#### California Regional Water Quality Control Board Los Angeles Region

# **Executive Officer's Report Jonathan Bishop, Interim Executive Officer**

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# Enforcement & Groundwater Permitting

Mandatory Minimum Penalty

#### **Long Beach Unified School District**

Lala Kabadaian

A Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP) was issued against the Long Beach Unified School District on June 18, 2004, for \$6,000, for violation of waste discharge requirements contained in Regional Board Order No. 97-055 pertaining to the Robert Millikan High School Natatorium by submitting their Annual 2003 self-monitoring report on May 25, 2004, a total of 85 days after the due date of March 1, 2004. The Long Beach Unified School District has until July 21, 2004 to submit a signed waiver and the penalty assessed to the Regional Board.

#### Bevcon I, L.L.C.

Russ Colby

A Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP) was issued against Bevcon I, L.L.C. on June 18, 2004, for \$3000, for violation of waste discharge requirements contained in Regional Board Order No. 97-045 by submitting their self-monitoring report for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2004 on May 26, 2004, a total of 41 days after the due date of April 15, 2004. Bevcon I, L.L.C. has until July 21, 2004 to submit a signed waiver and the penalty assessed to the Regional Board.

#### **NPDES Facility Inspections**

Jesus Plasencia and Jose Morales

Enforcement Unit NPDES inspectors conducted inspections at 10 facilities with NPDES Permits since June 10, 2004. Inspection of these facilities is a required part of the NPDES program.

#### **Self Monitoring Reports**

**Enforcement Staff** 

Staff reviewed 129 Self-Monitoring Reports submitted by NPDES permit holders since June 10, 2004.

#### **Notices Of Violation – NPDES DMRs**

**Enforcement Staff** 

The Executive Officer issued Notices of Violation and Requirements to Submit information to 2 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.

# Waste Discharge Requirement Program Non Chapter 15 Unit

#### **Kathleen Flynn Smith Trust**

Dionisia Rodriguez

Kathleen Flynn Smith Trust (KFS) owns the property located on the north side of Pacific Coast Highway at 22221-22227 W. Pacific Coast Highway. Colleen Flynn Kitrelle and Albert Morrow are the Trustees of KFS. The property consists of a three-unit commercial property building and a three-unit apartment building. The wastewater is composed of typical residential waste, which is disposed of using a septic disposal system. Wastewater flows from a 3,200-gallon two-chambered septic tank to a leachfield approximately 18 inches below the ground surface. The average volume of discharge is estimated at 360 gallons per day (gpd).

Regional Board staff have reviewed the information provided and have determined that the proposed discharge meets the conditions specified in Order No. 01-031, "General Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Commercial and Multifamily Residential Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems." The case was enrolled under Order No. 01-031 on May 21, 2004.

#### **Dume View Villas HOA**

Dionisia Rodriguez

Mr. W. Gayle Daniel (Discharger) is the president of the Dume View Villas Home Owners Association (HOA), which owns the Dume View Villas. The Dume View Villas, located at 29192 Heatherclift Road in Malibu, is a two story six-unit condominium with two bedrooms and three bathrooms in each unit.

Wastewater flows from a 4,500-gallon septic tank to a distribution box that allows flow to a seepage pit, which is 5 feet (ft) by 40 ft deep with a 5 ft capping depth. The Discharger estimated the yearly average volume of discharge at 800 gallons per day (gpd) of wastewater.

Regional Board staff have determined that the discharge meets the conditions specified in the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) Water Quality Order No. 97-10-DWQ, "General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land by Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems." The case was enrolled under Order No. 97-10-DWQ on May 27, 2004.

#### Quail Ranch (Tract 50173-01)

Toni Callaway

Mary E. Fredrick owns and plans to develop Tract 50173-01 (approximately 16 acres) into 8 single-family homes which will discharge their domestic wastewater into individual septic disposal systems (leachfields). Tract 50173-01 is a subset of Tentative Tract Map No. 50173 consisting of 14 lots on 30.1 acres. Vested Tract 50173 received approval on December 14, 1994 from the Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning after a Negative Declaration determination was issued under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

After Tract 50173-01 is fully developed, it is expected that a discharge volume between 2400 gallons per day (gpd) and 4000 gpd of domestic wastes will be discharged to the sewage disposal systems.

Tract 50173-01 is located in Sand Canyon south and east of the intersection of Sand Canyon Road and Highway 14 in Los Angeles County's unincorporated Canyon County area. Quail Ranch lies in the recharge area for the Santa Clara-Mint Canyon sub-area of the Eastern Santa Clara Basin.

Regional Board staff have reviewed the information provided and have determined that the proposed discharge meets the conditions specified in Order No. 91-94, "General Waste Discharge Requirements for Private Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems in Areas Where Groundwater is Used or May Be Used for Domestic Purposes." The case was enrolled under Order No. 91-94 on June 2, 2004.

#### **Cosentino Trust**

Dionisia Rodriguez

Cosentino Trust owns Cosentino's Nursery (Nursery), a gardening nursery, located at 21201 Pacific Coast Highway in the City of Malibu. The Nursery discharges domestic wastewater from one toilet and one sink into an on-site waste disposal system that consists of a 750-gallon septic tank and a leachfield. However the size of the leachfield is not known. The average volume of discharge is estimated at 125 gallons per day (gpd) of wastewater from employee and occasional customer use of the bathroom.

Regional Board staff have determined that the discharge meets the conditions specified in the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) Water Quality Order No. 97-10-DWQ, "General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land by Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems." The case was enrolled under Order No. 97-10-DWQ on June 7, 2004.

# Rescission of WDRs for CalMat Properties Co. (Order No. 97-026)

David Koo

CalMat Properties Co. owned the property located at 4829 North Irwindale Avenue in the City of Irwindale. On March 3, 1997, this Regional Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 97-026, for CalMat Properties Co. for the discharge of storm water runoff from the site to a percolation pond.

Between October 1999 and August 2000, Crow Family Holdings Industrial Limited Partnership purchased the property from CalMat Properties Co. In December of 2002, ING Clarion Partners purchased Crow Family Holdings Industrial Limited Partnership. The entity changed its name to LIT Industrial Limited Partnership in January 2003 and assumed responsibility pertaining to the waste discharge requirements.

On July 23, 2003, LIT Industrial Limited Partnership requested rescission of Order No. 97-026. On October 15, 2003, Regional Board staff conducted an inspection of the site and verified that the percolation pond no longer exists and that a concrete lined retention basin with an associated pump station had been constructed. On June 10, 2004, the Regional Board considered all factors and adopted Order No. R4-2004-0093 for rescission of Order No. 97-026.

#### **WDR Facility Inspections**

Non-Chapter 15

Non-Chapter 15 Unit staff conducted 5 site inspections. Inspection of the facilities is a required part of the WDR program.

#### **Self Monitoring Reports**

Non-Chapter 15

Non-Chapter 15 Unit staff reviewed a total of 36 Self Monitoring Reports submitted by WDR permit holders.

## **Underground Storage Tank Program**

#### **Charnock Sub-basin MTBE Cleanup**

Weixing Tong/Jay Huang

On November 21, 2003, the City of Santa Monica and three oil companies (Shell Oil, ChevronTexaco, and ExxonMobil) reached a settlement that promises the construction of a treatment plant to restore the drinking water supply to the residents of Santa Monica from the Charnock Sub-Basin within five years from now. In 1996, the discovery of MTBE contamination of the City of Santa Monica's Charnock wellfield resulted in shutdown of the wellfield and consequently a loss of over 6 million gallons per day of groundwater supply — an amount equal to approximately half of the City's daily water demand. Now all parties are in the stage of implementing the agreement.

Since 1996, this Regional Board, working along with USEPA, has diligently investigated and overseen cleanup of the regional and site-specific contamination. As of April 2004, a total of 317 million gallons of groundwater in the Charnock Sub-Basin Investigation Area have been treated. A total of 1,838 pounds of MTBE have been removed from groundwater and 4,184 pounds of MTBE from soil. In addition, 13,415 pounds of gasoline have been removed from groundwater and 201,289 pounds from soil (see the table below).

PRP	Site Name	Soil Remediation			Groundwater Remediation			
		TPHg lb	Benzene lb	MTBE lb	TPHg lb	Benzene lb	MTBE lb	Water million gal
4	Arco Station #1246	59,075	1,071	23				
6	Former Conoco station	4,540	39	0				
7	Former Unocal Station #3016	27,660	83	90	0.8	0.004	1	0.765
8	Mobil Station # 18- FX5	14,886	85	305	1,078	3.15	1.15	41
10	Chevron Station #9- 0561	5,118	11	34			0.124	0.161
11	Shell Station # 204- 1944-0100	5,235	32	107	12,336	605	1,836	275
12	Winall #18	14,665	99	1,937				
15	Former Powergas station	17,501	61	933				
23	Former Thrifty #247	52,609	632	755				
	Total	201,289	2,113	4,184	13,415	608	1,838	317

To date, the site-specific cleanup is still ongoing. The construction of the treatment plant combining with source site cleanup will ensure the full restoration of groundwater production from the Charnock Sub-Basin.

In the meantime, staff have also been conducting low risk review for those Charnock sites where cleanup has been completed. From February to April 2004, staff issued "No Further Action" letter to five sites (PRP sites #5, #37, #21, #36 and #42).

For more information on the Charnock Sub-Basin cleanup, visit <a href="http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/programs/ust/charnock\_mtbe.html">http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/programs/ust/charnock\_mtbe.html</a>. Or <a href="https://www.epa.gov/region09/charnock">www.epa.gov/region09/charnock</a>.

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

Regional Board staff have reviewed corrective actions taken for soil and/or groundwater contamination problems from leaking underground storage tanks for the time of May 19, 2004 through June 10, 2004, and determined that no further corrective actions are required for the following sites:

- Crenshaw Auto Repair, Gardena (R-01446)
- Shell Service Station #204-8106-0307, Venice (902910198)
- City of El Monte Police Parking Facility, El Monte (R-09340)

For the case closure sites above, a total of 4442 pounds of hydrocarbons, 57 pounds of benzene, and 348 pounds of MTBE have been removed at the completion of cleanup. In addition, 274,330 gallons of water were treated

## Surface Water Division

#### Watershed Regulatory

#### <u>Power Plants – Impingement and Entrainment</u> <u>Issues</u>

Tony Rizk

At the July 10, 2003 California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) meeting, the Regional Board directed staff to convene a working group to discuss entrainment and impingement impacts from coastal electric generating stations in our region.

The first informal meeting took place on Thursday, August 28, 2003, at the Regional Board office, and was reported in the October Executive Officer Report.

The second meeting was held on Thursday, December 11, 2003. The Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), in a daylong mini-workshop, presented the current state of research into applicable mitigation technologies and economic feasibility.

The third meeting was held on January 14, 2004. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) presented, via teleconference, presented a review of the Rule development, and provided an update on the development timeline and anticipated revisions based on comments received.

On May 28, 2004, the USEPA Administrator resigned the Revised 316(b) Rule for publication in the Federal Register.

The next meeting of the working group will be held on July 13, 2004, at the El Segundo Power Plant (El Segundo), hosted by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP). It is anticipated that the meeting attendees include:

- Heal the Bay and the Santa Monica Bay Keeper (environmental groups),
- Reliant Energy, Dynegy-NRG, LA DWP, AES Corporation (all nine coastal generating stations) and their consultants,
- USEPA,
- Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC), and
- Regional Board.

The meeting will review the resigned Rule and its implications on the coastal power plants in the Los Angeles Region, and include a tour of the El Segundo facility, with particular focus on the Cooling Water Intake Structure (CWIS).

## Regional Programs

Standards and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)

#### **Los Angeles Harbor Bacteria TMDL** LB Nye

Bacterial contamination of the Los Angeles Harbor, including the Main Ship Channel and the popular recreational destination, Cabrillo Beach, is the subject of a TMDL scheduled for consideration by the Board on 1 July 2004. Cabrillo Beach supports many uses including water contact and non-water contact recreation and wildlife; the Los Angeles Harbor supports industrial and commercial uses and wildlife, also. Preparation of the TMDL included four public meetings held at Cabrillo Beach and two early drafts of the Staff Report released to stakeholders. This TMDL uses similar science and reasoning as the Santa Monica Bay Beaches and Marina Del Rey Bacteria TMDLs.

The Staff Report, tentative Basin Plan Amendment and tentative Board Resolution were noticed and placed on the Regional Board website on April 30<sup>th</sup> 2004 and staff are currently receiving comment on the documents.

#### **Malibu Creek Nutrient TMDL**

**Rod Collins** 

A CEQA scoping meeting for the Malibu Creek Nutrient TMDL will be held at the City of Malibu, City Council Chambers located at 23815 Stuart Ranch Road on July 7, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. A public notice was sent to all interested parties on May 13, 2004. For further information contact Rod Collins at (213) 576-6691.

## Watershed Management

#### Santa Clara River Watershed

A public review draft of the Santa Clara River Enhancement and Management Plan (SCREMP) is available <a href="http://sdgis.amec.com/scremp/index.htm">http://sdgis.amec.com/scremp/index.htm</a>. The SCREMP addresses management of the 500-year floodplain of the main river corridor. Hardcopies of the SCREMP will be available at Los Angeles and Ventura Counties government offices as well as on a website to be developed. Related to the SCREMP, Clean Water Act Section 205(j) grant monies have been awarded to the Ventura County Watershed Protection District for development of a river monitoring plan. Additionally, an Army Corps of Engineers-sponsored watershed-wide planning effort will begin which will follow up on the intensive effort put into river corridor planning.

In 1994, a pipeline over the Santa Clara River ruptured during the Northridge Earthquake and spilled crude oil.

Funds from a settlement for natural resources damages are being administered by the Santa Clara River Trustee Council which is made up of representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and California Department of Fish and Game. The Council has announced the availability of \$1.5 million to fund ecological restoration projects in the Santa Clara River Watershed through a grant program. The pre-proposal deadline was June 14. Additional information may be obtained at <a href="http://ventura.fws.gov/santaclarariver.html">http://ventura.fws.gov/santaclarariver.html</a> or by contacting Kate Symonds, Restoration Grant Coordinator, at <a href="https://xentura.fws.gov">kate\_symonds@r1.fws.gov</a>.

#### 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 http://www.lasgrwc.org.

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 Watershed Council is also producing a document entitled, "Water Supply and Management in the Los Angeles Area" which is currently being circulated as a draft for public comment.

The Watershed Council was awarded Proposition 13 grant funds from the State Water Resources Control Board to prepare a Compton Creek Watershed Management Plan. Compton Creek is a tributary to the lower Los Angeles River. A steering committee has been formed which will meeting over this year.

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), in partnership with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), was awarded Proposition 13 grant funds from the State Water Resources Control Board to prepare a Rio Hondo Watershed Management Plan.

The Rio Hondo is a major subwatershed draining to the Los Angeles River. A public advisory committee for the Management Plan development first met in May 2003. Once the Plan is completed in 2004, it is anticipated that the RMC will adopt it as part of their Rivers and Tributaries Greenway Plan. A webpage for the watershed management planning process is at http://www.rmc.ca.gov/rio hondo/rh index.html.

Information about the Arroyo Seco, a major tributary to the Los Angeles River, may be found at the Arroyo Seco Foundation's website <a href="http://www.arroyoseco.org/">http://www.arroyoseco.org/</a>.

The Friends of the LA River is a nonprofit organization formed in 1986 in support of Los Angeles River restoration activities.

More information about the organization may be found at http://www.folar.org/.

#### 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 sbirosik@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov. The report can also be downloaded in its entirety by accessing the Regional Board's website at <a href="http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4">http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4</a> and clicking on "Watersheds" on the left side-bar which leads to a clickable map of the region's watersheds for information specific to each one. 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 San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountain Conservancy. A public review draft has recently been released.

The next meeting of the Master Plan group is scheduled for July 12. 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 (RMC) has produced a Guiding Principles Watershed and Open Space Plan which may be obtained at http://www.rmc.ca.gov/. Meeting notices for the Conservancy's Board are also on the website. 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. Implementation of the Open Space Plan is occurring partly through award of pass-through grant funds.

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>.

The San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy (SGMRC) is a private, nonprofit, collaborative organization established in 1997. The SGMRC was awarded a Proposition 13 Watershed Protection Grant by the State Water Resources Control Board to prepare a watershed plan for the three sub-watersheds above Whittier Narrows: San Jose Creek, Walnut Creek, and the Upper San Gabriel River. Watershed Workshops, Issue Forums, and a Technical Advisory Committee will meet throughout the process to develop the Watershed Plan. The next Watershed Workshop is scheduled for July 14. Regional scoping meetings were held on May 12, May 17, and May 19. A draft Watershed Plan is expected to be available by Fall 2004. More information may be found on their website at http://www.sgmrc.org/.

#### **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, Public Outreach/Education, and Agriculture. Subcommittees generally meet monthly or bimonthly. The Management Plan Committee as a whole is currently focusing its attention on TMDL work in the watershed. Information about the management committee and its subcommittees as well as documents and meeting dates can be found at <a href="http://www.calleguas.com/ccbrochure/cc.htm">http://www.calleguas.com/ccbrochure/cc.htm</a>.

The Water Quality/Water Resources Subcommittee is closely involved with the Board's TMDLs in the watershed with a focus on the salts TMDL. The subcommittee is also working on identification of surface and groundwater quality/quantity issues, determination of the feasibility of a regional salinity management project, and evaluation of candidate cooperative local programs for managing the use and re-use of water.

The Flood Protection/Sedimentation Subcommittee is responsible for developing a hydrologic computer model to simulate various conditions in the Watershed, developing a runoff management strategy to establish standards to reduce runoff amounts, establishing uniform hydrologic criteria and methodology, identifying deficiencies in existing and potential for future flood and sediment control facilities, developing a plan for flood water conservation/re-use, and addressing beach nourishment issues. This subcommittee is the lead for completing a workplan for developing historic pesticides/PCBs and bacteria TMDLs.

The Public Outreach/Education Subcommittee is involved with organization of a stakeholder outreach program to be implemented in the upcoming months.

A Land Use Subcommittee includes representatives from local planning agencies.

The collection and utilization of land use data (GIS-based) continues to be a major task of the group as well as taking the lead on coordinating implementation of proposed management plan action recommendations.

The Habitat/Recreation Subcommittee has completed Geographic Information Systems (GIS) habitat mapping of the Watershed, and developed a Watershed Evaluation Study identifying conflict and opportunity areas for habitat restoration and conservation.

The subcommittee is also developing a habitat management strategy and restoration guidelines, a focused trails plan and a model for feasibility evaluation of proposed wetland restoration projects. A previous work product, funded by the California Coastal Conservancy, is the Watershed Wetlands Restoration Plan which is available at <a href="http://www.calleguas.com/ccbrochure/cc.htm">http://www.calleguas.com/ccbrochure/cc.htm</a>. This subcommittee is the lead for completing a workplan for developing metals TMDLs.

The Agriculture Subcommittee is the lead for a workplan for developing toxicity-related TMDLs.

#### **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>. The report can also be downloaded in its entirety by accessing the Regional Board's website at <a href="http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4">http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4</a> and clicking on "Watersheds" on the left side-bar which leads to a clickable map of the region's watersheds for information specific to each one. Hardcopies are also available.

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>.

The Matilija Coalition is a local group committed to removal of Matilija Dam and subsequent ecosystem restoration. More information about the group may be found at <a href="http://www.matilija-coalition.org/">http://www.matilija-coalition.org/</a>.

#### <u>Santa Monica Bay Watershed Management Area –</u> 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 habitat/species, monitoring/water quality, education, and Rindge Dam. The Council's Malibu Lagoon Task Force has recently begun to actively meet again in due to active lagoon restoration planning now underway.

The Monitoring Subcommittee also began to meet regularly again to serve as a Technical Advisory Committee to a Proposition 13-funded watershed-wide monitoring program.

The Watershed Council meets next on July 20. Minutes from previous meetings, agendas for future meetings, and information about the watershed may be found on the Council's website at <a href="http://www.malibuwatershed.org/">http://www.malibuwatershed.org/</a>.

A Malibu Creek Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study is underway. 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. The technical advisory group for the effort last met on June 17.

# <u>Santa Monica Bay Watershed Management Area – Topanga Creek Watershed</u>

A watershed committee has been meeting in the Topanga Creek Watershed since 1998. This group was formed as a followup 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 has been to prioritize potential watershed protection actions previously identified, and participate in a coordinated resource management planning (CRMP) process. A watershed management plan was finalized in 2002. The Committee will continue work on implementation of actions identified in the Management Plan. The group last met on June 5. 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 watershed restoration studies that will help develop design parameters for possible restoration of the Topanga Lagoon and select stretches of the creek. A finalized restoration feasibility study was released in 2002. A consultant has completed engineering design work for the highest priority restoration activities identified in the study. The Committee's last meeting was on December 2, 2003.

# <u>Santa Monica Bay Watershed Management Area – Ballona Creek Watershed</u>

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works was awarded a Proposition 13 Watershed Protection Grant by the State Water Resources Control Board to prepare a watershed plan for Ballona Creek.

The Ballona Creek Watershed Task Force has been meeting for several months and an evening public workshop was held on June 15 to coincide with release of the draft watershed plan. Meeting minutes and agendas may be found at <a href="http://www.ladpw.org/wmd/watershed/bc/">http://www.ladpw.org/wmd/watershed/bc/</a>.

#### **Dominguez Watershed**

The Dominguez Watershed includes the waters of Dominguez Channel, Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbors, Machado Lake, and the land areas draining into them. The Dominguez Watershed Advisory Council 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 which is now being finalized. A list of potential implementation projects/programs will be included in the Plan. Meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of each month. The group's website is at http://ladpw.org/wmd/watershed/dc/.

A Harbor Regional Park Task Force was formed and began meeting in October 2002, led by the City of Los Angeles' Department of Recreation and Parks, to address various issues affecting the park (which includes Machado Lake) including concerns over water quality, mosquitoes, and wildlife, among others. Five subcommittees were formed to focus on certain areas: capital improvements, water, education, vegetation management, and security and enforcement. A website for the group is being developed.

#### Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project

The Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project (WRP) 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 WRP 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 WRP is headed by a 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 WRP 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. The last Board of Governors meeting was held on September 24, 2003.

County Task Forces help solicit projects for consideration for WRP funding by the Managers Group and Board of Governors. The program provides funding for acquisition, restoration, and enhancement projects for coastal wetlands and watersheds in Southern California. Both the Ventura and Los Angeles County Task Forces have Education Subcommittees which are looking to build on existing education programs while identifying gaps to be filled. The WRP has completed the process of reviewing applications for its small grants program for this year. The County Task Forces were the first reviewers of proposals in the process.

The WRP also has a Science Advisory Panel (SAP) and a wetlands ecologist who acts as liaison with the SAP. Recent activities have focused on coordination with a statewide effort to develop methods for rapid assessment of wetlands. A paper on the habitat value of treatment wetlands has also been written and is available on the WRP's webpage.

A contract between Environment Now on behalf of the WRP and the State Water Resources Control Board has resulted in a number of useful and interesting products including maps and reports. These may be found at http://www.lasgrwc.org/WRP.htm.

Minutes from previous meetings, publications, and other information about the group, including how to obtain funding, may be found on their website at <a href="http://www.coastalconservancy.ca.gov/scwrp/index.html">http://www.coastalconservancy.ca.gov/scwrp/index.html</a>.

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

Each Regional Board has a "chapter" in a statewide document which describes the Region's watersheds and their priority water quality issues. The last update occurred in December 2001 and a 2004 update is underway.

The consolidated statewide document is the basis for many funding decisions including allocating money for monitoring, TMDL development, and grant monies disbursement. Future updates will occur on an asneeded basis. 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 document may also be obtained electronically (in MSWord) by contacting Shirley Birosik, Watershed Coordinator, at 213-576-6679 or sbirosik@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov. It can also be downloaded in its entirety by accessing the Regional Board's website at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4 and clicking on "Watersheds" on the left side-bar. In addition, "Watersheds" will lead to a clickable map of the region's watersheds for information specific to each one.

#### **Funding**

Information on a wide variety of funding sources is available on the Regional Board webpage under "Watersheds" at <a href="http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4">http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4</a> in the "Related Links" pull-down menu.

Also of value when pursuing funding sources is the California Watershed Network's website <a href="http://www.watershednetwork.org/">http://www.watershednetwork.org/</a>.

#### Personnel

As of June 10, 2004 our staff total is 150: 130 technical staff (including 3 part-time staff), 9 permanent analytical staff and 11 permanent clerical staff.

### **Section 401 Water Quality Certification Actions**

As of June 10, 2004, the Regional Board has received 9 new applications for Section 401 Water Quality Certification actions. Currently, 61 applications are still pending. The following certification actions have been issued since the March 2004:

DATE OF ISSUANCE	APPLICANT	PROJECT	ACTION	
3/5/04	Linda Kies	Kies Driveway Ditch Stabilization Project	Water Quality Certification	
3/11/04 Serra Canyon Property Owners Association		Bridge at Cross Creek Road Project	Water Quality Certification	
3/16/04	Sherwood Development	Lake Sherwood Geotechnical Survey Project	Water Quality Certification	
3/19/04	Suburban Water System	Replacement of Aging Domestic Water production Wells with four new wells project	Water Quality Certification	
3/19/04	Las Virgenes municipal Water District	Lines A-1, C-4, and F-2 Sewer Bridges Seismic Retrofit Project	Water Quality Certification	
3/19/04	California department of Water Resources (DWR)	Simi Valley Town Center Project	Water Quality Certification	
3/24/04	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works	Fairplex Storm Drain Project	Water Quality Certification	
4/2/04	California Department of Water Resources (DWR)	Culvert Rehabilitation Project	Water Quality Certification	
4/2/04	California Department of Transportation	Maintenance of Drainage at California St. on the San BuenaVentura State Beach Project	Water Quality Certification	
4/7/04	Ventura County Watershed Protection District	Hueneme Pump Station Reconstruction Project	Water Quality Certification	
4/13/04	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW)	San Gabriel River Valley Boulevard Rubber Dams Nos. 2 and 3 Project	Water Quality Certification	
4/21/04	Viewpoint Educational Foundation	Viewpoint School Modernization Project	Water Quality Certification	
4/21/04	City of Camarillo	Pleasant Valley Road Widening Project	Water Quality Certification	
4/21/04	California Department of Water Resources (DWR)	Piru Creek Erosion Repairs and Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project	Water Quality Certification	
4/21/04	Ventura County Watershed Protection District	Canyon No. 2 Emergency Debris Basin Construction project	Water Quality Certification	
4/27/04	Ventura County Watershed Protection District	Arroyo Simi Channel Improvements, Stow Street to Yosemite Avenue Project	Water Quality Certification	
4/28/04	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works	Private Drain 996- Reconstruction of Reinforced Concrete Box Project	Water Quality Certification	
5/7/04	Los Angeles Department of Recreation & Parks	Hansen Dam Recreation Area Haul Road Repair Project	Water Quality Certification	
5/7/04	Ventura County Watershed Protection District	Happy Camp Canyon Emergency Debris Rack Installation Project	Water Quality Certification	
5/7/04	City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks	Del Rey lagoon outdoor Improvements (Project #1272B)	Water Quality Certification	

DATE OF ISSUANCE	APPLICANT	PROJECT	ACTION
5/18/04	City of Pasadena	Arroyo Seco Restoration Project	Water Quality Certification
5/19/04	Alameda Corridor Engineering	Anaheim Street Pump Station Project	Water Quality Certification
5/21/04	California Department of Water Resources (DWR)	Interstate 605/Rose Hills Off Ramp Channel Cleaning Project	Water Quality Certification
5/21/04	Caseden Properties, Inc.	Action II/ Tract No. 43526 Project	Water Quality Certification
5/28/04	United Water Conservation District (UWCD)	Maintenance of Freeman Diversion Facility and Fish Ladder Project	Water Quality Certification
5/28/04	City of Oxnard	Yucca Street Storm brain Project	Standard Water Quality Certification
6/9/04	Southern California Gas Company	Honor Rancho Storage Facility Withdrawal Line Replacement Project	Water Quality Certification
6/15/04	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	Habitat Restoration at Edelman Park Project	Water Quality Certification
6/15/04	Roderick Jones	Jones Boat Dock Project	Standard Water Quality Certification
6/17/04	Mesa Design Architects	Hydam medical Plaza Project	Water Quality Certification
6/17/04	Santa Catalina Island Company	Two harbors Pier Renovation Project	Standard Water Quality Certification
6/17/04	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation	Chester Washington County Golf Course – Drainage Repair and Refurbishment Project	Water Quality Certification
6/22/04	Caltrans District 7	Ven 118/Alamos Canyon Culvert Clearing Project	"After the Fact" Water Quality Certification
6/23/04	Richard Mertz	11449 Iverson Road - Culvert Installation Project	Water Quality Certification
6/25/04	Ventura County Watershed Protection District	Tapo Canyon Creek Emergency Debris Basin Construction	Water Quality Certification
6/25/04	Kevin Foley	Foley Residence - 32111 Lobo Canyon Road	Water Quality Certification

Certification actions recently issued and project descriptions for applications currently being reviewed can be viewed from our Web Site located at <a href="http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rWater-Quality-Certificationb4/html/meetings/401Water-Quality-Certification.html">http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rWater-Quality-Certificationb4/html/meetings/401Water-Quality-Certification.html</a>. For additional information regarding our Section 401 Program, please contact Valerie Carrillo (213) 576-6759 or Parvaneh Khayat (213) 576-5733. Any petitions for the appeal of a Section 401 Water Quality Certification action must be filed within 30 days of the date of its issuance. We encourage public input during the certification process.

## **Attachment "A"**

Program Class "Maj." - Comprehensive inspection, samples taken (A) Program Class "Min." - A routine non-sampling inspection (B)

Enforcement Unit NPDES Facility Inspections –May 2004								
<u>Discharger</u>							<b>Inspecti</b>	
		No.	<u>No</u>	<u>Class</u>				on Date
San Buenaventura City Of	Ventura WWRP, NPDES	1822	00-143	MAJ	1400 Spinnaker Dr	Ventura (Corporate Name San Buena Ventura)	CA0053651	5/3/04
Mobil Oil Corp.	Torrance Refinery, NPDES	5742	93-003	MAJ	3700 W. 190th St	Torrance	CA0055387	5/3/04
Equilon Enterprises LLC	Carson Plant	6108	00-165	MAJ	20945 S. Wilmington Ave	Carson	CA0000809	5/3/04
Los Angeles County San Dist	Valencia WWRP, NPDES	4993	95-081	MAJ	28185 The Old Rd	Valencia	CA0054216	5/5/04
Los Angeles County San Dist	Whittier Narrows WWRP, NPDES	2848	95-082	MAJ	301 N. Rosemead Blvd	El Monte	CA0053716	5/5/04
Marsh Holtzman	Wilshire Place	7615	97-045	MIN	5601 Wilshire Blvd	Los Angeles	CAG994001	5/7/04
Tosco Corp.	L.A.Refinery, Carson Plant	7352	94-001	MAJ	1520 E. Sepulveda Blvd	Carson	CA0063185	5/10/04
Γhousand Oaks City Of DPW	Hill Canyon WWRP, NPDES	4917	97-123	MAJ	9600 Santa Rosa Rd	Camarillo	CA0056294	5/12/04
Long Beach Generation LLC	Long Beach Generation Station	5764	94-130	MAJ	2665 W. Seaside Blvd	Long Beach	CA0001171	5/12/04
Shell Oil Products Co.	L.A. Refining Co. (Wilmington)	5427	99-093	MAJ	2101 E. Pacific Coast Hwy	Wilmington	CA0003778	5/13/04
Los Angeles City of DWP	Tunnel # 105	7839	98-007	MIN	Aqueduct	Newhall	CA0064149	5/14/04
Los Angeles City of DWP	Harbor Steam Plant,N Skim Tank	6004	03-028	MIN	100 N. Fries Ave	Wilmington	CA0056383	5/14/04
Casden Properties, LLC	Park La Brea	7243	97-045	MIN	530 S. Burnside	Los Angeles	CAG994001	5/14/04
El Segundo Power, L.L.C.	El Segundo Generating Station	4667	00-084	MAJ	301 Vista Del Mar	El Segundo	CA0001147	5/19/04
Las Virgenes MWD	Tapia WWRP, NPDES	4760	97-135	MAJ	731 Malibu Canyon Rd	Calabasas	CA0056014	5/19/04
Las Virgenes MWD	Tapia WWRP, NPDES	8059	99-066	MAJ	731 Malibu Canyon Rd	Calabasas	CA0064271	5/19/04
Jet Propulsion Laboratory	Jet Propulsion Lab.	7480	97-045	MIN	4800 Oak Grove Dr #M/S171-225	Pasadena	CAG994001	5/20/04
Cochran Island Apts. LLC	Cochran Ave. Apt.	6979	97-045	MIN	342 S. Cochran Ave.	Los Angeles	CAG994001	5/24/04
Goldrich & Kest Management Co.	Museum Terrace Apartment	6748	97-045	MIN	600 S. Curson Ave	Los Angeles	CAG994001	5/25/04
Los Angeles County San Dist	JWPCP, Carson NPDES	1758	97-090	MAJ	24501 S. Figueroa St	Carson	CA0053813	5/26/04
Los Angeles County San Dist	Los Coyotes WWRP, NPDES	5059	95-077	MAJ	16515 Piuma Ave	Cerritos (Dairy Valley)	CA0054011	5/27/04

## "Attachment B"

**General NPDES Permit Authorization/Revision and Termination May 2004** 

	General Permit type and Facility name & Location	Date of	Date of	Date of
_	NDDEC CA C004001 (O.J., N. 07 045) D., (	Coverage	Revision	Termination
Α.	NPDES CAG994001 (Order No. 97-045) Dewatering (no treatment)			
1	Kilroy Realty Corporation (Previously Abovenet Communications)			5/17/04
1	2260 E. El Segundo Boulevard, El Segundo			3/1//01
	, ,			
В	NPDES CAG994002 (Order No. 97-043) Dewatering (treatment			
	required)			
C.	NPDES CAG994004 (Order No. R4-2003-0111) Construction &			
1	Project Dewatering Friendly Village Mobile Home Park, 195 Tierra Rejada Road, Simi	5/3/04		
1	Valley	3/3/04		
2	Whittaker Corporation, Former Whittaker-Bermite Facility, 22116	5/4/04		
-	Soledad Canyon Road, Santa Clarita	37 170 1		
3	Whilshire West Partners, Wilshire Renaissance Apartments, 630 S.	5/4/04		
	Masselin Avenue, Los Angeles			
4	Fifield Companies, High Rise Condominium Building Project,	5/4/04		
	10250 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles			
5	Apartment Investment and Management Company, Villas at Park	5/6/04		
	La Brea, 551-5557 West 6 <sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles	5/6/04		
6	Casden Properties, LLC, Casden Park La Brea "B" LLC, 340-348 Hauser Boulevard, Los Angeles	5/6/04		
7	Casden Properties, LLC, Casden park La Brea "A" LLC, 6220-	5/6/04		
/	6280 W. Third Street, Los Angeles	3/0/04		
8	The Beverly Connection LLC, 8389 W. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Los Angeles	5/7/04		
9	Westlake Village SPA & Hotel, 2 Dole Drive, Westlake Village	5/10/04		
10	City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Sepulveda	5/12/04		
	Trunkline Project, Vicinity of Rilnaldi Street and Haskell Avenue,			
	Los Angeles			
11	Metro Apartments, L.P., Bellagio Townhouses, 435 South Detriot	5/12/04		
10	Street, Los Angeles	7/10/04		
12	Temple Beth AM, 1039 S. La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles	5/19/04		
13	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Burbank Trunk Line Project, Los Angeles	5/19/04		
14	Hancock Park Place, 620 South Gramercy Place, Los Angeles	5/20/04		
15	Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Hospital Building, 4616 De	5/20/04		
	Longpre Avenue, Los Angeles	3,23,01		
16	Plaza 600 Partners, LLC, Reno Apartments, 350 s. Reno Street, Los	5/26/04		
	Angeles			
17	HPG Management, Babylon Apartments, 360 South Detroit Street,	5/26/04		
	Los Angeles			
<u> </u>	NDDECN CLOOMAGE (O. L. NO. B. 4003 0400) B			
D.	NPDES No. CAG994005 (Order NO. R4-2003-0108) Potable			
1	Water Supply Wells Discharges Southern California Water Company, Willowbrook Plant, 12315 S.	5/18/04		
1	Willowbrook Avenue, Willowbrook	3/10/04		
2	Southern California Water Company, Dace Plant, 11960 Dace	5/19/04		
Ī -	Street, Norwalk	3, 25, 0.		
3	Southern California Water Company, Mckinely Well, 8143	5/20/04		
	Mckinely Avenue, City of Paramount			
4	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Dominguez Gap	5/25/04		

	General Permit type and Facility name & Location	Date of	Date of	Date of Termination
		Coverage	Revision	Termination
	Barrier Project, Long Beach			
5	Southern California Water Copany, Truro Plant Production Well	5/26/04		
	No. 4 Rehabilitation Project, Hawthorne			
	NDD C C C C T 1004 (O L N OF 045) V L C C C C			
E.	NPDES CAG674001 (Order No. 97-047) Hydrostatic Test Water			
1	Petro Diamond Terminal Company, Tank No. 10, 1920 Lugger	5/13/04		
1	Way, Long Beach	3/13/04		
	Truy, Long Bouch			
F.	NPDES CAG994003 (Order No. 98-055) Nonprocess			
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G.	NPDES CAG834001 (Order No.2002-0125) – Cleanup of			
	Petroleum Fuel Pollution			
1	The Arba Group, GW K-Mart, 6310-6360 W. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Los			5/14/04
	Angeles			
2	Calclean, Former Conico Texaco Station, 13815 Crenshaw			5/18/04
	Boulevard, Hawthorne			
	NPDES CAG914001(Order No. 2002-0107) – Cleanup of			
H.	Volatile Organic Compounds Contaminated Groundwater			
1	Corbin Village Cleaners, 19812 Ventura Boulevard, Woodland	5/5/04		
	Hills			