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In reply refer to: 255446:ccannova

Mr. Matt Estrin Associate Director of Facilities San Diego Wild Animal Park 15500 San Pasqual Valley Road Escondido, CA 92027-8702

Dear Mr. Estrin:

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF MONITORING REPORTS FOR

SAN DIEGO ZOO'S SAFARI PARK SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region has reviewed the December 2011-February 2012 monthly, October-December 2011 quarterly, and the January-December 2011 annual monitoring reports submitted by the Zoological Society of San Diego in accordance with the Monitoring and Reporting Program of Order No. 99-04.

The following violation of Addendum No. 1 to Order No. 99-04 was identified in the submitted reports:

1. The daily maximum effluent limitation of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), established at 45 milligrams per liter (mg/L), was exceeded on December 12, 2011 with a reported value of 141 mg/L.

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

The next monitoring report required to be submitted is the March 2012 monthly monitoring report which is due by April 31, 2012.

California Environmental Protection Agency

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¹ Under authority of California Water Code section 13350.

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Sincerely,

Ben Tobler

Water Resource Control Engineer Cleanup and Land Discharge Branch

Regulatory Measure #: 384187

Violation ID #: 922203