2 of Order No. R4-2008-0032 for the specific constituents listed on the Table with the enclosed Fact Sheet are applicable to your discharge. The groundwater discharge flows to Alhambra Wash and subsequently to Rio Hondo, thence to the Los Angeles River. Therefore, the discharge limitations in Attachment B.7.g. 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 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-9515 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.

California Environmental Protection Agency

In order to avoid future annual fees, please submit written request for termination of your enrollment under the general permit in a separate letter, when your project has been completed and the permit is no longer needed. Beware that the annual fee covers the fiscal year billing period beginning July 1 and ending June 30, the following year. You will pay full annual fee if your request for termination is made after the beginning of new fiscal year beginning July 1.

We are sending Board Order No. R4-2008-0032 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/board decisions/adopted orders/.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. James Tang at (213) 576-6696.

Sincerely,

Tracy J. Egoscue Executive Officer

## Enclosures

Fact Sheet

Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-9515

Order No. R4-2008-0032, 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

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Los Angeles County Environmental Programs Division

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