## California Regional Water Quality Control Board Los Angeles Region

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#### GROUNDWATER DIVISION

#### **ENFORCEMENT & GROUNDWATER PERMITTING**

#### **Mandatory Minimum Penalties**

## Hitco Carbon Composites, Inc.

Lala Kabadaian

A Mandatory Minimum Penalty was issued to Hitco Carbon Composites, Inc., for \$24,000, for exceeding their NPDES permit daily maximum effluent limits for copper on May 7 and June 20, 2001 and zinc on May 7, 2001. The Discharger also exceeded their monthly average effluent limitation during the month of February 2001 for suspended solids during the months of May and June 2001 for copper and zinc. The wastes flow to the Dominguez Channel, a water of the State.

#### Cornerstone Suburban Office, L.P.

Russell Colby

A Mandatory Minimum Penalty was issued to Cornerstone Suburban Office, L.P., for \$12,000, for exceeding their NPDES permit daily maximum effluent limit for sulfate on November 7, 2001 and February 21, 2002 and total dissolved solids on November 7, 2001 and February 21, 2002 . The wastes flow to the Los Angeles River, a water of the State.

#### Los Angeles Times Communications, LLC

#### Tanya Bilezikjian

A Mandatory Minimum Penalty was issued to Los Angeles Times Communications, LLC, for \$3,000, for exceeding their NPDES permit daily maximum effluent limit on August 8, 2000 for sulfate. The wastes flow to the Los Angeles River, a water of the State.

#### **Southern California Water Company**

Jenny Newman

A Mandatory Minimum Penalty was issued to Southern California Water Company for \$6,000 for exceeding their NPDES permit effluent limits in July and August 2001. The wastes flow into Coyote Creek, thence to San Gabriel Estuary, a water of the State.

#### **Atlantic Richfield Company**

Jenny Newman

A Mandatory Minimum Penalty was issued to Atlantic Richfield Company, Pier "T" Avenue, Berth 121, Long Beach, California for \$3,000 for exceeding their NPDES permit effluent limits in January 2001 for zinc. The wastes flow to the Long Beach Inner Harbor, a water of the State.

#### **The Boeing Company**

Russell Colby

A Mandatory Minimum Penalty was issued to The Boeing Company, for \$39,000, for exceeding their NPDES permit daily maximum effluent limits for thallium and on March 5, 2000 and February 8, 2001, for oil & grease on March 8, 2000, for nitrates on February 27, 2001, and for fluoride by on April 7, 2001. The Discharger also exceeded their monthly average effluent limitation during the months of January and February 2000 for mercury and for total coliform during March 2000; and suspended solids during June 2000. The wastes flow to either Bell Creek or Arroyo Simi, both waters of the State.

#### **NPDES Facility Inspections**

Jesus Plasencia and Jose Morales

Enforcement Unit NPDES inspectors conducted 13 level B inspections (A routine non-sampling inspection ) and 3 level A (Comprehensive inspection, no samples were taken) inspections of facilities with NPDES Permits. Inspection of these facilities is a required part of the NPDES program.

#### Notices Of Violation - NPDES DMRs

**Enforcement Staff** 

The Executive Officer issued Notices of Violation and Requirements to Submit information to 6 facilities for failing to comply with provisions of Waste Discharge Requirements included as part of their NPDES Permits. Enforcement staff identified these violations as part of the NPDES discharger monitoring report review process.

#### **Self Monitoring Reports**

**Enforcement Staff** 

In April 2002, staff reviewed a total of 270 Self-Monitoring Reports submitted by NPDES permit holders.

#### **Waste Discharge Requirement Program (Non-Chapter 15)**

#### Anacapa Foods, LLC

Carey Wilder

Anacapa Foods, LLC operates a strawberry processing facility located at 4300 Etting Road, Oxnard, California. On January 16, 2001, Anacapa Foods, LLC filed a Report of Waste Discharge for recycling treated strawberry washwater for subsurface irrigation and dust control. The discharger will irrigate up to 1,030 acres of strawberry fields controlled by the discharger. During the months of strawberry processing, up to 415,000 gallons of the treated washwater will be recycled on a daily basis.

Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) for Anacapa Foods, LLC were presented to the Board at the April 25, 2002 Board meeting. The Regional Board adopted Order No. R4-2002-0090.

#### <u>General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for Chimera Associates</u> Hoan Tang

Chimera Associates operates a commercial retail center located at 22601 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, California. Chimera Associates currently discharges wastewater under Order No. 87-117 adopted by this Regional Board on August 24, 1987. Board staff reviewed information provided by Chimera Associates and inspected the facility. Board staff determined that the regulation of Chimera Associates under the General Permit (Order No. 01-031) would be appropriate and met the conditions specified in Order No. 01-031. The subject case was enrolled under Order No. 01-031 on April 2, 2002.

#### **Update: Oxnard Forebay Septic Prohibition**

Hoan Tang

On August 12, 1999, the Board adopted Resolution No. 99-13 to prohibit septic systems in the Oxnard Forebay, including the unincorporated communities of El Rio, Strickland Acres, Saticoy, and a subdivision in the City of Oxnard (the College Tract). These communities rely upon septic systems for disposal of wastewaters to groundwater. Both existing and newer septic systems in the Oxnard Forebay do not disinfect wastewater; nor do they remove nitrogen compounds to levels that will meet standards for drinking water. Therefore, Resolution No. 99-13 prohibits new septic systems in the Oxnard Forebay and prohibits discharges from existing septic systems after January 1, 2008. Individual disposal systems that dispose of domestic wastewater that are located on lot sizes equal to or greater than five acres are not subject to this prohibition.

On April 9, 2002, staff participated in a meeting with Supervisor John K. Flynn to explore potential avenues to find installation of a sewer system by the year 2008. As discussed, the community of El Rio is not far from a sanitary sewer that appears to have adequate capacity to handle additional flows. The Regional Board encourages the County to apply for financial assistance for such sewage services. Some available funding sources discussed were the City Grant Program, Appropriation Acts Grant, HUD Program Grant, Water Bond and the Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP Program). Board staff gave a brief description of the SEP program and later provided additional information to the County regarding the program's guidelines and criteria.

#### **Waste Discharge Report Facility Inspections**

Non-Chapter 15 Unit staff

Non-Chapter 15 Unit staff conducted 10 site inspections related to WDR Permits. Inspection of these facilities is a required part of the WDR program.

#### **Self Monitoring Reports**

Non-Chapter 15 Unit staff

In April 2002, staff reviewed a total of 41 Self Monitoring Reports submitted by WDR permit holders.

#### **Rescissions of WDR**

Hoan Tang

By approval of Board action, staff rescinded individual WDR permits (Order Nos. 87-88 and 87-117) after the facilities were enrolled under general WDR Order No. 01-031.

#### **Monthly Enforcement Summary**

A summary listing the Monthly Enforcement actions has been included with this report as <a href="Attachment">Attachment</a> "C".

#### STORM WATER SECTION

#### Industrial - Enforcement Follow-up

Ivar Ridgeway

In the March 2002 Executive Officer report, staff reported that approximately 190 notices of violation were issued to the facilities that were noted with compliance deficiencies by USEPA contractor inspectors. Starting in April 2002, staff conducted follow-up inspections at some of these facilities. As of April 30, 2002, a total of 49 follow-up inspections were completed. The preliminary results indicate that many facility operators made progress towards compliance; however, a number of them have yet to fully correct deficiencies and/or new compliance problems were noted at the facilities, and further enforcement actions are being taken.

#### **Update - County of Los Angeles Municipal Storm Water Permit**

Dan Radulescu

The Regional Board renewed a municipal storm water permit for the County of Los Angeles (Order No. 01-182) on December 13, 2001. However, seven parties petitioned the State Board to overturn certain requirements in the municipal storm water permit. Some of those parties also petitioned the State Board to stay all or portions of the permit. At a hearing on April 25<sup>th</sup>, the State Board denied the stay petitions; accordingly, all permit requirements remain in effect. The State Board plans to expedite review of the underlying seven petitions.

## Inspection Program - County of Los Angeles Municipal Storm Water Permit

Dan Radulescu

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, staff and representatives of the Executive Advisory Committee for the LA MS4 Permittees participated in a workshop session with the purpose of clarifying inspection requirements for industrial and commercial facilities, and providing guidance, such as sample inspection checklists. Although the workshop was poorly attended, participants did discuss details. Also, the Regional Board and County agreed to co-sponsor a training session for city inspectors in late June.

#### **CALTRANS Statewide Permit Implementation**

Carlos Urrunaga

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, staff briefed Caltrans on Region 4 compliance issues pertaining to the Statewide Caltrans Permit. Storm water staff from the State Board and Regions 4, 8, and 9 also participated in this meeting. Discussions addressed issues specific to illicit discharges and better coordination with the municipal Permittees operating storm drains into which Caltrans discharges. As a result of the meeting, we expect Caltrans to be more proactive and to conduct better outreach to their own

employees and contractors.

#### **Ventura County Stream Erosion Study Update**

Matt Yeager

The Ventura County Municipal Storm Water Permit (Ventura MS4) requires the Co-permittees to develop criteria for control of the peak runoff rate from new and redevelopment projects in order to protect natural stream channels from erosion and to protect habitat. Once developed, the Ventura MS4 requires the criteria to be incorporated into a technical manual by July 27, 2002. In July 2001, the Ventura County Flood Control District (VCFCD) undertook a study to provide scientific support for peak flow criteria development.

To date, the VCFCD has reviewed background literature and related historic field data, selected the upper Arroyo Simi watershed for the study area, selected six field-monitoring sites, and compiled hydrologic and other data. A continuous hydrologic model of the study area is under development, using the Hydrologic Simulation Program Fortran (HSPF). The preliminary version of the model has been calibrated and results of the initial calibration were evaluated to identify data problems and areas where follow-up investigation is needed. The HSPF model will next be refined to increase resolution in the areas that contain field study sites and improve the calibration.

A baseline study was conducted at the six field monitoring sites in early October 2001. The sites were characterized for habitat parameters, substrate type and particle size distribution, and the stream channel cross-sections were surveyed. Although field re-surveys were scheduled to occur four times following storms during the wet season, the sites have been resurveyed only once due to an exceptionally dry winter. The current focus of the study is to provide additional information needed to refine the HSPF model, and determine how the model will be applied to predict erosion for different development configurations under varying flow conditions.

### <u>Second Round Ventura Municipal Storm Water Program Compliance Audit</u> Ejigu Solomon

On April 30, 2002, audit notification letters were mailed to the following co-permittees of the Ventura Countywide Municipal Storm Water Permit: Fillmore, Thousand Oaks, Moorpark, and Camarillo. In addition, an audit notification letter was also sent to the Ventura County Health Department which is an industrial inspection contractor for a few of the co-permittees. Staff from the Regional Board and State Board conducted the audit from May 14 through May 16.

#### <u>Storm Water Staff Attended a California Coastal Commission Hearing</u> Ejigu Solomon

On April 12, 2002, the California Coastal Commission held a hearing in Santa Barbara on Local Coastal Program (LCP) amendments for a portion of Oxnard known as North Shores. The City of Oxnard presented the Commission with a request to amend its certified LCP. The City wants to amend land use plan maps to reflect annexation of the North Shore site by adding site specific development, access and recreation policies; and incorporating the remediation and mitigation plans outlined in a Remedial Action Plan submitted by the developer and approved by our Regional Board. The North Shore area is a future site for a 300-home development; as a new development, Regional Board storm water staff want to ensure appropriate mitigation through Ventura's County SQUIMP (Stormwater Quality Urban Impact Mitigation Plan).

#### **Building Industry Association (BIA) Workshop**

Wendy Phillips

On April 24th, BIA sponsored a workshop in Downey for about 260 developers and construction

contractors. Staff presented information on new municipal permit requirements and on the results of construction inspections during the last wet season, and participated in panel discussions. Other participants included staff from Region 8, the County of Los Angeles, and attorneys for BIA and permittees. One of the problems that R4 staff focused on was illicit discharges of concrete washout wastes, trying to impress upon the industry the need for change.

#### Construction and Industrial - Inspection Update

Yi Lu

During April, staff completed 61 compliance inspections, for a year-to-date total of 831, which is 92% of our June 30th workplan target. In addition, staff completed 49 enforcement follow-up inspections (see the enforcement follow-up below).

	2001-02 Compliance Inspections												
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr*	April	YTD	%	Target						
LA County Inland Ur	nit						<u> </u>						
Construction	1	15	8	0	24	96%	25						
Industrial	8	37	90	29	164	131%	125**						
Total	9	52	98	29	188	125%	150						
Ventura/Santa Clara	Unit												
Construction	56	37	39	14	146	117%	125						
Industrial	53	30	18	18	119	95%	125						
Total	109	67	57	32	265	106%	250						
Total of Units	118	119	155*	61	453	113%	400						
Contractor (TT)	0	242	136	0	378	76%	500						
Units + TT	118	361	291*	61	831	92%	900						

<sup>\*</sup> The numbers of compliance inspections for the third quarter were corrected after staff reconciled the actual numbers of inspection reports and the numbers of inspections logged into the database.

#### REMEDIATION SECTION

#### **Well Investigation Program**

## Status Report of the San Fernando Valley Chromium VI Investigation Dixon Oriola

Comments have been received from USEPA concerning the Regional Board's *Draft Chromium VI Investigation Report (February 2002)*. Staff of the Well Investigation Program intend to address these comments and finalize the report by the end if this month. In a related development, the Interagency Conference Committee requested assistance from USEPA in updating a 1995 map that depicts the chromium VI groundwater plume. It was agreed that Regional Board staff would assist USEPA, the

<sup>\*\*</sup> The workplan target for industrial compliance inspections was lowered by 125 during the third quarter. This was done to allow for redirection of staff to enforcement follow-up inspections, for which the workplan target was increased by 150 inspections.

cities of Los Angeles, Burbank and Glendale with creating a database of chromium groundwater data for the San Fernando Valley. The gathered information will be used to generate an updated hexavalent chromium groundwater plume map.

#### **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY**

#### **Emergent Chemical Sampling**

Dixon Oriola

USEPA and Regional Board staffs have mailed-out 210 letters potentially responsible in Puente Valley and South El Monte Operable Units directing them to perform emergent chemical groundwater sampling. The emergent chemicals targeted are: Ammonia Perchlorate, 1,4-Dioxane, N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA), total chromium and hexavalent chromium.

#### **Opening Ceremony for Plant B6 Treatment Facility**

Dixon Oriola

Regional Board staff attended a groundbreaking ceremony for the opening of Plant B6 Treatment Facility sponsored by the San Gabriel Valley Water Company on Friday, May 2, 2002. This facility is located at 14104 Corak Street in Baldwin Park. The "Plant B6" project is the first funded by the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund and the Baldwin Park Operable Unit (BPOU) Project Agreement. The keynote address at the event was by U.S. Congressman David Dreier (R-San Dimas). The ceremony was attended by: Michael Whitehead of the San Gabriel Valley Water Company, Bob Kuhn and Grace Burgess of San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority, Carol Williams of Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster, William Rinne of United States Bureau of Reclamation, Donald Vanderkar of Aerojet-General, and Norm Dupont of the BPOU Cooperating Respondents, among others. Elected officials in attendance included California State Assemblymen Dennis Mountjoy (59<sup>th</sup> District) and Ed Chavez (57<sup>th</sup> District). Also the Mayor of Baldwin Park, Manual Lozano, and a staff representative of State Senator Bob Margett attended.

Michael Whitehead of the San Gabriel Valley Water Company hosted the event. He introduced Congressman David Dreier. Congressman Drier, who chairs the House Rules Committee, authored legislation for the creation of the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund of \$85 million in December 2000. He was influential in providing an additional \$12 million to the \$25 million already approved by Congress last November. This increased funding was combined with a change the authorization of the project away from the Army Corps of Engineers to the Bureau of Reclamation, which is expected to speed up the effort.

#### **UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM**

#### **Charnock Sub-basin MTBE Investigation**

Weixing Tong

Introduction: The Charnock Sub-Basin Investigation Area is located in the Central Groundwater Basin of the Los Angeles Coastal Plain. During March 1996, MTBE concentrations up to 610 ? g/L was detected in the City of Santa Monica (CSM) wells, consequently in June 1996, the CSM shut down its five production wells. The Southern California Water Company (SCWC) has a wellfield adjacent to the CSM wellfield and shut down its two production wells in October 1996, to avoid drawing in MTBE pollution. No MTBE was ever detected in the SCWC production wells. During April 1997, the Regional Board and USEPA (jointly the "Agencies") signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to deal with the MTBE pollution problem affecting both the CSM and SCWC wellfields (collectively "Charnock Wellfields"). Pursuant to the MOU, the Agencies identified 48 potential responsible party sites (PRP sites) within one and one quarter mile radius of the wellfields (Charnock Sub-Basin Investigation Area). Based upon record search, 32 potential source sites were required to perform a preliminary

investigation to determine the potential of soil and groundwater contamination. At present, there are 27 active sites in the Charnock Sub-Basin Investigation Area. Of the 27 active sites, additional site assessment work is required at 13 sites. Groundwater monitoring is being performed at all 27 sites. Remedial action workplans for the soil and/or groundwater have been approved for a total of 9 sites.

<u>Site Specific Cleanup:</u> Site specific cleanup technologies include air stripper, granular activated carbon adsorption, advanced oxidation process, and soil vapor extraction. The following are the current status of site-specific cleanup activities:

**PRP Site No. 4 (ARCO):** Implement soil vapor extraction. To date approximately 52,623 pounds of total petroleum hydrocarbons have been removed from beneath the site.

**PRP Site No. 7 (Unocal):** Implement soil vapor extraction. To date approximately 16,908 pounds of total petroleum hydrocarbons have been removed from beneath the site. A remedial action plan has been approved to clean up the contaminated groundwater beneath the site. A two-month groundwater remediation test has been completed at the site. The Agencies have issued a directive letter requiring more aggressive remediation for the contaminated groundwater.

**PRP Site No. 8 (Mobil):** Implement soils vapor extraction and groundwater pump and treat system. To date approximately 305 pounds of MTBE, 85 pounds of benzene, and 14,020 pounds of petroleum hydrocarbons have been removed by soil vapor extraction. Since November 1999, approximately 23.5 million gallons of groundwater have been pumped, treated and discharged under an NPDES permit. Approximately 780 pounds of petroleum hydrocarbons have been removed from groundwater underneath the site.

**PRP Site No. 10 (Chevron):** Implement soils vapor extraction and groundwater extraction system. A vapor and groundwater extraction system (VEGE) has been installed and operated at the site. To date approximately 4,093 pounds of petroleum hydrocarbons have been removed by soil vapor extraction.

PRP Site No. 11 (Shell): Implement soil vapor extraction and onsite and offsite groundwater pump and treat system. A groundwater pump and treat is used to recover polluted groundwater and is then treated using an air stripper to remove MTBE followed by advanced oxidation process to remove TBA. To date approximately 129 million gallons of groundwater have been treated and discharged under an NPDES permit. Since the inception of the remediation system, 8,930 pounds of total petroleum hydrocarbons, 447 pounds of benzene and 1,643 pounds of MTBE have been removed from the site. The system influent concentrations for MTBE have decreased from 19,000 ? g/L in November 1999, to 370 ? g/L in March 2002. The soil vapor extraction system has been operated since September 2000. To date approximately 89.5 pounds of MTBE, 29.9 pounds of benzene, and 3,450 pounds of petroleum hydrocarbons have been removed by soil vapor extraction.

**PRP Site No. 12 (Winall Oil):** Implement soil vapor extraction. A soil vapor extraction system has been operating since May 2000, and has removed to date (January 2002) 14,309 pounds of petroleum hydrocarbons, 96 pounds of benzene, and 1,869 pounds of MTBE.

PRP Site No. 6 (Conoco): Voluntary onsite soil excavation is ongoing.

PRP Site No. 16 (Tosco): Implement pilot test for soil vapor extraction system.

PRP Site No. 23 (Chevron-Thrifty-Best): Completed tanks removal and excavation of contaminated soil onsite and Installation of a duel-phase vapor extraction system to cleanup onsite and offsite vadose zone contamination. The startup operation of the onsite vapor extraction system is scheduled to commence in May 2002. Offsite gasoline free product removal is ongoing. Chevron-Thrifty-Best has completed 14-offsite groundwater monitoring well clusters between the site and the Charnock Wellfield. Chevron-Thrifty-Best also completed installation of three additional step-out groundwater

monitoring well clusters along the Sawtelle Boulevard.

Charnock Sub-basin Regional Approach: On the Charnock Sub-basin regional issues, the Regional Board and Shell have entered into a Stipulated Agreement containing a specified Scope of Work (SOW) to perform regional investigation and analysis of alternatives for both Interim Water Replacement and Interim Regional Response Actions. The Regional Board members at the August 31, 2000, meeting approved the Stipulated Agreement. As part of this investigation, a number of groundwater monitoring wells have been installed into the Upper Silverado Aquifer and Shallow Unnamed Aquifer to aid in determining plume source(s) and characteristics, and to perform periodic groundwater monitoring. This work requires development of a basin-wide flow model, development a GIS database, evaluate alternative drinking water sources within the Charnock Sub-Basin, evaluate methods of treating polluted groundwater, restoring the Charnock Sub-Basin Investigation Area to its full beneficial use, and provide a community relations plan. The work specified in the SOW is a necessary step to restore the drinking water supply at the Charnock Wellfields. Per the agreement, Shell's consultant has completed the fieldwork as specified in the scope of work. On November 19, 2001, the final reports for regional investigation results and recommendations for selection of remedy were submitted. Regional Board and USEPA staffs have evaluated the reports and also solicited comments from impacted parties and other Charnock PRPs.

On March 18, 2002, with Regional Board's concurrence, USEPA issued a draft scope of work for the second phase of Charnock Initial Regional Response Activities (CIRRA2) to all PRPs. The draft CIRRA2 SOW outlines requirements mainly for rapid remediation of the Venice and Sepulveda area, and implementation of a full-scale remediation test in an area of high levels of MTBE. In addition, the Agencies continue to evaluate alternatives to the restoration of the Sub-Basin. The Agencies have also been reviewing comments on the draft CIRRA2 SOW from various PRPs, and are in process to respond these comments and revise the CIRRA SOW as appropriate.

# <u>Arcadia Wellfield Restoration from MTBE Contamination</u> Jay Huang

Three aquifers were impacted by MTBE contamination. Two groundwater aquifers, the shallow aquifer and the production aquifer are located north of the Brentwood fault; the lower aquifer is located south of the fault. The shallow aquifer and lower aquifer in the vicinity of the former Mobil Station 18-LDM have been treated with a pump and treat system since October 1997. Currently approximately 22 gallons per minute (GPM) of groundwater are being pumped from 18 groundwater extraction wells of the shallow and lower aquifers and treated at the Mobil facility. To date (March 27, 2002) the treatment system has pumped 28.5 million gallons of groundwater and removed an estimated amount of 82.7 pounds of TPH and 214.1 pounds of MTBE. The average MTBE concentration in the shallow aquifer influent has been decreased from over 2,000 ? g/L in 1998 to 57 ? g/L in March 2002. The impacted soil in the vadose zone has been treated with a vapor extraction system (VES). The cumulative VOC mass removed is 13,145 pounds since May 1999. The VES has been shutdown since December 2001 due to low influent concentrations.

A Production Aquifer Remediation System (PARS) using activated carbon filtering to clean up the production aquifer has been in operation since May 17, 2000. Currently groundwater from Arcadia Well No.5 is being pumped at 300 GPM and discharged to a storm drain. To date (March 2002), PARS has pumped approximately 262.7 million gallons of groundwater and removed 0.51 pounds of MTBE. The average daily influent concentration of MTBE was less than 0.5 ? g/L.

A spiking demonstration test designed to further evaluate system reliability and effectiveness has been conducted for 45 days and completed in December 2000. A Demonstration Test Report dated July 2, 2001 has been submitted and reviewed by the California Department of Health Service (CDHS). CDHS has decided that no public hearing will be held prior to issuance of the permit amendment for the PARS treatment facility. CDHS has completed a final draft permit amendment and is expected to

issue a formal permit amendment to City of Santa Monica (CSM) in May 2002. CSM is then allowed to resume its distribution of treated groundwater water extracted from the Arcadia Wellfield to the resident of CSM. CSM will notify its residents about the intention to resume groundwater production after permit is issued in their newsletter.

#### Completion of Corrective Action at Leaking Underground Fuel Storage Tank Sites

Regional Board staff have reviewed corrective actions taken for soil and/or groundwater contamination problems from leaking underground storage tanks for the time of April 2, 2002, through May 3, 2002, and determined that no further corrective actions are required:

USA Petroleum #226, South El Monte (I-11124)

Former Meadow Oaks School, Calabasas (913020043A)

Colonia Investment Co., LTD Property, Los Angeles (900460107)

A-1 Automotive Repair, Los Angeles (900260116)

Baker Petrolite Corporation, Santa Fe Springs (906700034)

Browings Long Beach Oldsmobile, Lakewood (R-10860)

Former Charter Baywood Hospital, Long Beach (908050134)

#### MTBE Data: Staff Sent out Quarterly Data Report

Nhan Bao

On April 25, 2002, UST staff sent MTBE report, required under SB 592, to all public water system operators, local oversight program, and local implementing agencies within the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles Region. The report lists discharges of MTBE and the locations where MTBE was detected in surface water, soil and/or groundwater and covers the period from January 15, 2002, to April 24, 2002. This report is being generated on a quarterly basis and can be downloaded from our web page at <a href="http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4">http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4</a>.

#### SURFACE WATER DIVISION

#### **General NPDES Permits**

A list of General NPDES Permit Authorization/Revision and Termination for April 2002 can be found on "Attachment B".

#### **REGIONAL PROGRAMS**

STANDARDS AND TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDLs)

#### Basin Plan Amendment to Update the Ammonia Water Quality Objective

Deborah Neiter

The basin plan amendment to update ammonia water quality objectives was heard before the Board on April 25, 2002. The basin plan amendment updates existing ammonia water quality objectives to reflect the revised criteria developed by U.S. EPA in the "1999 Update of Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Ammonia." Regional Board included implementation provisions for the basin plan amendment which provided guidance on which set of objectives to use and how to translate the objectives into effluent limits.

The amendment passed as written with two exceptions. One, saltwater objectives included in the amendment from the Ocean Plan were pulled from the amendment. The Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles raised the issue in comment letters that in some cases the Ocean Plan objectives for saltwater were more stringent than existing objectives and therefore an economic analysis was legally required before adoption. Two, Heal the Bay brought up the issue that the designation "SPWN," to determine early life stage fish (ELS) present, was not sufficient because some water bodies without the "SPWN" designation may in fact support ELS. One year was granted for Board Staff to come back to the Board to resolve these issues in a separate proposed basin plan amendment.

#### State Board Consideration of the Revised Bacteria Standards

On May 2, 2002, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) held a workshop to consider approval of the revised bacteria objectives for waters designated for water contact recreation. The revised bacteria objectives were adopted by the Regional Board on October 25, 2001. Regional Board staff were present at the workshop. The item was agendized for the State Board meeting scheduled for May 16, 2002.

#### **Calleguas Creek Chloride**

The Draft Chloride TMDL for Calleguas Creek was issued for public comment on December 12, 2001, and was scheduled for consideration by the Regional Board on February 28, 2002. Due to extensive concerns raised by local stakeholders, the item was postponed. On March 1, 2002, representatives of the State Board and Regional Board met with representatives of the Calleguas Creek water districts. During that meeting, the water districts described an alternative approach to controlling the chloride problem in the watershed. It was agreed that they would submit the "regional solution" for the Board's consideration.

U.S. EPA established a chloride TMDL on March 22, 2002, as required by a consent decree with Heal the Bay, Santa Monica BayKeeper, and the Natural Resources Defense Council. The TMDL was based on a draft TMDL prepared by Regional Board staff.

On March 29, 2002, the interim discharge limit of 190 mg/L chloride expired. Depending upon the individual permits, some or all of the POTWs may now be subject to effluent limits based on the existing water quality objective of 150 mg/L. Staff received letters from several Calleguas POTWs asking for relief. The Regional Board received a conceptual "Regional Management Plan" for chloride in the Calleguas Creek watershed on April 8, 2002. Subsequently, staff met with stakeholders on several occasions to discuss the chloride issue. On Friday April 26, staff met with the water districts and POTWs. On Saturday, April 27, staff participated in a public forum sponsored by Assemblyman Keith Richman. On Monday, April 29, staff attended the Calleguas Creek Watershed/Water Quality Subcommittee; and on Monday, May 6, Regional Board staff met with U.S.EPA and the water districts to discuss elements of the Regional Plan.

#### **Ahmanson Ranch**

Ahmanson Ranch is a proposed development to be located at the headwaters of Las Virgenes Creek, a tributary of Malibu Creek. The development would consist of 3,050 homes, two golf courses, and 400,000 sq. ft. of commercial and office space. A final EIR for the project was certified in 1992. In 1995, the Regional Board issued a 401 water quality certification for the project. Subsequently, the Army Corps of Engineers issued a section 404 permit (Nationwide Permit No. 26). This permit has now expired. On December 3, 2001, the Regional Board conducted a workshop on the need for recertification of the project under section 401.

Although approved in 1992, a supplemental EIR is required due to the recent finding of endangered and threatened species on the property. The supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Report (SDEIR) referenced other reports on water balance and a water quality. The SDEIR also made reference to a revised water quality report. As stated in the SDEIR, the report was expected to be available during the SDEIR review period, which was scheduled to end on May 1, 2002.

On April 23, 2002, the Executive Officer submitted a written request to extend the SDEIR comment period and to allow time for receipt and review of the revised water quality report.

#### McGrath/Mandalay Coastal Area Pathogen TMDL

Lisa Carlson

Staff met with stakeholders to discuss the development of the TMDL at three different meetings.

McGrath Lake Watershed Action Committee, previously, the McGrath Lake Watershed Action Committee's (WAC) expressed the desire to have a more active role in the development of the TMDL. In working to meet this request, two meetings were held with the WAC.

The first meeting was held on April 3. During this time, the current status of the TMDL was discussed in detail. The WAC was updated on the previous month's TMDL Stakeholder meeting. State Parks informed Board staff that McGrath Lake cannot be used as water contact recreation because State Parks lists it only for passive use.

The second meeting with the McGrath Lake WAC was held on April 19. Board Staff continued the discussion on the TMDL status, including a summary on sampling activity. At this meeting, Board Staff recognized conflicting beneficial uses on McGrath Lake. The REC-1 beneficial use is footnoted, with the statement that the lake has limited access. Board staff also distributed a sheet on future TMDLs in the watershed. Staff noted that these TMDLs have dissimilar sources and probable implementation of load reductions, and therefore will not be completed with the current pathogen TMDL. Other sections of the TMDL were covered, including additional implementation plans, reopeners for new data, and possible additional sources, such as drains into the Edison Canal.

McGrath/Mandalay Coastal Area Pathogen TMDL Stakeholders Meeting. Staff held an information meeting with stakeholders on April 23 at the Ventura County government center. Staff informed the stakeholders of progress made on the TMDL. This progress includes on-site sampling for improved source analysis. Results will be made public after they become available. Stakeholders stated that additional data is available on beach closures for both McGrath and Mandalay Beaches. Staff will use this new data in the development of the TMDLs. Stakeholders also stated that the groundwater intrusion into McGrath Lake may be of smaller volume than previously reported. Stakeholders have also volunteered to assist staff with obtaining flow data from McGrath Lake to McGrath Beach, along with other data. Staff received comments on the draft Numeric Target and Problem Statement from Ventura CoastKeeper and Ventura County Environmental Health Division. These comments were briefly discussed, pending a more detailed response to comments. In addition, a comment letter was received after the meeting from the City of Oxnard. All comment letters will receive responses. Staff will schedule the next stakeholder meeting when new data have been analyzed, and there is additional information to impart to the stakeholders.

#### Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP)

Tracy Vergets

The SWAMP roundtable meeting in Sacramento, in which the State Board, Regional Boards, and California Department of Fish and Game participate in, was held on April 9, 2002. Topics on the agenda included the reassignment of the SWAMP to the Monitoring and Assessment Unit of the State Board, a summary of the bacteria source tracking workshop held at SCCWRP, a discussion on training and preparation of handling of pathogenic/biohazardous materials, an update on the development and review of the QAPP, funding issues, and a data management update. The next Roundtable is scheduled for July 9, 2002. An external scientific review committee is being formed and will meet May 21-23, 2002, in Carmel Valley. To address the goals of the SWAMP program, all monitoring and assessment activities should incorporate scientifically valid concepts and procedures. Scientific validity is customarily accomplished through the scientific peer review process. Effective peer review consists of evaluation and advice from independent, external scientists with specific technical and programmatic experience in the relevant subject areas. SWAMP is a multidisciplinary effort requiring competence in program management, statistical design and analysis, ecology, hydrology, toxicology, and the chemistry of nutrients, conventional parameters and contaminants. Current Regional Board activities include continuing to perform the field reconnaissance in the Santa Monica Bay Watershed Management Area necessary for the upcoming sampling funded in FY2001/02. Fifty-four of the sixtyeight potential sites have been visited and assessed. For more information, please contact Tracy Vergets at (213) 576-6661.

#### **Calleguas Creek Watershed**

The Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan Committee was convened in 1996 to initiate development of a comprehensive watershed management plan. A large group of stakeholders, including federal, state, and local agencies, landowners, businesses, and nonprofit organizations are represented. An Executive Steering Committee, consisting of a much smaller group of stakeholders, guides the day-to-day activities of the watershed group. Subcommittees have changed through time but currently target Water Resources/ Water Quality, Flood Protection and Sediment Management, Habitat/Open Space/ Recreation, Land Use, and Public Outreach/Education. Subcommittees generally meet monthly or bimonthly. The group as a whole is working toward having a draft watershed management plan for review by April. Information about the management committee and its subcommittees can be found at http://www.calleguas.com/cc.htm.

The Executive Steering Committee last met on December 5.

The Water Quality/Water Resources Subcommittee last met on April 29 and had discussions on the status of the Board's chloride TMDL as well as 2002 budget and workplan. A public review draft of the Calleguas Creek Nutrient TMDL report can be found at <a href="http://www.calleguas.com/">http://www.calleguas.com/</a>.

The Flood Protection/Sedimentation Subcommittee last met on April 8. They are currently involved with modeling the watershed's hydrology as well as erosion and sedimentation. Draft action items being pursued include efforts to: 1) Adopt uniform hydrologic criteria and methodologies for local flood control planning and facility maintenance, 2) Work with the Land Use Subcommittee to identify uniform criteria to coordinate land use planning in flood prone areas, 3) Promote and recommend Best Management Practices based on a watershed-wide strategy to control volume and flowrate of storm water runoff, 4) Identify, encourage and promote demonstration projects for model flood protection techniques on public and private property, 5) Identify strategies to promote the use of flood control facilities for recreational and trail usage, 6) Public outreach, 7) Identify, encourage and promote demonstration projects to protect private property, 8) Investigate incentives and funding programs, and 12) Assist RWQCB in developing TMDL's for sediment pollutants. Their next meeting is scheduled for May 13.

The Public Outreach/Education Subcommittee last met on October 4.

A Land Use Subcommittee includes representatives from local planning agencies. This subcommittee is last met on March 13. The collection and utilization of land use data (GIS-based) is a major current task.

The Habitat/Recreation Subcommittee met on March 12 and continues oversight of the vegetation mapping component of a wetlands study. An update on the status of the project was provided by the consultant. A previous work product, funded by the California Coastal Conservancy, is the Watershed Wetlands Restoration Plan available at <a href="http://www.calleguas.com/cc.htm">http://www.calleguas.com/cc.htm</a>. Prioritization of sites identified in the Restoration Plan will be the next step. The group's next meeting is scheduled for May 13.

#### **Los Angeles River Watershed**

The Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month. The Watershed Council is a consortium of government agencies, community and environmental groups, business and academia who organized both to resolve and prevent problems in the watershed in a cooperative, collaborative manner.

Formation of the Watershed Council grew out of a conference held in 1995 to discuss how to initiate and/or implement watershed management objectives in the greater Los Angeles Area. Stakeholders in attendance agreed to continue meeting and begin a multi-purpose cooperative watershed management process that is open to the public. The Council's website is at <a href="http://www.lasgrwc.org">http://www.lasgrwc.org</a>.

The Watershed Council has published a document entitled, "Beneficial Uses of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers." Copies may be obtained by contacting the Watershed Council's offices at 213-367-4111.

The Friends of the LA River has a Los Angeles River e-mail discussion forum. To subscribe, e-mail to la-river-discuss-subscribe@makelist.com. To view archives of past Los Angeles River discussions on the Internet, go to http://www.egroups.com/list/la-river-discuss.

#### San Gabriel River Watershed

A "State of the Watershed" report is available for the San Gabriel River Watershed which was prepared by Regional Board staff in 2000. The report describes the watershed, with its many diversion structures and recharge areas, and summarizes available water quality data in a manner easily understood by the layperson. The complete set of data evaluated for the report (as well as the report itself) is available electronically by contacting Shirley Birosik at <a href="mailto:sbirosik@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov">sbirosik@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov</a>. Hardcopies of the report are also available.

There are ongoing meetings being held for planning of a San Gabriel River Education Center which may be built in the Whittier Narrows area. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 3:00 PM at the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District offices.

In 1999, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors directed the Department of Public Works (in cooperation with the County Departments of Parks and Recreation and Regional Planning) to prepare a San Gabriel River Master Plan. The National Park Service through its Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program will assist in the development effort. All river stakeholders have been invited to participate. The Master Plan will be a consensus-based document that will recognize and address River issues and concerns of the stakeholders. It will include areas within existing rights of way from Morris Dam in the San Gabriel Mountains to the River's outlet in Seal Beach. The Master

Plan will identify project opportunities for: enhancements for recreation, open space, and habitat areas; restoration; preservation of the River's natural resources; maintaining flood protection and existing water rights. The Master Plan effort will be coordinated with the activities of the recently formed San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountain Conservancy. The final Master Plan is expected to be ready for approval in 2003. Information on the Master Plan effort may be found at <a href="http://ladpw.org/pln/sgrmp/">http://ladpw.org/pln/sgrmp/</a>.

The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy has produced a Guiding Principles Watershed and Open Space Plan which may be obtained at <a href="http://www.rmc.ca.gov/">http://www.rmc.ca.gov/</a>. The Conservancy is an independent State agency within the Resources Agency of the State of California established by state law in 1999. Its jurisdiction includes the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles

River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills. It was established to preserve urban open space and habitats in order to provide for low-impact recreation and educational uses, wildlife and habitat restoration and protection, and watershed improvements within its jurisdiction. Approaches for implementation of the Open Space Plan are now under discussion.

The Friends of the San Gabriel River is an active stakeholder in the watershed and their website is at <a href="http://www.sangabrielriver.org/">http://www.sangabrielriver.org/</a>.

#### **Ventura River Watershed**

A "State of the Watershed" report for the Ventura River Watershed has recently been finalized by Regional Board staff. The report describes the watershed and summarizes available water quality data in a manner easily understood by the layperson. The complete set of data evaluated for the report (as well as the report itself) is available electronically by contacting Shirley Birosik at <a href="mailto:sbirosik@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov">sbirosik@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov</a>. Hardcopies of the report are now being printed.

An Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study in ongoing in the watershed. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Ventura County Flood Control District are the major partners in this effort which will evaluate, among other options, the feasibility of restoring the ecosystem through removal of Matilija Dam. More information may obtained on the website <a href="http://www.matilijadam.org/">http://www.matilijadam.org/</a>.

#### Santa Monica Bay Watershed Management Area – Malibu Creek Watershed

The Malibu Creek Watershed Executive and Advisory Council have met on a bimonthly basis for many years and is concerned with a variety of human health and habitat issues. Current active committees/task forces under the Council include those focusing on lagoon water level management, exotic species, steelhead trout recovery, human health, education/outreach, flow reduction, and volunteer monitoring.

The Watershed Council last met on April 9 and included a report on subcommittee activities. Also included was a discussion of grant being pursued in the watershed, an update on the nutrient and coliform TMDLs being undertaken, and the status of implementation of recommended wetlands restoration projects and best management projects . The Council's next meeting is scheduled for June 11. A website for the group is being developed.

A Malibu Creek Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study has recently begun. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and California Department of Parks and Recreation are the major partners in this effort which will evaluate, among other options, the feasibility of restoring the ecosystem through removal of Rindge Dam. A public scoping meeting for the effort will be held on may 29 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District headquarters located at 4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas.

#### Santa Monica Bay Watershed Management Area - Topanga Creek Watershed

A watershed committee has been meeting in the Topanga Creek Watershed since 1998. This group was formed as a follow-up to the Topanga Canyon Floodplain Management Citizens' Advisory Committee which produced a draft Topanga Creek Watershed Management Plan in 1996. A major goal of the watershed committee is to prioritize potential watershed protection actions previously identified, participate in a coordinated resource management planning (CRMP) process, and finalize the draft watershed management plan. The Committee last met on March 21. The group's next meeting is scheduled for May 16. Release of the finalized management plan will occur at that meeting. Their website address is <a href="http://www.TopangaOnline.com/twc/">http://www.TopangaOnline.com/twc/</a>.

The group's Technical and Landowners Advisory Committee provides oversight for the feasibility study, mentioned in the previous paragraph, that will help develop design parameters for possible restoration of the Topanga Lagoon. The Committee last met on February 13 to review the consultant's work to date. A draft document covering this work is currently being revised.

#### **Dominguez Channel Watershed**

A Dominguez Channel Watershed Advisory Committee was formed in February 2001 and meets on a monthly basis to conduct a variety of tasks including development of a Watershed Management Master Plan aimed at protecting and improving the environment and beneficial uses of the watershed. Proposition 13 funding (\$200,000) was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board for the LA County Department of Public Works to work on a watershed plan. Many members of the group are interested in participating in Regional Board TMDL work in the watershed. Monitoring will be a major early activity. Subcommittees have been formed to concentrate on selecting a consultant to begin writing the watershed plan, deal with detailed technical issues, and pursue additional funding. Meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of each month. A website for the group is in development at <a href="http://ladpw.org/wmd/watershed/dc/">http://ladpw.org/wmd/watershed/dc/</a>.

#### **Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project**

The Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project is a partnership of public agencies working cooperatively to acquire, restore, and enhance coastal wetlands and watersheds between Point Conception and the International border with Mexico. Using a non-regulatory approach and an ecosystem perspective, the Wetlands Project works to identify wetland acquisition and restoration priorities, prepare plans for these priority sites, pool funds to undertake these projects, implement priority plans, and oversee post-project maintenance and monitoring. The Wetlands Project is headed by Board of Governors comprised of top officials from each of the participating agencies. The Southern California Wetlands Managers Group and the Public Advisory Committee serve as advisory committees to the Board. The Wetlands Managers Group is responsible for drafting the regional restoration plan and advising the Governing Board on regional acquisition, restoration, and enhancement priorities. The Wetlands Project has also established a panel of scientists to advise on regional goals, specific objectives, project criteria, and priorities. Governing Board meetings are public and are noticed at least 10 days prior to each meeting. If you sign up on the Wetlands Project email list, you will receive email notification of all board meetings. Minutes from previous meetings and other information about the group may be found on their website at http://www.coastalconservancy.ca.gov/scwrp/index.html.

Meetings with the Los Angeles County and Ventura County Task Forces occurred in January 2002 to hear about specific wetlands restoration proposals. The deadline for applying for funding was February 15 and the Board of Governors will meet on June 6 to consider the proposed list of projects.

#### **Watershed Management Initiative Chapter**

Each Regional Board updates a "chapter" on an annual basis, which describes how that Board is implementing watershed management. The last update occurred at the end of December 2001. The consolidated statewide document is the basis for many funding decisions including allocating money for monitoring, TMDL development, and grant monies disbursement. Hardcopies of this Region's current Chapter (as well as Appendices) may be obtained by contacting the Regional Board office, Regional Programs Section secretary, at 213-576-6619. The updated document may also be obtained electronically (in MSWord97) by contacting Shirley Birosik, Watershed Coordinator, at 213-576-6679 or <a href="mailto:sbirosik@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov">sbirosik@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov</a>. It can also be downloaded off the Regional Board's website at <a href="http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/programs/regional\_programs.html">http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/programs/regional\_programs.html</a>.

#### <u>Funding</u>

Information on a wide variety of funding sources is available on the Regional Board webpage at <a href="http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/fundings.html">http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/fundings.html</a> under "Grant Funding Sources" as both a Word97 document and Adobe Acrobat file.

Proposition 13 Funding: The Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Phase II funding has been released by State Board; those entities invited to submit a full proposal must do so by June 7. More information may be found on the State Board's website at <a href="http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/prop13/index.html">http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/prop13/index.html</a>.

#### NONPOINT SOURCE

#### **Section 401 Water Quality Certification Program**

The following Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) actions have been issued since March 28, 2002:

Date of Issuance	<u> </u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Action</u>		
4/5/02	02-024	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works: Programs Development Division	Puddingstone Channel - Invert Access Ramp Project	Standard WQC		
4/12/02	02-029	City of Los Angeles	Moorpark Street Bridge Restoration Project	Standard WQC		
4/12/02	02-028	City of Los Angeles	Fulton Avenue Bridge Restoration Project	Standard WQC		
4/15/02	01-144	Rose Hills Company	Sycamore Channel (west) Restoration	Conditional WQC		

Certification actions recently issued and project descriptions for applications currently being reviewed can be viewed from our Web Site located at

http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/meetings/401wqc.html

For additional information regarding our Section 401 Program, please contact Jason Lambert at (213) 576-5733 or Valerie Carrillo at (213) 576-6759. Any petitions for the appeal of a Section 401 WQC action must be filed within 30 days of the date of its issuance. We encourage public input during the certification process.

#### **OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

#### Industrial—Speech

Yi Lu

Regional Board staff gave a speech on May 21, 2002, to the San Gabriel Valley group of the Community Awareness and Emergency Respond (CARE). Staff will address storm water annual report requirements and general site inspection procedures. For details about the event, please contact CARE, Mr. Javed Hussain, at (626) 815-2220.

#### **Malibu Creek Nutrient and Coliform TMDLs**

Rod Collins

TMDL staff made two presentations during the month of April. A presentation to the Malibu Creek Watershed Advisory Committee was made on Tuesday, April 9, 2002. The Advisory Committee meeting was held at the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Board Room, located at 4332 Las Virgenes Road in Calabasas. The presentation covered the TMDL numeric targets, linkage analysis, and proposed load allocations. On Wednesday April 17, TMDL staff made a presentation to the Septics Task Force. The task force is mediated by the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project. The TMDL unit presented an update on the TMDL development, including preliminary findings from ongoing studies regarding algal growth, estimated loadings from sources of nutrients and bacteria, and a summary of the Santa Monica Bay pathogen TMDL, which will be used as a template for the Malibu Creek pathogen TMDL. The presentation was made to individuals from various organizations including the County of Los Angeles, the City of Malibu, and Heal the Bay. For further information contact Rod Collins at (213) 576-6691.

#### **Coliform Workgroup**

Lisa Carlson

Board staff conducted a coliform workgroup for staff working on coliform TMDLs. The latest meeting was held on April 29, 2002. Staff gave updates on the current status of their coliform TMDLs. The discussion included beach closures, wet and dry criteria and exceedance limits. This month's meeting included discussions on the pathogenic input from birds and animals and their danger to human health. Finally, senior staff gave an update on current TMDL technical directions.

#### Personnel Report

As of May 23, 2002 our staff total is 169: 148 technical staff (including 4 part-time staff), 9 permanent analytical staff and 12 permanent clerical staff.

Staff is currently taking steps to fill our vacant CEA positions, 1 Section Chief position and 3 technical positions.

The following appointments were made:

**Alex Alimohammadi,** Water Resource Control Engineer, Storm Water Ventura Unit, appointed 05/01/02.

Orlando Gonzales, Water Resource Control Engineer, Non-Chapter 15 Unit, appointed 05/15/02.

#### **Staffing Update**

Wendy Phillips

The Storm Water Section is fortunate to have Patricia Garcia join as secretary for the Section. Pat transferred from R7 (the Palm Desert office), where she gained administrative experience as well as storm water and enforcement experience as a Sanitary Engineering Technician Trainee. She brings an understanding of basic elements of storm water regulations as well as new administrative ideas for the voluminous documents associated with the program.

The following separated from Region 4:

Carey Wilder, Engineering Geologist, transferred to Region 1effective 05/03/02.

#### Attachment "A"

#### **Enforcement Unit NPDES Facility Inspections April 2002**

"A" type compliance - Comprehensive inspection, no samples were taken

**"B" type compliance** - A routine nonsampling inspection

<u>Discharger</u>	Name	<u>CI</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>No</u>	Program Class	Recent Inspection	Address	<u>City</u>	NPDES_No		Estimated Date of Inspection		Type of Inspection
Arco Pipe Line Co.	Carson Crude Oil Terminal	6810	97- 075	MIN	6/27/96	14696 Wilmington Ave	Carson	CA0060232	JP	Not scheduled	4/3/02	"B" type compliance - A routine non- sampling inspection
Equilon Enterprises LLC	Tank Leak- 2186 Redondo Bch Bl.	7366	97- 046	MIN	6/27/96	2186 Redondo Beach Blvd		CAG834001	JP	Not scheduled	4/5/02	"B" type compliance - A routine non- sampling inspection
Atria West	Gw-Office Building East.	7070	045	MIN	6/23/97	10585 Santa Monica Blvd	Los Angeles	CAG994001	JP	Jun-02		"B" type compliance - A routine non- sampling inspection
Atria West	Gw-Office Building West.	7071	97- 045	MIN	6/26/98	10586 Santa Monica Blvd	Los Angeles	CAG994002	JP	Not scheduled	4/23/02	"B" type compliance - A routine non- sampling inspection
Burbank, City Of Public Service	Gw-Burbank Public Service Dept	7132	97- 045	MIN	6/25/97	164 W. Mangolia Blvd	Burbank	CAG994001	JP	Jun-02	4/24/02	"B" type compliance - A routine non- sampling inspection
Keysor- Century Corporation	PVC Manufacturing Plant	1954	98- 032	MIN	10/19/01	26000 Sprigbrook Ave.	Saugus	CA0057126	JP	Not scheduled	4/25/02	"B" type compliance - A routine non- sampling inspection
El Segundo Power, L.L.C.	El Segundo Generating Station	4667	00- 084	MAJ	6/22/01	301 Vista Del Mar	El Segundo	CA0001147	JP	5/21/02	5/3/02	"A" type compliance - Comprehensive inspection, no samples were taken
Reliant Energy	Mandalay Generating Station	2093	94- 131	MAJ	6/13/01	393 N. Harbor Blvd	Oxnard	CA0001180	JP	5/7/02	5/7/02	"A" type compliance - Comprehensive inspection, no

												samples were taken
Keysor- Century Corporation	PVC Manufacturing Plant	1954	98- 032	MIN	4/25/02	26001 Sprigbrook Ave.	Saugus	CA0057126	JP	Not scheduled	5/8/02	"B" type compliance - A nonsampling inspection
Chevron U.S.A. Inc.	El Segundo Refinery	1603	97- 112	MAJ	5/1/01	324 W. El Segundo Blvd	El Segundo	CA0000337	JM	4/2/02	5/1/02	"A" type compliance - Comprehensive inspection, no samples were taken
Los Angeles City of DWP	Valley Generating Station	8244	97- 047	MIN	None	1801 Sheldon St	Sun Valley	CAG674001	JM	6/26/02	5/9/02	"B" type compliance - A routine non- sampling inspection
Los Angeles City of DWP	Sepulveda Trunk Line Project	8245	97- 047	MIN	None	Area of Sepulveda near Haskell	Sylmar	CAG674001	JM	6/27/02	5/9/02	"B" type compliance - A routine non- sampling inspection

## Attachment "B"

## **General Permitting Unit**

## **General NPDES Permit Authorization/Revision and Termination – March 2002**

	General Permit type and Facility name & Location	Date of	Date of	Date of
Α.	NPDES CAG994001 (Order No. 97-045) Dewatering (no treatment)	Coverage	Revision	Termination
1	R P 120, LLC, Robertson Properties Group, 120 N. Robertson Boulevard, Los Angeles		03/07/02	
2	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Project 9037 Unit 4, San Francisco Street, Long Beach			03/12/02
3	Clarity Partners, LP, 100 Crescent Drive, Beverly Hills		03/21/02	
4	Southern California Water Company, Ocean Gate Well, 133 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Hawthorne			03/14/02
5	W/B LTD, 12100 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles		03/21/02	
6	Valencia Water Company, Creekside Bank Stabilization Project Site, Santa Clarita			03/29/02
7	Valencia Company, East Creek Channel Lining Project, Located South of Copperhill Drive Bridge, Santa Clarita			3/29/02
В	NPDES CAG994002 (Order No. 97-043) Dewatering (treatment required)			
1	Southern California Water Company, 129 <sup>th</sup> Street Well No. 2, 2931 W. 129 <sup>th</sup> Street, Gardena	03/14/02		
2	Port of Los Angeles, Berth 100 Near Front Street and Pacific Avenue, San Pedro	03/20/02		
3	Southern California Water Company, Otis Well No.3, 6424 Otis Avenue, Bell	03/22/02		
4	Southern California Water Company, Roseton Well No. 2, 17456 Roseton Avenue, Artesia	03/22/02		

C.	NPDES CAG674001 (Order No. 97-047) Hydrostatic Test Water		
1	Equilon Pipeline Company, LLC, Equilon California Pipeline Company, 3284 N. Ventura Avenue, Ventura	03/01/02	
2	City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power, East Valley Water Recycling Project, San Fernando Valley		
3	Paktank Corporation, Los Angeles Terminal, 2200 East Pacific Coast Highway, Wilmington	03/11/02	
4	City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Roscoe Trunkline No. 2 Project, Along Roscoe Boulevard and Hayvenhurst Avenue, Los Angeles		003/22/02
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D.	NPDES CAG994003 (Order No. 98-055) Nonprocess		
Ε.	NPDES CAG834001 (Order No. 97-046) – Cleanup of Petroleum Fuel Pollution		
1	ExxonMobil Oil Corporation, Station No.18-H7A, 855 Wendy Drive, Newbury Park		03/22/02
2	Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center, 1420 South Central Avenue, Glendale		03/29/02
F.	NPDES CAG914001(Order No. 97-044) – Cleanup of Volatile Organic Compounds Contaminated Groundwater		
1	J.A.B Holding Inc., 9401 Whitmore Street, El Monte		03/06/02

## Attachment "C"

## **Monthly Summary of Regional Board Enforcement Actions**

## **April 2002**

	13267 Letters			NTCs	CAOs	TSOs	CDOs	Administrative Civil Liability Penalty Complaints			Program Total	
								Migden Mandatory	Storm- water related	others	Total ACLs	
<b>Enforcement</b>	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	5	17
NPDES	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Stormwater	-	-	21	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41
Underground Tanks	1	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7
Site Cleanup I, II & III	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WDRs	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WIP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Landfills	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other (401, NPS)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	8	-	30	22	-	-	-	4	-	1	6	66
YTD Total	41	9	174	140	3	-	1	10	3	1	16	384

## 13267 Letter - Requirement to Submit Information

Level 1 enforcement - Notice of Non Compliance

NOV - Notice of Violation

NTC - Notice to Comply

CAO - Clean up and Abatement Order

TSO - Time Schedule Order

CDO - Cease and Desist Order

ACL – Administrative Civil Liability

NPDES – National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

WIP - Well Investigation Program

NPS - Nonpoint Source

WDR – Waste Discharge Requirement