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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

December 20, 2019

Ms. Beth Bax  
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### **EXTENSION OF COVERAGE UNDER EMERGENCY WAIVER FOR DISPOSAL OF FIRE DEBRIS - CALABASAS LANDFILL, AGOURA HILLS, CA (CASE NUMBER R4-2017-0096-008, GEOTRACKER GLOBAL I.D. L10005926913)**

Dear Ms. Bax

Reference is made to your letter, dated December 12, 2019, to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board), requesting for an extension of 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), for the Calabasas Landfill (Landfill) in Agoura Hills, California, which is operated by the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Discharger). The Conditional Waiver, which was adopted by the Regional Water Board on April 6, 2017, conditionally waives waste discharge requirements (WDRs) for the disposal of debris resulting from a disaster related emergency.

On November 8, 2018, the Woolsey Fire in Ventura and Los Angeles counties and the Hill Fire in Ventura County ignited, destroying homes and critical infrastructure. On November 9, 2018, California Governor-Elect Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in Los Angeles and Ventura counties. On January 24, 2019, Regional Water Board staff issued a Notice of Applicability granting coverage under the Conditional Waiver for the Landfill to accept debris wastes generated from the Woolsey and Hill fires. On May 7, 2019, coverage under the Conditional Waiver was extended until December 31, 2019. Coverage is temporary and expires under the following conditions, whichever is the earliest, unless otherwise extended in writing by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer in response to a written request for an extension by the Discharger:

- a. If the Governor, Legislature, or local government terminates the State of Emergency; or

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- b. The Regional Water 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, or
- d. Six (6) months have elapsed since emergency activities began.

Your letter indicates that in working with the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, it is expected that local cleanup efforts for the fires may continue through the summer of 2020. As a result, you are requesting that coverage of the Conditional Waiver for the Landfill be extended to allow for continued regional cleanup efforts. Pursuant to provision A.3 of the Conditional Waiver, your request for an extension is hereby approved. Coverage under the Conditional Waiver for the Landfill is valid through June 30, 2020.

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,



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Executive Officer

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