



CAMARILLO SANITARY DISTRICT

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Attention: Veronica Cuevas
Regional Water Quality Control Board – Los Angeles Region
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
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Re: COMMENT ON TENTATIVE AMENDMENT ON TIME SCHEDULE ORDER (R4-2011-0126-A04) FOR TDS, CHLORIDE AND SULFATE COMPLIANCE - NPDES CA 0053597 R4-2014-0062 (Camarillo Sanitary District)

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the latest information on the North Pleasant Valley Desalter Project (Project). As you know from previous correspondence, one of the milestones related to the subject Time Schedule Order (TSO) is the award of a contract for construction of the Project by December 31, 2018. The tentative amendment order for the TSO issued by your agency on November 28, 2018, proposes to extend that milestone deadline to January 31, 2019.

At this time, the Camarillo Sanitary District (District) is not expected to meet the proposed milestone deadline of January 31, 2019 related to the Project. Bids for construction of the treatment plant portion of the Project were received on December 4, 2018 and the bids were significantly higher than the design engineer's estimate. All bids were rejected by the City of Camarillo City Council on December 19, 2018 because of bid protests received from several bidders. The City Council directed staff to re-design certain components of the treatment plant (Administrative Building and perimeter wall). The engineering re-design efforts could take between 6 to 9 months to complete before the bidding phase begins.

The District's comment on the subject tentative amendment to the TSO is to request an extension of the deadline to award a construction contract for the Project to December 31, 2019. The District is not requesting an extension of time for the milestone related to recycled water deliveries to Camrosa Water District. The District and the City of Camarillo are committed to treating the brackish groundwater underneath the City in an effort to achieve compliance with the Calleguas Creek Watershed Salts TMDL.

If you have any questions, please contact Lucia M. McGovern at (805) 388-5334 or lmcgovern@cityofcamarillo.org.

Sincerely,

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