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Dear Ms. Cervantez and Mr. E. Maximous:

PETITION OF CITY OF RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, FOR REVIEW OF ORDER NO. R9-2015-0100, AN ORDER AMENDING ORDER NO. R9-2013-0001, NPDES NO. CAS0109266, NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES FROM THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4S) DRAINING THE WATERSHEDS WITHIN THE SAN DIEGO REGION ISSUED BY SAN DIEGO REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PETITION RECEIVED
SWRCB/OCC FILE A-2456(b)

This will acknowledge the State Water Resources Control Board’s (State Water Board’s) receipt of your petition. It is important that you review the relevant dates below carefully because they identify timelines for State Water Board review of your petition, but also affect your ability to seek judicial review of the regional water quality control board’s action or inaction.

Please note that, unless one of the following events occurs, this petition will be dismissed pursuant to State Water Board regulations on the 91st day following receipt of the petition. This petition will be deemed dismissed on the 91st day unless:

(1) the State Water Board has notified the petitioner, the regional water quality control board, and interested persons that they have 30 days to respond to the petition;

(2) the State Water Board has received a written request from the petitioner to hold this petition in abeyance; or

(3) the State Water Board has notified the petitioner prior to the 91st day that the petition is dismissed.

If none of these events occurs prior to 5:00 p.m. on the last business day before the 91st day, this petition will be automatically dismissed without further action by the State Water Board. Dismissal of a petition, whether by operation of law or by a letter issued by the State Water Board, is a final agency action for purposes of seeking judicial review of the regional water quality control board’s action or inaction.

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If this petition challenges the assessment of administrative civil liability or penalties, the State Water Board must also receive written agreement from the regional water quality control board that this petition be held in abeyance prior to 5:00 p.m. on the last business day before the 91st day, or this petition will be automatically dismissed without further action by the State Water Board. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 2050, subd. (e).) Requests that petitions be held in abeyance must be sent to waterqualitypetitions@waterboards.ca.gov or to the mailing address below.

For a summary of information related to your petition, please see table below:

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**IN ALL FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE, PLEASE REFER TO SWRCB/OCC FILE A-2456(b)**

Sincerely,

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Assistant Chief Counsel

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