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October 5, 2009

In reply refer to: ahdai:229727

Ms. Lori Vereker Director of Utilities City of Escondido 201 N. Broadway Escondido, CA 92025

Dear Ms. Vereker:

SUBJECT: HALE AVENUE RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY (HARRF)

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) has reviewed the June, July, August monthly monitoring reports, and April - June 2009 quarterly monitoring report submitted by the City of Escondido (City) in accordance with Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 93-70.

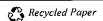
The Regional Board identified the following violations of the Discharge Specifications contained in Order No. 93-70:

- 1. There was 3 violations of Discharge Specification B.1 of the 12-month average effluent concentration of manganese (Mn), established at 0.05 milligrams per liter (mg/L). The violation occurred in June, July, and August 2009 monitoring periods with reported values of 0.07 mg/L.
- 2. There were 3 violations of Discharge Specification B.1 of the daily maximum effluent concentration of manganese (Mn), established at 0.06 mg/L. The violation occurred on June 6, July 15, and August 4, 2009 with reported values of 0.095 mg/L, 0.13 mg/L, and 0.15 mg/L, respectively.

The next monitoring report to be submitted is the September 2009 monthly monitoring report due by October 30, 2009.

Please take steps to implement the follow-up actions necessary to ensure that the violations noted do not occur in the future. These violations subject the City to possible further enforcement action by the Regional Board, including administrative enforcement orders requiring the City to cease and desist from violations, or to clean up waste and abate existing or threatened conditions of pollution or nuisance; administrative

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assessment of civil liability in amounts of up to \$5,000 per day per violation;1 referral to the State Attorney General for injunctive relief; and referral to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

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Sincerely,

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