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Mr. Matt Stone, General Manager  
Castaic Lake Water Agency  
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Santa Clarita, CA 91350-2173

**TERMINATION of COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM and WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS for DISCHARGES of LOW THREAT HYDROSTATIC TEST WATER to SURFACE WATERS in COASTAL WATERSHEDS of LOS ANGELES and VENTURA COUNTIES - CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY, 27234 BOUQUET CANYON RD., SANTA CLARITA, CA (Order No. R4-2009-0068, CAG674001)**

- 1. Earl Schmidt Filtration Plant, 32700 N. Lake Hughes Rd., Castaic, CA 91384 and Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Rd., Santa Clarita, CA 91384 (CI No. 8958)**
- 2. Saugus Perchlorate Treatment Facility, 25401 Bouquet Canyon Rd., Santa Clarita, CA 91350 (CI No. 9799)**

Dear Mr. Stone:

The subject discharges are regulated under Order No. R4-2009-0068, *General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Low Threat Hydrostatic Test Water to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties*, adopted by this Board on June 4, 2009.

On November 18, 2014 the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted the Statewide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit to regulate Drinking Water Systems Discharges to Waters of the United States (Order WQ 2014-0194-DWQ, General Order No. CAG140001). The Order provides regulatory coverage for short-term or seasonal planned and emergency (unplanned) discharges resulting from a water purveyor's essential operations and maintenance activities undertaken to comply with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the California Health and Safety Code, and the State Water Board's Division of Drinking Water permitting requirements for providing reliable delivery of safe drinking water. The order became effective on February 26, 2015.

On September 1, 2015, Castaic Lake Water Agency submitted a completed application package to State Water Board for coverage under the Statewide Drinking Water Systems Discharge Permit. On June 29, 2016, the State Water Board issued a Notice of Applicability to Castaic Lake Water Agency Water Systems for coverage under the Statewide Drinking Water Systems Discharge Permit.

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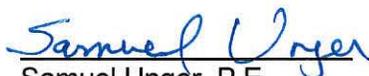
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Therefore, coverages for Castaic Lake Water Agency for Earl Schmidt Filtration Plant, 32700 N. Lake Hughes Rd., Castaic, CA and Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Rd., Santa Clarita, CA (CI No. 8958) and Saugus Perchlorate Treatment Facility, 25401 Bouquet Canyon Rd., Santa Clarita, CA (CI No. 9799) under the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Order No. R4-2009-0068, General NPDES Permit No. CAG674001 are no longer necessary and are hereby terminated, except for enforcement purposes.

If you have any questions, please contact Carlos D. Santos at (213) 620-2093 or email him at [carlos.santos@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:carlos.santos@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Samuel Unger, P.E.  
Executive Officer

cc: U.S. EPA, Region IX, Permit Section (WTR-5)  
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
City of Santa Clarita, DPW



## State Water Resources Control Board

6/29/2016

Mr. Jeffrey Koelewyn  
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Santa Clarita, CA 91350-2173

### NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY WATER SYSTEM; STATEWIDE GENERAL PERMIT FOR DRINKING WATER SYSTEM DISCHARGES TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

Dear Mr. Koelewyn:

Thank you for submitting the September 1, 2015 application package for coverage under the Statewide Drinking Water Systems Discharge Permit,<sup>1</sup> adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) in November 2014. The Statewide Drinking Water Systems Discharge Permit provides Clean Water Act regulatory coverage for: (1) discharges resulting from essential operations and maintenance activities of drinking water systems undertaken to comply with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, California Health and Safety Code, and State Water Board's Division of Drinking Water permitting requirements; and (2) emergency discharges.

#### Notice of Applicability

The information submitted in the September 1, 2015 application package, including the Notice of Intent form, map, and supplemental monitoring data for the system described below, satisfies the permit application requirements. Therefore, the application package is deemed complete. This Notice of Applicability implements regulatory coverage under the Statewide Drinking Water Systems Discharge Permit for the water system described below, effective **July 1, 2016**. A waste discharge identification number of 4DW0768 has been assigned to this coverage.

#### Discharge Description

The Castaic Lake Water Agency (Agency) Water System is a wholesaler that treats and delivers water to the following four major water retailers in Los Angeles County: (1) the Valencia Water Company, (2) the Newhall County Water District, (3) the Los Angeles County Waterworks District #36, and (4) the Santa Clarita Water Division. The source of water for the system consists of local groundwater and imported surface water from the Sacramento Delta under the State Water Project that gets treated at the Agency's Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant in Saugus, and the Earl Schmidt Filtration Plant in Castaic. The system discharges to the Santa Clara River.

<sup>1</sup> Statewide General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Drinking Water System Discharges to Waters of the United States; State Water Board Order 2014-0194-DWQ (see [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/npdes/docs/drinkingwater/final\\_statewide\\_wqo2014\\_0194\\_dwq.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/npdes/docs/drinkingwater/final_statewide_wqo2014_0194_dwq.pdf))

There are applicable total maximum daily loads for ammonia, chloride, E. coli, nitrate plus nitrite, and total coliform in the Santa Clara River. The supplemental monitoring data show that discharges from the system do not contribute to the impairment of the Santa Clara River, for the specified pollutants.

**General Requirements**

To comply with the Statewide Drinking Water Systems Discharge Permit, the Agency shall:

- a. Establish and implement appropriate best management practices.
- b. Ensure that all planned discharges comply with the terms and requirements of the permit including applicable effluent limitations for chlorine residual and turbidity.
- c. Take all necessary steps to review and update the effectiveness and adequacy of the control measures and best management practices.
- d. Keep best management practices updated and available onsite for all system operators.
- e. Conduct monitoring and reporting in compliance with the provisions and requirements in the Monitoring and Reporting Program, Attachment E of the Statewide Drinking Water Systems Discharge Permit.
- f. Maintain self-monitoring reports including compliant and non-compliant discharge monitoring information at the system's main office and make them available upon request of State Water Board and Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) staff.
- g. Submit an annual report and all reporting information required by the Monitoring and Reporting Program to the following address:

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Quality  
NPDES Wastewater Unit  
1001 I Street, 15th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Include the following certification in the annual monitoring report:

*"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all enclosures were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to ensure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."*

If you prefer to submit an electronic copy of the report you can do so by sending it to the following e-mail: [DMR@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DMR@waterboards.ca.gov) and title the e-mail "DWS No. 1910048 Annual Report."

- h. Notify the Los Angeles Water Board per notification requirements in the permit's Monitoring and Reporting Program. The staff contact at the Los Angeles Water Board is Mr. Augustine Anijielo who may be contacted at (213) 576-6657 or [Augustine.Anijielo@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Augustine.Anijielo@waterboards.ca.gov).

**Previous Permitting Coverage**

Based on your application package and staff review of the California Integrated Water Quality System database, the Agency's Water System has existing coverage under the following Los Angeles Water Board NPDES Permits:

- CAG674001, Order No. R4-2009-0068, WDID 4B198000007 for its Earl Schmidt Filtration Plant and the Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant, and
- CAG994004, Order No. R4-2013-0095, WDID 4A198900110 for its Saugus Perchlorate Treatment Facility.

Agency staff has indicated that its water treatment plants do not discharge filter backwash water to waters of the U.S. It is the intention of the State Water Board that this Notice of Applicability for coverage under the Statewide Drinking Water Systems Discharge Permit supersedes all other Regional Water Board-issued non-MS4 NPDES permit coverage for drinking water systems discharges. The Los Angeles Water Board will terminate your existing permitting coverage of these discharges in a separate action, and will notify you in a separate letter. However, because discharges from the Saugus Perchlorate Treatment Facility are from contaminated groundwater, the Los Angeles Water Board may decide not to terminate the existing coverage under CAG994004.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability or the Statewide Drinking Water Systems Discharge Permit, please contact Mr. Renan Jauregui in the NPDES Wastewater Unit of the Division of Water Quality at (916) 341-5505 or [renan.jauregui@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:renan.jauregui@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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