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June 14, 2007

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
CLAIM NO. 7002 2410 0005 0647 5658

Dear Mr. Jensen:

GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL COMMERCIAL SUBSURFACE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS – BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL, CAMP TRASK, 1100 CANYON BOULEVARD, MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA (FILE NO. 07-080 CI-9267)

We have completed our review of your application for Waste Discharge Requirements to discharge wastewater from Trask Scout Reservation in the City of Monrovia.

BACKGROUND

The San Gabriel Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America (Discharger), has operated Camp Trask in Sawpit Canyon north of the City of Monrovia since the mid-1960s and is proposing camp improvement on land owned in fee or on leased land. The area occupied by the camp's tent campgrounds, ranges, water storage tanks, loop roadway and pit toilets was under lease from the city until the Trust for Public Lands purchased a large parcel and deeded it to the Forest Services in the mid to late 1990s. At that time, the Forest Service honored the existing lease for this specific improvement of the camp, and issued a short-term special use permit (one-year maximum) to the Boy Scouts to enable the construction of the new toilet/shower facility to occur to avoid forfeit and for continuity of current the existing use.

The campground site is located on the approximately ten acres of National Forest land and is known as the Trask Scout Reservation. This camp has four buildings and a maximum capacity for 200 campers, and 99% of the use of the camp is weekends only; not full-time camping.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Boy Scouts propose to replace the existing three pit toilets with three new bathroom buildings in the campground area. The new bathrooms will use water from the camp's existing water system and will use a new septic system at each bathroom building. Each new bathroom building will have five 1.6 gallon toilets, two showers with timers and 2.5 gallon per minute (gpm) low flow shower heads, four sinks with low flow metering faucets, and four waterless urinals. Each of the three new bathroom buildings will have a separate septic system. Each system will consist of a 1,200 gallon septic tank and leach field with its respective distribution box. The three leach fields will consist of two lines (3 ft width [W] x 4 ft depth [D] x 100 ft long

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[L]), three lines (3 ft W x 4 ft D x 80 ft L), and (3) three lines (3 ft W x 4ft D x 75 ft L) respectively.

The campground is located near a stream in Sawpit Canyon that flows year round. The water supply of the system is pumped from the stream at a diversion point approximately 350 feet downgradient from the closest leach field point. The water is stored in a 21,000 gallon tank after being filtered by sand and disinfected at a 300 gallon tank. We understand that you have worked with Los Angeles County health officials to ensure that the drinking water you provide to the campground is safe.

The leach field for Bathroom Building No. 1 is 185 feet horizontally and 50 feet vertically from the edge of the stream high flow; for Bathroom Building No. 2, the separation is 288 feet horizontally and 50 feet vertically from the edge of the stream high flow; for Bathroom Building No. 3, the separation is 157 feet horizontally and 80 feet vertically from the edge of the stream high flow.

The Discharger has estimated that a maximum of 2,440 gallons per day of domestic wastewater will be discharged from proposed septic tank systems. Groundwater is estimated to be present at a depth greater than 16 feet below ground surface.

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 System," adopted by this Regional Board on February 22, 2001.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, consisting of Order No. 01-031 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-9267.

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 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-9267, 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.

We are sending a copy of Order No. 01-031 only to the applicant although copies of the Order will be furnished to anyone who requests it.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Orlando H. Gonzalez at (213) 620-2267.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Board Order No. 01-031

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