

Exhibit B

ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONAL RESOLUTION AND WAIVER OF RIGHT TO HEARING OF THE SETTLEMENT OFFER NO. R9-2017-0070

By signing below and returning this Acceptance of Conditional Resolution and Waiver of Right to Hearing (Acceptance and Waiver) to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board), the San Elijo Joint Powers Authority (SEJPA or Permittee) hereby accepts the *Offer to Participate in Expedited Payment Program* and waives the right to a hearing before the San Diego Water Board to dispute the allegations of violation described in the Settlement Offer, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

The Permittee agrees that the Settlement Offer shall serve as a complaint pursuant to Article 2.5 of the Water Code and that no separate complaint is required for the San Diego Water Board to assert jurisdiction over the alleged violation through its Chief Prosecutor. The Permittee agrees to pay the penalties required by Water Code section 13385, in the sum of \$3,000 (Expedited Payment Amount), which shall be deemed payment in full of any civil liability pursuant to Water Code section 13385 that otherwise might be assessed for the violation described in the Settlement Offer. The Permittee understands that this Acceptance and Waiver waives the Permittee's right to contest the allegations in the Settlement Offer and the amount of civil liability for such violation.

The Permittee understands that this Acceptance and Waiver does not address or resolve liability for any violation that is not specifically identified in the Settlement Offer.

Upon execution by the Permittee, the completed Acceptance and Waiver shall be returned to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92108-2700
ATTN: 255265:JLLim

The Permittee understands that federal regulations set forth at title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 123.27(d)(2)(iii), require the San Diego Water Board to publish notice of and provide at least 30 days for public comment on any proposed resolution of an enforcement action addressing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit violations. Accordingly, this Acceptance and Waiver, prior to execution by the Executive Officer, will be published as required by law for public comment.

During the public comment period, if no comments are received that cause the Executive Officer to question the Expedited Payment Amount, the Executive Officer will execute the Acceptance and Waiver.

The Permittee understands that if significant comments are received in opposition to the Expedited Payment Amount, the offer on behalf of the San Diego Water Board to resolve the violation set forth in the Settlement Offer may be withdrawn. In that circumstance, the Permittee will be advised of the withdrawal and an administrative civil liability complaint may be issued and the matter may be set for a hearing before the San Diego Water Board. For such a liability hearing, the Permittee understands that this Acceptance and Waiver executed by the Permittee will be treated as a settlement communication and will not be used as evidence in that hearing.

The Permittee further understands that once the Acceptance and Waiver is executed by the Executive Officer, the full payment required by the deadline set forth below is a condition of this Acceptance and Waiver. In accordance with Water Code section 13385(n)(1), funds collected for violations of effluent limitations and reporting requirements pursuant to section 13385 shall be deposited in the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account. Accordingly, the liability shall be paid by a cashier's or certified check for \$3,000 made out to the "State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account." Payment must be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board, Accounting Office, Attn: ACL Payment, P.O. Box 1888, Sacramento, CA 95812-1888, no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the date the Permittee receives written notice that the Executive Officer has executed this Acceptance and Waiver. A copy of the check must also be received by the San Diego Water Board at 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92108 within thirty (30) days of approval via U.S. Postal Service or e-mail to SanDiego@waterboards.ca.gov, attention 255265:JLLim.

San Eljio Joint Powers Authority

By:

Signed Name

Date _____

MICHAEL THORNTON

Printed or Typed Name

GENERAL MANAGER

Title

IT IS SO ORDERED PURSUANT TO WATER CODE SECTION 13385.

By:

DAVID W. GIBSON
Executive Officer

Date _____