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Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

September 6, 2013

## CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7001 2510 0002 2221 8294 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Tully Clifford, Director Ventura County Watershed Protection District 800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Clifford:

## APPROVAL OF AQUATIC PESTICIDE APPLICATION PLAN UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS—VENTURA COUNTY WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT, WATERSHEDS IN VENTURA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG990005, CI-9981)

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) has reviewed your Aquatic Pesticide Application Plan (APAP) dated August 29, 2013, that you submitted to comply with Order No. 2004-0009-DWQ, *Statewide General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit For the Discharge of Aquatic Pesticides for Aquatic Weed Control in Waters of the United States*, adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) on May 20, 2004. Based on the information provided, your APAP for using Glyphosate on the watersheds of Calleguas Creek and selected tributaries, Santa Clara River and selected tributaries, Ventura River and selected tributaries, and selected tributaries to Malibu Creek, and selected tributaries in the County of Ventura to the Pacific Ocean is hereby approved. We anticipate that, as experience with implementation of this permit grows, it may become necessary to modify the monitoring plan to make it more effective and efficient.

This approval remains in effect until November 30, 2013. The subject general NPDES permit has been revised by the State Board, which will be effective starting from December 1, 2013. In order to get coverage under the revised General NPDES permit from the permit effective day, you need to submit a Notice of Intent shown as Attachment E of the State Board Order 2013-0002-DWQ and an Aquatic Pesticide Application Plan to the State Board at least 90 days prior to December 1, 2013, the permit effective day for processing and approval. More details of the application procedures for enrollment of the revised permit can be found in Section II.C. of State Board Order 2013-0002-DWQ.

Please be aware that you are required to submit an Annual Report to the Regional Board by March 1, 2014, as specified in section D.1. and D.2. of Attachment C of the subject NPDES permit. All monitoring reports should be sent to the Regional Board, electronically by email to losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov. When submitting monitoring or technical reports to the Regional Board per these requirements, please include a reference to "Compliance File No. CI-9981 and NPDES No. CAG990005", 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.

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To avoid future annual fees, please submit written request for termination of your enrollment under the general permit in a separate letter, when the project has been completed and the permit is no longer needed.

We are sending a copy of Order No. 2004-0009-DWQ only to the applicant. For those on the mailing list, please refer to the State 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: <a href="http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water">http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water</a> issues/programs/npdes/aquatic.shtml.

If you have any questions, please contact Gensen Kai at (213) 576-6651.

Sincerely,

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Samuel Unger, P.E. Executive Officer

cc: Jenny Chen, Regulation Unit, State Water Resources Control Board Susan Johnson, County of Ventura Agricultural Commissioner's Office William Stratton, County of Ventura Environmental Health Division