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In reply refer to:
SCR:01-01431.02:VASQV

Dear Mr. Chronert:

TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R9-2006-0063, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DESCANSO MAINTENANCE STATION, SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Enclosed is a copy of Tentative Order No. R9-2006-0063 which Regional Board staff intends to present to the Regional Board for adoption at their regularly scheduled meeting on June 14, 2006.

If adopted, the tentative Order would establish waste discharge requirements for the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the discharge of up to 250 gallons per day of domestic wastewater and vehicle washrack wastewater to a conventional septic tank/leachfield system at the Descanso Maintenance Station. The tentative Order establishes discharge specifications and a monitoring and reporting program.

The Regional Board would like to point out the following areas in the tentative Order:

1. The Findings outline the basis for the requirements of the tentative Order.
2. Discharge Specifications are established for the effluent discharged to the leachfield, for the vehicle washrack wastewater prior to discharge to the septic tank, and for groundwater downgradient of the leachfield.
3. Standard Provisions include a provision requiring that any new or additional treatment and disposal facility constructed at the Descanso Maintenance Station must be certified by a licensed engineer.
4. The Monitoring and Reporting Program requires monitoring of the effluent discharged to the leachfield, the vehicle washrack wastewater prior to discharge to

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the septic tank, and for groundwater monitoring upgradient and downgradient of the leachfield.

The June 14, 2006 meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will be held at the following location:


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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 office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, 2006. Written material submitted after 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2006 will not be provided to the Regional Board members and will not be considered by the Regional Board.

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If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Mr. Victor Vasquez at (858) 636-3155, or via e-mail at vasquez@waterboards.ca.gov.

Respectfully,



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