

## California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region





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Dear Ms. Perez:

COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS—CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, PEACE VALLEY PIPELINE REPAIR PROJECT (STATE WATER PROJECT), 2 MILES NORTH OF PYRAMID LAKE—NEAR 138 AND 5 INTERSTATE FREEWAY, PEARBLOSSOM, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994004, CI—9307)

We have completed our review of your application for a permit to discharge groundwater to surface waters under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. You propose to discharge up to 0.5 million gallons per day (mgd) of groundwater during reconstruction of Peace Valley Pipeline (PVP). PVP is a primary conveyance system for the West Branch of the State Water Project, located in the Angeles National Forest near the City of Pearblossom. The short-term construction dewatering project shall last approximately 30 days.

Based on the attached Fact Sheet and other information provided, we have determined that the proposed discharge at the above-referenced site meets the conditions to be regulated under Order No. R4-2003-0111, General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for Groundwater Discharges 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-9307. The discharge limitations in Part E.1.a. of Order No. R4-2003-0111 for the specific constituents listed on the table with the enclosed Fact Sheet are applicable to your discharge. The groundwater discharge flows into the Gorman Creek Improvement Channel (GCIC) thence to Pyramid Lake located two miles south of the project site in the Santa Clara River Watershed (Piru Creek above gaging station below Santa Felicia Dam). Therefore, the discharge limitations in Attachment B.3.k of Order No. R4-2003-0111 are applicable to your discharge. Prior to starting discharge, a representative sample of the effluent must be obtained and analyzed to determine compliance with the discharge limitations.

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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-9307 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 <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/permits/general">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/permits/general</a> permits.html.

If you have any questions, please contact Namiraj Jain at (213) 620-6003.

Sincerely

Deborah J. Smith Interim Executive Officer

## **Enclosures:**

General NPDES No. CAG994004, Order No. R4-2003-0111

Fact Sheet

Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-9307

cc: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permit Section (WTR-5)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

NOAA, Nátional Marine Fisheries Service

Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Philip Isorena, State Water Resource Control Board, NPDES Unit

California Department of Fish and Game, Marine Resources, Region 5

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Flood Control and Drainage

Los Angeles County Department of Environmental Program

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