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Mr. Paul Tantet
Ventura County Watershed Protection District
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Dear Mr. Tantet:

COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – VENTURA COUNTY WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT, ASSORTED VENTURA COUNTY EMERGENCY PROJECTS, VENTURA, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994004, CI-8868)

We have completed our review of your application for a permit to discharge waste under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The Ventura County Watershed Protection District proposes to discharge groundwater from an emergency in-kind replacement of flood control structures that were damaged by recent floods. The damaged flood control structures are located near the Ventura River, Santa Clara River, and Calleguas Creek Watersheds. The discharge of groundwater will be short term and will last up to two weeks per project. The emergency authorization to discharge under this general NPDES permit expires on May 31, 2005.

Based on the attached Fact Sheet and other information provided, we have determined that the proposed groundwater discharge meets the conditions to be regulated under Order No. R4-2003-0111, *General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Groundwater from Construction and Project Dewatering to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties*, adopted by this Board on August 7, 2003.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serve as your NPDES permit, consisting of Order No. R4-2003-0111 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8868. Prior to starting discharge, a representative sample of the effluent must be obtained and analyzed to determine compliance with the discharge limitations. The groundwater discharges from these projects drain into the Ventura River, Santa Clara River, or Calleguas Creek. The construction dewatering projects will be conducted immediately adjacent to and in close proximity to the previously mentioned receiving waters. Since the dewatering activities will take place at or near the receiving waters, the groundwater is deemed to have direct hydrologic connection with the surface waterbody. Therefore, your discharge has been determined to satisfy the provisions for creekside dewatering. The discharge limits in Attachment B of Order No. R4-2003-0111 are not applicable to your discharge, except those for nitrogen and boron, if applicable.

The Monitoring and Reporting Program requires you to implement the monitoring program on the effective date of coverage under this permit. All monitoring reports should be sent to the Regional

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Board, ATTN: Information Technology Unit. When submitting monitoring or technical reports to the Regional Board per these requirements, please include a reference to "Compliance File No. CI-8868 and NPDES No. CAG994004", which will assure that the reports are directed to the appropriate file and staff. Also, please do not combine other reports with your monitoring reports. Submit each type of report as a separate document.

In order to avoid future annual fees, please submit written notification when the project has been completed and the permit is no longer needed.

We are sending a copy of Order No. R4-2003-0111 only to the applicant. For those on the mailing list, please refer to the Board Order sent to you previously or download a copy of the Order from our website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/html/permits/general_permits.html.

If you have any questions, please contact Raul Medina at (213) 620-2160.

Sincerely,

Jonathan S. Bishop
Executive Officer

Enclosures:

General NPDES No. CAG994004, Order No. R4-2003-0111
Fact Sheet
Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8868

cc: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permit Section (WTR-5)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Division of Ecological Services
NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service
Michael Lauffer, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board
California Department of Fish and Game, Marine Resources, Region 5
California Department of Health Services, Environmental Branch
Ventura County, Department of Public Works, Flood Control and Drainage
Ventura County, Department of Environmental Health
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