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Mr. Mike Calvert Water Reclamation Manager Rancho California Water District 42135 Winchester Road P.O. Box 9017 Temecula, CA 92589-9017 In reply refer to:

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Dear Mr. Calvert:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION NO. R9-2009-0013

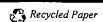
SANTA ROSA WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY, TEMECULA, CA

You are hereby notified of the following violations of Discharge Specifications B.3 and B.4 of Order No. 94-92, as amended. The violations of effluent limitations contained in Order No. 94-92 were identified upon review of the January 2008 – December 2008 monthly monitoring reports:

## BASIS FOR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS:

- 1. Whereas Discharge Specification B.3 states that the daily maximum effluent limitation for Nitrate as NO<sub>3</sub> is 12 milligrams per liter (mg/l), the effluent concentration for Nitrate as NO<sub>3</sub> was reported as 35.2 mg/l on October 8, 2008.
- 2. Whereas Discharge Specification B.3 states that the 12-month average effluent concentration for Nitrate as NO<sub>3</sub> shall not exceed 10 mg/l, the average value for Nitrate as NO<sub>3</sub> for 2008 is 35.2 mg/l.
- 3. Whereas Discharge Specifications B.3 and B.4 state that the daily maximum effluent limitation for Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) is 825 mg/l, the effluent concentration for TDS was reported as 830 mg/l on June 3, 850 mg/l on June 17, 880 mg/l on July 2, and 900 mg/l on September 17, 2008.
- Whereas Discharge Specifications B.3 and B.4 state that the 12-month average for TDS shall not exceed 750 mg/l, the 12-month average for TDS was reported as 760 mg/l for 2008.

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- 5. Whereas Discharge Specification B.4 states that the average operating turbidity of 2 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU) shall not be exceeded within a 24-hour period, an average effluent turbidity value was reported as 2.76 NTU on September 18, 2008.
- 6. Whereas Discharge Specification B.4 states that the daily maximum effluent limitation for Turbidity shall not exceed 5 NTU for more than 5 percent of the time during a 24-hour time period, the effluent turbidity value was reported to have exceeded 5 NTU for more than 5 percent of the time during a 24-hour time period on June 17, 2008.
- 7. Whereas Discharge Specification B. 4 states that the daily minimum Chlorine contact time (CT) shall be 450 mg-min/l, the Chlorine CT was reported as less than the required 450 mg-min/l on September 22, 2008.

The violations cited above subjects the Rancho California Water District to possible enforcement action by the Regional Board, including administrative enforcement orders requiring you to cease and desist from violations, or to clean up and abate existing or threatened conditions of pollution or nuisance; administrative or judicial proceedings for the assessment of civil liability in amounts of up to \$5,000 per day under the authority of California Water Code section 13350(c); referral to the State Attorney General for injunctive relief; and referral to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

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 this matter, please contact Ms. Amy Grove at (858) 637-7136 or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:agrove@waterboards.ca.gov">agrove@waterboards.ca.gov</a>, or Mr. Bob Morris at (858) 467-2962, or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:bmorris@waterboards.ca.gov">bmorris@waterboards.ca.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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Supervising Engineering Geologist

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