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Mr. Mark Watton
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SUBJECT: TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R9-2007-0038, MASTER RECLAMATION PERMIT FOR OTAY WATER DISTRICT RALPH W. CHAPMAN WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY AND WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMANENT RECYCLED WATER PROJECTS

Dear Mr. Watton:

Enclosed is a copy of tentative Order No. R9-2007-0038, Master Reclamation Permit for Otay Water District Ralph W. Chapman Water Reclamation Facility. Regional Board staff intended to present the tentative order to the Regional Board for adoption at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 14, 2007. The March meeting, however, has been cancelled and the tentative order has been rescheduled for consideration of adoption at the next regularly scheduled Regional Board meeting on April 11, 2007.

The April 11, 2007 meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will be held at the following location:

City of Mission Viejo Council Chambers
200 Civic Center
Mission Viejo, CA 92691

Please review and comment on the tentative Order at your earliest convenience. It is recommended that written comments be submitted as soon as possible to enable staff to amend the tentative order, if necessary, and allow changes to the tentative order to be fully reviewed by the Regional Board and interested parties. To ensure that the Regional Board has the opportunity to fully study and consider written material, comments should be received by the Regional Board office no later than March 28, 2007. The final deadline for submittal of written comments, however, is April 4, 2007. Written material submitted after the submittal deadline will not be provided to the

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Regional Board. Also, it is not likely that written material will be accepted by the Regional Board on the day of the meeting.

Furthermore, Otay Water District's proposed project for production, distribution, and use of recycled water associated with tentative Order No. R9-2007-0038 meets the conditions of Item 26 of the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (9) Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements (Waiver Policy) outlined below; therefore, Otay Water District may commence discharge of recycled water pursuant to the proposed requirements set forth in the tentative order. This waiver is valid as long as conditions are met and until the Regional Board adopts tentative Order No. R9-2007-0038.

Conditions for Waiver Policy Item 26 for Permanent Reclaimed Water Projects

1. The discharger shall submit a report of waste discharge pursuant to Section 13260 or 13522.5 of the California Water Code. This report shall contain sufficient technical information from which the Regional Board can determine if the proposed discharge complies with all applicable reclamation regulations;
2. The proposed discharge of reclaimed water must be in compliance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 3, Articles 1 - 10;
3. The proposed discharge of reclaimed water must be in compliance with the Water Quality Control Plan, San Diego Basin (9);
4. The report of waste discharge must contain a letter from the local health department or the State Department of Health Services stating that the proposed project complies with all State and local health requirements for the use of reclaimed water. This letter shall also specify any monitoring required to demonstrate compliance with Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 3, Reclamation Criteria, Articles 2, 3, 4, 5 and 5.1; and
5. Temporary waivers of waste discharge requirements remain in effect for a project until the Regional Board is able to adopt permanent requirements. The Regional Board will adopt requirements, as appropriate, at the earliest possible opportunity, and in accordance with Regional Board priorities.

If adopted, tentative Order No. R9-2007-0038 would establish master reclamation requirements for the production, distribution, and use of recycled water in the Otay Water District service area, and would supersede Order No. 92-25, except for enforcement purposes.

Mr. Mark Watton
OWD Master Reclamation Permit

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If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Melissa Valdovinos at (858) 467-2724, or via email at mvaldovinos@waterboards.ca.gov.

Respectfully,

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Enclosure: Tentative Order No. R9-2007-0038, Draft Master Reclamation Permit for Otay Water District Ralph W. Chapman Water Reclamation Facility

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