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February 18, 2010

Mr. Ralph McIntosh General Manager Ramona Municipal Water District 105 Earlham Street Ramona, CA 92065-1599 CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED 7009 1410 0002 2347 3889

> In reply refer to: Place No. 631528:cmeans

## RE: NOTICE OF VIOLATION NO. R9-2010-0034

Dear Mr. McIntosh:

Enclosed is **Notice of Violation (NOV) No. R9-2010-0035** issued to the Ramona Municipal Water District (RMWD) for violations of State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ, *Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems*. NOV No. R9-2010-0035 is issued to the RMWD for failure to certify that it has developed and implemented a written Sewer System Management Plan for the Santa Maria Collection System.

Please provide a written response to the Regional Board by <u>March 16, 2010</u> describing how the agency has or will resolve the violations alleged in the NOV. Your response will be reviewed to determine if appropriate measures have been taken to address the violations noted and to assess the need for further enforcement action.

In the subject line of any response, please include the requested "**In reply refer to:**" information located in the heading of this letter. Questions pertaining to the issuance of this NOV should be directed to Christopher Means at (858) 637-5581 or <u>cmeans@waterboards.ca.gov</u>.

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Written correspondence pertaining to this NOV should be directed to the following address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123-4340 Attn: Mr. Christopher Means

Respectfully,

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JOHN R. ODERMATT, M.Sc., PG Senior Engineering Geologist, Acting Branch Chief Water Quality Restoration and Standards Branch

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Order No.	R9-2010-0035
CIWQS Place ID	631528
Violation ID	861237
Reg. Measure No.	373114

Enclosures: Notice of Violation R9-2010-0035

Cc via email: (w/encl.)

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Russell Norman, State Water Board, SSO Program, rnorman@waterboards.ca.gov

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Mr. Ralph McIntosh General Manager Ramona Municipal Water District 105 Earlham Street Ramona, CA 92065-1599 NOTICE OF VIOLATION NO. R9-2010-0035

Failure to Comply With State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ, Santa Maria Collection System

## State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ

## YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT:

The Ramona Municipal Water District (RMWD) is in violation of State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ, *Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems* for failing to develop and self-certify a Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) in compliance with the required time schedule for the Santa Maria Collection System.

Such violations may subject you to further enforcement action by the State Water Board and California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board), including administrative enforcement orders such as administrative civil liability in amounts of up to \$5,000 per day per violation; referral to the State Attorney General for injunctive relief; and, referral to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

#### **Summary of Violations:**

#### FAILURE TO DEVELOP AND CERTIFY SSMP

The RMWD failed to certify development of a written SSMP for the Santa Maria Collection System in compliance with the provisions and time schedule required in Order No 2006-0003-DWQ.

 Pursuant to Provision D.14: The Enrollee shall certify that the SSMP, and subparts thereof, are in compliance with the general waste discharge requirements of Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ by completing the certification portion of the <u>Online</u> Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) database.

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2. Pursuant to Provision D.15: The Enrollee shall comply with these requirements according to the time schedule in this section.

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**Allegation:** The RMWD failed to complete and self-certify the following SSMP sections in the online SSO database by the due dates provided in Provision D.15:

SSMP Section	Completion Due Date	Status
5: Design & Performance Provisions	08/02/2008	Not Completed
8: System Evaluation and Capacity Assurance Plan	08/02/2009	Not Completed
9: Monitoring, Measurement and Program Modifications	08/02/2009	Not Completed
12: SSMP Completion and Certification	08/02/2009	Not Completed

Therefore, the RMWD has not verified compliance with requirements to develop an SSMP as required by Order No 2006-0003-DWQ.

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