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November 2, 2006

Subject: Revised Tentative Order No. R9-2006-0121, Waste Discharge Requirements for Sewage Collection Agencies in the San Diego Region (for the December 13, 2006 Board Meeting)

Sewage Collection Agencies Representative:

Enclosed for your review and comment is a copy of revised tentative Order No. R9-2006-0121, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Sewage Collection Agencies in the San Diego Region*. This Order, if adopted, will replace current Regional Board Order No. 96-04 and augment State Water Board Order No. R9-2006-003-DWQ.

A copy of the tentative Order was sent out to most of the agencies and interested parties on October 4, 2006 and was presented to the Regional Board on October 11, 2006. At the meeting, the Regional Board suggested several changes that would clarify the findings, definitions, and reporting requirements. The enclosed revised tentative Order, which incorporates those changes will be considered for adoption by the Regional Board at their December 13, 2006 meeting.

If adopted, tentative Order No. R9-2006-0121 will

- 1. Eliminate duplication of reporting by Sewage Collection Agencies to both the State Board and Regional Board should Order No. 96-04 remain in effect.
- 2. Eliminate requirements for Sewage Collection Agencies to develop separate plans and procedures should Order No. 96-04 remain in effect.
- 3. Eliminate the annual fee for the Regional Board requirements for Sewage Collection Agencies.
- 4. Include all State Board permit enrollees within the San Diego Region under the Regional Board's requirements.
- 5. Continue this Regional Board's policy prohibiting all sewage spills, which has been very effective in reducing the number and magnitude of sewage spills within the Region during the past 10 years.

- 6. Continue this Regional Board's policy to require 24-hour notification of all sewage spills that are equal to or greater than 1,000 gallons and/or reach surface water, which has been beneficial to the Regional Board in providing timely information to the public and interested stakeholders, including downstream water users.
- 7. Add a requirement for Sewage Collection Agencies to report any private sanitary sewer overflows that they become aware of as a means for this Regional Board to begin tracking the number of spills from private SSOs. [p0- private SSOs,

The December 13, 2006 meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 am and will be held at the following location:

Regional Water Quality Control Board Regional Board Meeting Room 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92123

Please review and comment on the tentative Order at your earliest convenience. To ensure that the Regional Board has the opportunity to fully study and consider written material, comments should be received in the Regional Board's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 2006. The final deadline for submittal of written comments, however, is Wednesday, December 6, 2006. Per Regional Board direction, written material submitted to the Regional Board office after the submittal deadline date will not be provided to the Regional Board. Also, it is not likely that written material will be accepted by the Regional Board on the day of the meeting.

The heading portion of this letter includes a Regional Board code number noted after "In reply refer to:" In order to assist us in the processing of your correspondence please include this code number in the heading or subject line portion of all correspondence and reports to the Regional Board pertaining to this matter.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Ms. Joann Cofrancesco at (858) 637-5589 or jcofrancesco@waterboards.ca.gov.

Respectfully,

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Enclosure: Revised Tentative Order No. R9-2006-0121 (for December 13, 2006 Board

Meeting)

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