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In reply refer to: 631542: CMEANS

Mr. Gerre Bedell
Operations Superintendent
Santa Margarita Water District
26111 Antonio Parkway
Santa Margarita, California 92690

Dear Mr. Bedell:

SUBJECT: Notification of Category 1 Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) Violations
Santa Margarita Water District Collection System WDID 9SSO10697

The California Regional Water Quality Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) has completed a review of Category 1 SSO events in the California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) Online SSO Reporting Database to verify violations of Discharge Prohibitions contained in the State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ, Statewide Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems. This review covered SSO events certified during the period from April to December 2011.

Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ prohibits the discharge of untreated or partially treated wastewater that creates a nuisance or results in a discharge to waters of the United States. Therefore, Category 1 SSO events generally violate the prohibitions. The San Diego Water Board has updated CIWQS records associated with the following certified Category 1 SSO events to show these as violations.

CIWQS EVENT ID	CIWQS VIOLATION ID	SSO LOCATION	SSO DATE
771299	909293	Margurite/ Olympaid	09/18/2011
771707	910408	Behind 31682 Via Coyote, Coto De Caza	10/01/2011
775326	916370	25031 Meadowbrook	12/31/2011

CIWQS violation reports are publicly available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water issues/programs/ciwqs/publicreports.shtml

Please continue to take steps necessary to ensure that violations of this type do not occur in the future. These violations are subject to possible further enforcement action by the San Diego Water Board, including administrative enforcement orders,

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administrative assessment of civil liability in amounts up to \$10,000 per day, referral to the State Attorney General for injunctive relief, and referral to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

For questions pertaining to the subject matter, please contact Christopher Means at (858) 637-5581 or by email at cmeans@waterboards.ca.gov.

PLEASE INCLUDE "631542: CMEANS" IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE.

Respectfully,

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