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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

November 6, 2018

Mr. Hazem Hijaz  
Somis General Store  
3335 Somis Road  
Somis, CA 93066

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
CLAIM NO. 7017 2400 0000 9373 4621

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2012-0032, APPROVING WATER QUALITY CONTROL POLICY FOR SITING, DESIGN, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS, SOMIS GENERAL STORE, 3335 SOMIS ROAD, SOMIS, CA 93066 (FILE NO. 09-163, ORDER NO. 01-031, SERIES NO. 116, CI-9566, GLOBAL ID WDR100001691)**

Dear Mr. Hijaz:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board), is the public agency with primary responsibility for the protection of ground and surface water quality for all beneficial uses of water within major portions of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, including the Somis General Store (Facility) mentioned above.

On December 28, 2009, the Facility was authorized to discharge wastewater under waste discharge requirements (WDRs) contained in Regional Board Order No. 01-031 adopted by the Regional Board on February 22, 2001. The Facility's existing onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS) consists of a 1,200-gallon septic tank connected to a 40-foot leach line at 5 feet below ground surface. The estimated maximum daily volume of discharge is between 70 to 90 gallons per day (gpd).

On June 19, 2012, State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) adopted Resolution No. 2012-0032, which adopted the "*Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems*" (OWTS Policy). The OWTS Policy became effective on May 13, 2013 and subsequently was incorporated into the Regional Board Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) by Resolution No. R14-007, adopted on May 8, 2014.

Regional Board staff have reviewed documents associated with the Facility. Regional Board staff have determined that the Facility meets the conditions specified in Tier 0 (section 6.0) of the OWTS Policy. Therefore, effective July 1, 2018 the Facility will be covered by the waiver included in the OWTS Policy.

The conditional waiver contained in the OWTS Policy waives the requirements to obtain waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and pay fees. Therefore, the current coverage of General WDR Order No. 01-031 and the associated monitoring and reporting program (MRP) No. CI-9566 are terminated.

Enclosed are the requirements for Tier 0 and the *Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements* (section 12 of the OWTS Policy). Should changes to the septic disposal system be needed, revised engineering drawings showing the change must be filed with the Regional Board a minimum of thirty days prior to the change. The discharger must receive approval of such change. The complete OWTS Policy is available at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/owts/docs/owts\\_policy.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/owts/docs/owts_policy.pdf)

Failure to abide by the conditions of the OWTS Policy, the waiver of waste discharge requirements, and this letter authorizing applicability, could result in enforcement actions as authorized by provisions of the California Water Code.

If you have any questions, please contact the Project Manager, Mr. David Koo, at (213) 620-6155 ([david.koo@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:david.koo@waterboards.ca.gov)) or the Chief of Groundwater Permitting Unit, Dr. Eric Wu at (213) 576-6683 ([eric.wu@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:eric.wu@waterboards.ca.gov)).

Sincerely,

  
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Deborah J. Smith  
Executive Officer

Enclosure: Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements

cc (via email): Mr. Charles Genkel, County of Ventura, Environmental Health Division  
Mr. William Stratton, County of Ventura, Environmental Health Division

## Tier 0 – Existing OWTS

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Existing OWTS that are properly functioning and do not meet the conditions of failing systems or otherwise require corrective action (for example, to prevent groundwater impairment) as specifically described in Tier 4, and are not determined to be contributing to an impairment of surface water as specifically described in Tier 3, are automatically included in Tier 0.

#### 6.0 Coverage for Properly Operating Existing OWTS

- 6.1 Existing OWTS are automatically covered by Tier 0 and the herein included waiver of waste discharge requirements if they meet the following requirements:
  - 6.1.1 have a projected flow of 10,000 gallons-per-day or less;
  - 6.1.2 receive only domestic wastewater from residential or commercial buildings, or high-strength wastewater from commercial food service buildings that does not exceed 900 mg/L BOD and has a properly sized and functioning oil/grease interceptor (a.k.a. grease trap);
  - 6.1.3 continue to comply with any previously imposed permitting conditions;
  - 6.1.4 do not require supplemental treatment under Tier 3;
  - 6.1.5 do not require corrective action under Tier 4; and
  - 6.1.6 do not consist of a cesspool as a means of wastewater disposal.
- 6.2 A Regional Water Board or local agency may deny coverage under this Policy to any OWTS that is:
  - 6.2.1 Not in compliance with Section 6.1;
  - 6.2.2 Not able to adequately protect the water quality of the waters of the State, as determined by the Regional Water Board after considering any input from the local agency. A Regional Water Board may require the submission of a report of waste discharge to receive Region specific waste discharge requirements or waiver of waste discharge requirements so as to be protective.
- 6.3 Existing OWTS currently under waste discharge requirements or individual waiver of waste discharge requirements will remain under those orders until notified in writing by the appropriate Regional Water Board that they are covered under this Policy.