

## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

February 1, 2018

Mr. Matthew Baumgardner  
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Ventura Regional Sanitation District  
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### **NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY: EMERGENCY WAIVER FOR DISPOSAL OF MUDSLIDE DEBRIS TO TOLAND ROAD LANDFILL (CASE NO. R4-2017-0096-0004, GLOBAL ID NO. L10006875092)**

Dear Mr. Baumgardner:

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) staff has reviewed the Notice of Intent (NOI) submitted by the Ventura Regional Sanitation District (Discharger), dated January 24, 2018, that applied for coverage under the General Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Disaster Related Emergency Waste Handling and Disposal within the Los Angeles Region, Order No. R4-2017-0096 (Conditional Waiver). The Conditional Waiver, which was adopted by the Regional Board on April 6, 2017, conditionally waives waste discharge requirements (WDRs) for the disposal of debris resulting from a disaster related emergency.

On December 4, 2017, severe wind conditions in Southern California resulted in the Thomas Fire in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. As a result, on December 5, 2017, Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency under the California Emergency Services Act. On January 2, 2018, the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) declared a Major Disaster for Ventura and Santa Barbara counties associated with the Thomas Fire. On January 10, 2018, the declaration was expanded to include flooding, mud and debris flows in the designated fire areas. On January 9, 2018, Santa Barbara County ratified an emergency proclamation associated with the Montecito mudslide, accompanied by a formal request for the Governor to proclaim a state of emergency.

The NOI contains the information required to qualify for coverage under the category "Discharge to Existing Waste Management Units at Regulated Facilities" of the Waiver for the disposal of mudslide debris at the Toland Road Landfill. You are hereby assigned Case Number R4-2017-0096-0004 for the proposed discharge. This Notice of Applicability (NOA) is applicable to emergency debris disposal from the Montecito mudslide. Please include this number on all correspondence related to this discharge. All reports and correspondence should be converted to searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) and submitted electronically to the State Water Resources Control Board Geotracker database at Global ID No. **L10006875092**.

The Discharger shall comply with the requirements of the Conditional Waiver. A copy of the Conditional Waiver can be found on the Regional Board's website at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/docs/None\\_R4-](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/adopted_orders/docs/None_R4-)

2017-0096\_WAV.pdf. Please familiarize yourself with the contents of the Conditional Waiver. The disposal of fire debris must be conducted in accordance with Sections A and B of the Conditional Waiver. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in enforcement action pursuant to California Water Code, Section 13261, which can include imposition of civil liability (a fine). The Discharger must maintain control over the disposal of fire debris in accordance with the information provided in the NOI and this Notice of Applicability.

Please note that all conditions of this Conditional Waiver remain applicable until they have been met and the Discharger submits a complete Notice of Termination (NOT), or the discharge becomes covered under WDRs or a site-specific waiver of WDRs. However, authorization to discharge under this Conditional Waiver is only in effect temporarily and shall expire under the following conditions, whichever is the earliest, unless otherwise provided in writing by the Regional Board Executive Officer in response to a written request for an extension by the Discharger:

- a. If the Governor terminates the State of Emergency; or
- b. The Regional Board terminates enrollment of individual Dischargers, or all Dischargers temporarily enrolled under the Conditional Waiver for a particular emergency, or terminates this Conditional Waiver in its entirety; or
- c. Six (6) months have elapsed since the Governor issued a proclamation of the State of Emergency in question.

This Conditional Waiver does not impose specific groundwater monitoring and reporting requirements because Toland Road Landfill is already required to implement a monitoring and reporting program under Regional Board Order No. R4-2007-0063.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Enrique Casas (Project Manager), at (213) 620-2299 or [enrique.casas@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:enrique.casas@waterboards.ca.gov) or Dr. Wen Yang, Chief of the Land Disposal Unit, at (213) 620-2253 or [wen.yang@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:wen.yang@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Samuel Unger, P. E.  
Executive Officer

Cc: Mr. Sean Debley, Ventura County Environmental Health Division