

## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

May 7, 2019

Ms. Beth Bax  
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### **APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY WAIVER FOR DISPOSAL OF FIRE DEBRIS - CALABASAS LANDFILL, AGOURA HILLS, CA (CASE NO R4-2017-0096-008, GEOTRACKER GLOBAL I.D. L10005926913)**

Dear Ms. Bax:

Reference is made to your letter, dated April 30, 2019, to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board), requesting an extension of coverage under the General Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Disaster Related Emergency Waste Handling and Disposal within the Los Angeles Region, Order No. R4-2017-0096 (Conditional Waiver) for the Calabasas Landfill (Landfill) in Agoura Hills, California. The Landfill is owned and operated by the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Discharger). The Conditional Waiver, which was adopted by the Regional Water Board on April 6, 2017, conditionally waives waste discharge requirements (WDRs) for the disposal of debris resulting from a disaster-related emergency.

On November 8, 2018, the Woolsey Fire in Ventura and Los Angeles counties and the Hill Fire in Ventura County ignited, destroying homes and critical infrastructure. On November 9, 2018, California Governor-Elect Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in Los Angeles and Ventura counties. On January 24, 2019, Regional Water Board staff issued a Notice of Applicability granting coverage under the Conditional Waiver for the Landfill to accept debris wastes generated from the Woolsey and Hill fires. Coverage under the Conditional Waiver is temporary and expires under the following conditions, whichever is the earliest, unless otherwise extended in writing by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer in response to a written request for an extension by the Discharger:

- a. If the Governor, Legislature, or local government terminates the State of Emergency; or
- b. The Regional Water Board terminates enrollment of individual Dischargers, or all Dischargers temporarily enrolled under the Conditional Waiver for a particular emergency, or terminates this Conditional Waiver in its entirety; or
- c. Six (6) months have elapsed since the Governor issued a proclamation of the State of Emergency in question, or

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- d. Six (6) months have elapsed since emergency activities began.

Pursuant to Item C above, the Conditional Waiver is set to expire on May 8, 2019. Your letter indicates that in working with California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, it is expected that local cleanup efforts for the fires may continue through the fall of 2019. As a result, you are requesting that coverage of the Conditional Waiver for the Landfill be extended through December 31, 2019. Pursuant to provision A.3 of the Conditional Waiver, your request for an extension to allow the Discharger to continue to accommodate regional cleanup efforts is hereby approved.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Enrique Casas (Project Manager), at (213) 620-2299 or [enrique.casas@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:enrique.casas@waterboards.ca.gov) or Dr. Wen Yang, Chief of the Land Disposal Unit, at (213) 620-2253 or [wen.yang@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:wen.yang@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



Renée Purdy  
Executive Officer

Enclosure: Regional Water Board Notice of Applicability dated January 24, 2019

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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### **NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY: EMERGENCY WAIVER FOR DISPOSAL OF FIRE DEBRIS TO CALABASAS LANDFILL, AGOURA, CA (CASE NO R4-2017-0096-008, GEOTRACKER GLOBAL I.D. L10005926913)**

Dear Ms. Ruffell:

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) staff has reviewed the Notice of Intent (NOI) submitted by the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Discharger), dated January 8, 2019, that applied for coverage under the General Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Disaster Related Emergency Waste Handling and Disposal within the Los Angeles Region, Order No. R4-2017-0096 (Conditional Waiver) for the Calabasas Landfill (Landfill) in Agoura, California. The Conditional Waiver, which was adopted by the Regional Water Board on April 6, 2017, conditionally waives waste discharge requirements (WDRs) for the disposal of debris resulting from a disaster related emergency.

On November 8, 2018, the Woolsey Fire in Ventura and Los Angeles counties and the Hill Fire in Ventura County ignited, destroying homes and critical infrastructure, and causing the evacuation of residents. As a result, on November 9, 2018, California Governor-Elect Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in Los Angeles and Ventura counties. The NOI contains the information required to qualify for coverage under the category "Discharge to Existing Waste Management Units at Regulated Facilities" of the Conditional Waiver for the disposal of fire debris at the Calabasas Landfill. This Notice of Applicability (NOA) is applicable to emergency debris disposal from the Woolsey and Hill fires. You are hereby assigned Case Number R4-2017-0096-0008 for the proposed discharge. Please include this number on all correspondence related to this discharge. All reports and correspondence should be converted to searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) and submitted electronically to the State Water Resources Control Water Board GeoTracker database at Global ID No. L10005926913.

The Discharger shall comply with the requirements of the Conditional Waiver. A copy of the Conditional Waiver can be found on the Regional Water Board's website at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/docs/None\\_R4-2017-0096\\_WAV.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/adopted_orders/docs/None_R4-2017-0096_WAV.pdf). Please familiarize yourself with the contents of the Conditional Waiver. The disposal of fire debris must be conducted in accordance with Sections A and B of the Conditional

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Waiver. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in enforcement action pursuant to California Water Code, Section 13261, which can include imposition of civil liability (a fine). The Discharger must maintain control over the disposal of fire debris in accordance with the information provided in the NOI and this Notice of Applicability.

Please note that all conditions of this Conditional Waiver remain applicable until the Discharger submits a complete Notice of Termination (NOT), or the discharge specified in the NOI becomes covered under WDRs or a site-specific waiver of WDRs. However, authorization to discharge under this Conditional Waiver is only in effect temporarily and shall expire under the following conditions, whichever is the earliest, unless otherwise provided in writing by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer in response to a written request for an extension by the Discharger:

- a. If the Governor lifts the State of Emergency; or
- b. The Regional Water Board terminates enrollment of individual Dischargers, or all Dischargers temporarily enrolled under the Conditional Waiver for a particular emergency, or terminates this Conditional Waiver in its entirety; or
- c. Six (6) months have elapsed since the Governor issued a proclamation of the State of Emergency in question.

This Conditional Waiver does not impose specific groundwater monitoring and reporting requirements because the Landfill is already required to implement a monitoring and reporting program under Regional Water Board Order No. R4-2013-0044.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Enrique Casas (Project Manager), at (213) 620-2299 or [enrique.casas@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:enrique.casas@waterboards.ca.gov) or Dr. Wen Yang, Chief of the Land Disposal Unit, at (213) 620-2253 or [wen.yang@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:wen.yang@waterboards.ca.gov).

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