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California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region Jonathan Bishop, Interim Executive Officer

Executive Officer's Report

Enforcement & Groundwater Permitting

Mandatory Minimum Penalty

Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P.

Jose Morales

A Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP) was issued against Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. on June 23, 2004, for \$3000, for violation of waste discharge requirements contained in Regional Board Order No. 03-0053 by submitting their self-monitoring report for the 4th quarter of 2003 on February 19, 2004, a total of 35 days after the due date of January 15, 2004. Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. has until July 26, 2004 to submit a signed waiver and the penalty assessed to the Regional Board.

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 1st 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.

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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.

Landfills

Sunshine Canyon City-Side Landfill

Rodney Nelson

On July 19, 2004, a lawsuit was filed against the State Board by the North Valley Coalition. The lawsuit challenged waste discharge requirements (WDRs) adopted by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board which allowed the expansion of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill into that portion of the landfill located in City of Los Angeles property. Among other things the lawsuit alleged the WDRs failed to properly weigh evidence.

Stormwater Program

2003/04 Annual Reports for Permittees enrolled under the Industrial General Permit

Wendy Phillips

Discharges of storm water associated with industrial activities are subject to self-monitoring requirements, among other requirements, as set forth in an NPDES "General Permit for Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activities" (General Permit). These self-monitoring requirements include collection and analyses of runoff from two storms each year as well as visual observations, and permittees must submit annual reports of their self-monitoring to the Regional Board by July 1st of each year. permittees who fail to submit their reports by the July 1st deadline are subject to penalties.

We expect that permittees will have substantive information presented in their annual reports. This information is important as it presents results of water quality monitoring and visual observations, and permittee's evaluations of the effectiveness of their "Best Management Practices" (BMPs) – which may need to be modified before the next rainy season. During a site inspection, Regional Board inspectors will expect that permittees will have completed their evaluations and modified their BMPs.

In addition, the annual report serves as part of a permittee's compliance record. Not only is it used by the Regional Board to gauge compliance, the public has a right to review these compliance documents as well, and may look carefully at the an-

nual reports as indicators of how well business operators have complied with environmental regulations. For example, a potential buyer or a lender may review compliance records to help determine the value of a business, and a missing or incomplete Annual Report will not reflect well owners and managers of industrial businesses.

Civil Liability (ACL) Update

Ivar Ridgeway/Ejigu Solomon

At the August 5, 2004 Board meeting, the Board will consider six ACL cases for delinquent annual reports. These cases, which were heard before a Hearing Panel on May 11, 2004, are being referred to the full Board for a final decision.

In addition, a seventh case (also heard before the Panel Hearing) will be considered by the full Board on August 5th. This case pertains to an auto dismantler who failed to file to enroll under the General Permit (i.e. a non-filer).

Richway Plastics

Ivar Ridgeway

As part of enforcement against a plastic bag manuafacturers in the City of Vernon, the Executive Officer issued a Complaint for Admistrative Civil Liability against Richway Plastics. This Complaint assessed \$10,000 for the discharge of plastic pellets into a municipal storm drain system. The discharger will present evidence before the Regional Board at a hearing on August 5, 2004. Staff have also issued a Cleanup and Abatement Order and Notice of Violation to this discharger.

Toll Brothers construction site

Sean Lee

Toll Brothers failed to fully implement Best Management Practices on an 80-acre construction site in Camarillo. On June 17, 2004, the Executive Officer issued Complaint No. R4-2004-0011 for Administrative Civil Liability for \$54,420 against Toll Brothers, for violation of the NPDES *General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activities.* The Permittee has paid the fine and waived its right to a hearing. And Regional Board staff have ensured that the violations have been corrected.

Storm Water Inspections

Kristie Chung

Types of Inspection	2003/04 Work Plan <i>Target</i>	12 - month Total	% Completed
Compliance	100	348*	348%
Enforcement reinspections	200	173*	86.5%
Complaint response	50	22*	44%
NOT verification	300	355*	118%
Non-filer	100	118*	118%
NNA verification and other		115*	
Total	750	1131*	

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 May 2004, a total of 324 million gallons of groundwater in the Charnock Sub-Basin Investigation Area have been treated. A total of 1,841 pounds of MTBE have been removed from groundwater and 4,195 pounds of MTBE from soil. In addition, 13,507 pounds of gasoline have been removed from groundwater and 202,127 pounds from soil (see table).

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 sta- tion	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	5,234.80	31.70	107.00	12,428	606.4	1,839	282	
12	Winall #18	14,665	99	1,937					
15	Former Pow- ergas station	17,501	61	933					
23	Former Thrifty #247	53,447	633	766					
	Total	202,127	2,114	4,195	13,507	610	1,841	324	

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 http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/programs/ust/charnock_mtbe.html. Or www.epa.gov/region09/charnock.

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 mg/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, there are 13 sites where additional site assessment work is required. Groundwater monitoring is being performed at 26 sites. A workplan for site assessment is currently prepared for the 27th site. 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 (See attached Figure for site locations):

- PRP Site No. 4 (ARCO): Implement soil vapor extraction. To date approximately 50,063 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 submitted to clean up the contaminated groundwater beneath the site.
- 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 prepare groundwater pump and treat system. A vapor and groundwater extraction system (VEGE) has been approved and is under construction. In the meantime, a temporary portable dual phase remediation system has been delivered to the site and has operated at the since May 24, 2001. To date approximately 2,090 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 86 million gallons of groundwater have been treated and discharged under an NPDES permit. Since the inception of the remediation system, 6,335.4 pounds of total petroleum hydrocarbons, 315.4 pounds of benzene and 1,464.5 pounds of MTBE have been removed from the site. The system influent concentrations for MTBE have decreased from 19,000 mg/L in November 1999, to 570 mg/L in August 2001. The soil vapor extraction system has been operated since September 2000. To date approximately 82.2 pounds of MTBE, 27.7 pounds of benzene, and 2,497.8 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 14,106 pounds of petroleum hydrocarbons, 93.5 pounds of benzene, and 1,698 pounds of MTBE.
- PRP Site No. 6 (Conoco): Implement pilot test for soil vapor extraction system.
- PRP Site No. 16 (Tosco): Implement pilot test for soil vapor extraction system.
- PRP Site No. 23 (Chevron-Thrifty-Best): Implement pilot test for soil vapor extraction and prepare soil vapor extraction and groundwater pump and treat system. Construction for offsite soil vapor extraction piping has been complete.
- PRP Sites No. 1, No. 8, No. 15, No. 23, No. 40, and No. 44: Complete tank removal and/or upgrades.

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 have been installed into the Upper Silverado Aquifer to aid in determining plume source(s) and characteristics, and to perform periodic groundwater monitoring. This work will require 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. Currently, fieldwork is ongoing, and twenty-six (26) regional wells have been completed to date. Shell has submitted a preliminary basin-wide groundwater flow model, January 2001, and the model is currently under review by the Agencies.

All 26 sites in the Charnock Sub-Basin Investigation Area have been required to submit the site-specific water quality data for construction of GIS database. As of July 1, 2001, the data from all 26 sites have been entered into GIS database. The regional investigative report including regional assessment and recommendations of regional remedy will be submitted during November 2001. Regional Board and USEPA (Agencies) have also established an inquiry hotline in response to the community concerns regarding the drilling and sampling activities required by the agencies. So far several dozen phone calls have been received by the hotline for inquiries.

<u>Completion of Corrective Action at Leaking Underground Fuel Storage Tank Sites</u> 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 **June 11, 2004** through **July 15, 2004**, and determined that no further corrective actions are required for the following sites:

- Former Exxon Station, Los Angeles (900410070)
- Hertz Property, Los Angeles (900360270)
- Giant Truck Stops, Castaic (I-13018A)
- Adair's Automotive, Canoga Park (913030925)

For the case closure sites above, a total of 8402 pounds of hydrocarbons have been removed at the completion of cleanup. In addition, 195 tons of impacted soil were excavated.

Remediation

Site Closures issued during May - June 2004

Arthur Heath

From May 2004 through June 2004, 17 closures (Attachment "B") were completed by Regional Board staff in the Spills, Leaks, Investigations, and Cleanups (SLIC), and the Well Investigation Program (WIP) units. A small proportion of these sites were only issued a soil closure – groundwater monitoring, sampling, and/or cleanup activities will continue at these sites.

Surface Water Division

Watershed Regulatory

Summary of General Permitting Unit Activities for June 2004

Augustine Anijielo

During the month of June 2004, a total of eighteen dischargers were enrolled/re-enrolled into the general NPDES permits. In addition, enrollments for a total of 8 dischargers were terminated. The table shown as attachment "A" contains a breakdown of the enrollments and terminations for each category of general NPDES permit during the month of June 2004.

Regional Programs

Standards and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)

TMDL for Metals in Los Angeles River and Tributaries

Jenny Newman

On July 12, 2004, staff mailed out and posted on the web a Notice of Public Hearing for a proposed Basin Plan amendment to incorporate a TMDL for metals in the Los Angeles River and Tributaries. The deadline for public comments is August 26, 2004. Copies of the proposed resolution, Basin Plan amendment, staff report, CEQA checklist and Notice of Filing can be found on the Regional Board web site. The public hearing will be held on September 2, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. For more information contact Jenny Newman at (213) 576-6808.

TMDL for Metals in Ballona Creek and Ballona Creek Estuary

Rebecca Christmann

On July 12, 2004, staff mailed out and posted on the web a Notice of Public Hearing for a proposed Basin Plan amendment to incorporate a TMDL for metals in Ballona Creek and Ballona Creek Estuary. The dead-line for public comments is August 26, 2004. Copies of the proposed resolution, Basin Plan amendment,

staff report, CEQA checklist and Notice of Filing can be found on the Regional Board web site. The public hearing will be held on September 2, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. For more information contact Rebecca Christmann at (213) 576-6757.

Los Angeles Harbor Bacteria TMDL

LB Nye

The Los Angeles Harbor Bacterial TMDL was adopted by the Board on July 1, 2004. Under this TMDL, Inner Cabrillo Beach and the Main Ship Channel will achieve compliance with allowable numbers of days of exceedance of recreational swimming standards within 5 years. The allowable number of days of exceedance were calculated using a reference beach approach in the same manner as the Santa Monica Bay Beaches and Marina del Rey Harbor Bacteria TMDLs. Staff are currently preparing the administrative record for the TMDL and the process is on schedule to meet the date of adoption established in the EPA/ Heal the Bay consent decree.

Malibu Creek Nutrient TMDL

Rod Collins

A CEQA scoping meeting for the Malibu Creek Nutrient TMDL was held at the City of Malibu, City Council Chambers located at 23815 Stuart Ranch Road on July 7, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. The Regional Board will hold a public hearing to consider the nutrient TMDL at the November 2004 Board meeting. 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 http://sdgis.amec.com/scremp/index.htm. 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 Trustee agencies completed a Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Santa Clara River ARCO Oil Spill (Restoration Plan) to guide the use of the settlement funds. The Trustees have begun implementing preferred projects described in the Restoration Plan by identifying potential land acquisition and habitat restoration opportunities in the Santa Clara River Watershed. Additional information may be obtained at http://ventura.fws.gov/ec/scriver/scriver.html or by contacting Kate Symonds, Restoration Grant Coordinator, at kate_symonds@r1.fws.gov.

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 http://www.arroyoseco.org/.

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 http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4 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 con-

cerns 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 October 25. Information on the Master Plan effort may be found at http://ladpw.org/pln/sgrmp/.

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 http://www.sangabrielriver.org/.

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 most recent Watershed Workshop was held on July 14. 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 http://www.calleguas.com/ccbrochure/cc.htm.

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 estab-

lish 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 http://www.calleguas.com/ccbrochure/cc.htm. 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 sbirosik@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov. The report 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 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. A Draft EIR/EIS has been released and a public meeting will be held on July 28. More information, including project reports and the Draft EIR/EIS, may obtained on the website http://www.matilijadam.org/.

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 http://www.matilija-coalition.org/.

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 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 last met 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 http://www.malibuwatershed.org/.

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.

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 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 July 15. Their website address is http://www.TopangaOnline.com/twc/.

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. No additional meetings are currently scheduled.

Santa Monica Bay Watershed Management Area - Ballona Creek Watershed

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. The group generally meets in the afternoon on the third Tuesday of the month in Culver City. Meeting minutes and agendas may be found at http://www.ladpw.org/wmd/watershed/bc/.

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 met on a monthly basis for three years to conduct a variety of tasks including development of a Watershed Management Master Plan (funded by Proposition 13) aimed at protecting and improving the environment and beneficial uses of the watershed. The watershed plan is now being finalized and a list of potential implementation projects/programs is 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. The Task Force and subcommittees are not currently actively meeting. A website for the group is in development.

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 next Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for October 6.

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 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 http://www.coastalconservancy.ca.gov/scwrp/index.html.

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 as-needed 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 sidebar. 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 http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4 in the "Related Links" pull-down menu.

Also of value when pursuing funding sources is the California Watershed Network's website http://www.watershednetwork.org/.

Non Point Source Unit

NPS Program

NPS staff attended various meetings/workshops including, but not limed to the following:

July 1, 2004, Non Point Source Monthly Call (teleconference) Sacramento, California Staff participated on the monthly NPS call. Items discussed include EPA's 319 Grants Resource Tracking System database for grant reporting and tracking, MP Miner/Encyclopedia, and upcoming joint TMDL roundtable meetings.

July 1, 2004, Wetland and Hydro-modification sub group, (teleconference) *Sacramento, California* Topics discussed included Section 401 Certifications, encouragement of avoidance and minimization over mitigation; protection of wetlands and habitat; coastal zone open space projection.

July 14, 2004, Intre-Agency Cordination Commitee/NonPoint Source Roundtable, (teleconference) Sacramento, California

Topic discussed included information sharing and updates from the 6 subcommittees: Wetland/ Hydromodifications, Agriculture, Critical Coastal Areas, Marinas, Forestry, and Urban. The next IACC meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2004.

July 14, 2004, Prop 50 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Standards, (teleconference) Sacramento, California

Items discussed include draft guidelines for the Prop 50 Integrated Regional Water Management grant program.

July 15, 2004, Agriculture Waiver Round Table, (teleconference) *Sacramento, California* Items discussed include draft workplace, status of Regional Boards Agriculture waiver and personnel resources.

Agriculture Policy

The Regional Board's working group for the Conditional Waiver for Irrigated Lands met on June 17, 2004 to discuss development of the program, including monitoring requirements, Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR), and enforcement.

The group met again on June 23, 2004 to discuss monitoring criteria, parameters and elements of concern. Staff is also preparing draft recommendations fir managing golf course and animal feeding operations.

Education outreach

Staff participated in the first annual ThinkRiver! Youth watershed awareness workshop. The event was a component of the Watershed Management Plan above Whittier Narrows funded through Proposition 13.

Approximately 750 5th grade students from the San Gabriel area were exposed to basic water chemistry, native wildlife and area geology. NPS staff served as group leaders and instructors of the water chemistry unit. Students, teachers, educators, local environmental groups, and city/county officials attended the event.

Grant Programs/Funding

NPS Staff focussed their efforts on finalizing contracts awarded under various grant programs administered by the Nonpoint Source unit. Of the 23 Phase II proposals approved for funding in 2002 all have been sent to State Board. We are awaiting final approval on four of the proposals.

NPS Staff continued to participate in contract negations with grant awardees under the consolidated RFP (Phase III). Phase III proposals will be formatted in a new grants template to expedite the approval process. Staff is currently working with five of the Phase III awardees whose projects were awarded at the February State Board Meeting. The remaining 11 Phase III proposals awarded at the June State Board meeting will be worked on in the up coming months.

A project director's workshop was held on June 16, 2003 for all project directors. Items covered included project requirements, amendments/modifications, invoicing, auditing and future funding.

The workshop also presented the opportunity for the project directors to meet with their contract managers.

City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation Proposition 13 contract project "8th Street Low Flow Diversion" was deemed complete and contract closed on June 16.

Agriculture Water Quality Program

Draft guidelines are being finalized for public comment. We expect approximately 40 million worth of funds to be released for competitive irrigated regional water management as proposals. Please see http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/funding/irwmgp/index.html for more info.

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Actions

The following Certification actions have been issued since the preparation of the last Executive Officers Report:

Date of Issuance	STAFF	Applicant	Project	Action	
7/7/04	VC	Hogan Family Foundation	15 Hands Rescue and Sanctuary (Rancho San Francisco)	Conditional Water Quality Certification	
7/9/04	VC	United States Navy	Installation and Repair of Survival moorings Project	Conditional Water Quality Certification	
7/9/04	VC	United States Navy	Replacement of Small Boat Moorings Project	Conditional Water Quality Certification	
7/9/04	VC	United States navy	Installation of Floating Dock at Wilson Cove Project	Conditional Water Quality Certification	
7/9/04	PK	Action 19, LLC	Tract No. 43196-01 Project	Conditional Water Quality Certification	
7/14/04	PK	California Department of Transportation	LA-1 Detention basin #22253 (Busch) Sediment Removal Project	Conditional Water Quality Certification	
7/14/04	VC	Castaic Union School District	Sloan Canyon Elementary School Project	Conditional Water Quality Certification	
7/14/04	VC	Ion Communities	Castaic Tract 46443 Project	Conditional Water Quality Certification	
7/14/04	PK	Parkard Humanites Institute	Film and Television Archive Preservation Center Project	Conditional Water Quality Certification	
7/15/04	VC	Ventura County Water- shed Protection District	Pole Creek Emergency Sediment Basin Project	Conditional Water Quality Certification	
7/19/04	VC	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works	64-Eastern Avenue Drain Project	Standard Water Quality Certification	
7/19/04	PK	HA Seco SWC, LLC	Seco Canyon Village Project	Conditional Water Quality Certification	
7/19/04	PK	Ventura County Parks Department	Flood Damage Bank Restoration at Foster Park Along the Ventura River	Denial Without Prejudice	
7/22/04	VC	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works	Cooks Canyon Crib Dam M1- A Debris Basin	Conditional Water Quality Certification	
7/22/04	PK	Forest Lawn Memorial – Park Association	Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Hollywood Hills – Storm Water Management Plan	Denial Without Prejudice	
7/22/04	PK	Mattsons Homes	PM 26684 Tutor Time	Conditional Water Quality Certification	
7/22/04	PK	Caltrans	VEN 23 Grimes Canyon (BR. 53-114) Rock Slope Protection	Conditional Water Quality Certification	

Attachment "A"

	General Permit type and Facility name & Location	Date of Coverage	Date of Revision	Date of Termination
Α.	NPDES CAG994001 (Order No. 97-045) Dewatering (no treatment)			
1	Boys Scouts of America, Camp Josepho, 300 Rustic Canyon Road, Pacific Pali-			6/21/04
2	City of Inglewood, Water Well #5, 3600 West 107th Street, Inglewood			6/23/04
3	The Gardens at Darlington, 11863 Darlington Avenue, Los Angeles			6/23/04
В	NPDES CAG994002 (Order No. 97-043) Dewatering (treatment required)			
1	City of L.A. Dept. of Water & Power, Dist. Station 87, 4926 Maplewood Avenue,			6/1/04
2	Marina Pacific Associates, Marina Harbor Apartments, 4500 Via Marina, Marina			6/30/04
C.	NPDES CAG994004 (Order No. R4-2003-0111) Construction & Project De-			
1	5055 Wilshire Limited Partnership, 5055 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles	6/7/04		
2	Ogden Const., Santa Paula Improvement, Reach 2, 1360 E. Santa Clara Street,	6/2/04		
3	Wilshire Borgata Owners Association, 12222 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles	6/3/04		
4	Wilshire Owners Association, The Dorchester Building, 10520 Wilshire Boule-	6/4/04		
5	1800 Rosecrans Partners, LLC, Former Fairchild Controls, 1800 Rosecrans Ave-	6/9/04		
6	Cochran Island Apartments, LLC, 342 S. Cochran Avenue, Los Angeles	6/9/04		
7	One Hundred Towers LLC – Century Plaza Towers Offices, 2029-2049 Century	6/16/04		
8	Mid City Apartments, LP. – Monet Townhomes, 630 Hauser Boulevard, L.A.	6/22/04		
9	Copperfield Inv. & Development, Wilshire-Highland Bldg., 4929 Wilshire Blvd,	6/23/04		
10	Wilshire Dev. Housing Partners, LP, Wilshire Vermont Station, 3191 Vermont	6/23/04		
D.	NPDES No. CAG994005 (Order NO. R4-2003-0108) Potable Water Supply			
1	Southern California Water Company, Massinger Well Site, 11502 Massinger St.,	6/1/04		
2	L.A. County, DPW, Alamitos Barrier Proj. (Los Cerritos Channel), Long Beach	6/22/04		
3	Southern California Water Company, Clara Site Well #2, 6440 Clara Street, Bell	6/24/04		
E.	NPDES CAG674001 (Order No. 97-047) Hydrostatic Test Water			
1	Southern California Edison Company, Hydrostatic Test – Pebbly Beach Generating Station, Catalina Island	6/8/04		
2	ConocoPhilips, Torrance Tank Farm, 2650 S. Lomita Boulevard, Torrance	6/9/04		
3	Petro Diamond Terminal Company, Tank No. 10, 1920 Lugger Way, Long Beach	9/13/04		
4	Southern California Gas Company, Fair Oaks Ranch Phase II Relocation Line 235, Via Princessa and Lost Canyon Road, Santa Clarita			6/24/04
5	DWP, City of L.A., Pipeline Hydrostatic Testing In Terminal Isl. 455 Ferry St.,			6/30/04
F.	NPDES CAG994003 (Order No. 98-055) Nonprocess			
G.	NPDES CAG834001 (Order No.2002-0125) – Cleanup of Petroleum Fuel			
1	Equilon Enterprises LLC, DBA Shell Oil Products Us, Hanna's Arco (Formerly Shell Service Station), 918 N. Soto Street, Los Angeles			6/2/04
2	World Oil Marketing Company, Station No. 43, 12215 E. South Street, Artesia	6/25/04		
Н.	NPDES CAG914001(Order No. 2002-0107) – Cleanup of Volatile Organic			
1	City of L.A., DPW, Eagle Rock Sewer-Line Interceptor Proj., Eagle Rock Blvd. & York Blvd., L.A.	6/22/04		

Attachment "B:

File No	SiteName	Street no	Street Name	Street Desc	Street Dir	City	SiteClose- Date
1009B	Dutch Cleaners – Lakewood Market- place	5933	South	Street		Lakewood	10-Jun-04
0282B2	DOD - San Nicho- las Island UST Site B-152					Nic Town	23-Jun-04
1121A	Extra Space Development LLC	2645	La Cienega	Avenue	South	Culver City	29-Jun-04
0483	G & H Technology	750	Ventura	Boulevard	West	Camarillo	30-Jun-04
0935	Malibu Colony Plaza	23705	Malibu	Road	West	Malibu	10-Jun-04
0966C	Thomas Safran Property	1321	Maryland	Street		Los Angeles	23-Jun-04
0038D	DOD - LAAFB Space & Missile System CTR (AREA C)	14800	Aviation	Boulevard		Haw- thorne	11-May-04
1140	The Ostrich Farm	1010	Sycamore	Ave.		South Pasadena	03-May-04
0747N3	ACTA – Parcel PCH 1532	1604	Pacific Coast Hwy		East	Wilming- ton	08-Jun-04
0747N5	ACTA Parcel PCH- 1535	1618	Pacific Coast Hwy		East	Wilming- ton	08-Jun-04
0747K9	ACTA Parcel LBX- 880		Southern Pacific	Drive	North	Wilming- ton	25-Jun-04
0747O3	ACTA Parcel PCH- 1542	1828, 1830	Pacific Coast	Highway	East	Wilming- ton	20-May-04
112.602	Former Ordway Metal Polishing	1901	San Fer- nando	Road		Los Angeles	25-May-04
107.1716	Marge Carson, Inc.	9056	Garvey	Boulevard	East	Rosemead	11-May-04
110.0208	NBC Studios	3000	Alameda	Ave	West	Burbank	22-Jun-04
115.0556	Wonder Cleaners	9136	Las Tunas	Drive		Temple City	21-Jun-04
102.7239	Dominion Property Partners, LLC	17747	Railroad	Street		City of Industry	30-Jun-04











































