ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONAL RESOLUTION  
AND WAIVER OF RIGHT TO HEARING: (Proposed) ORDER

Knotts Berry Farm  
Settlement Offer No. R8-2019-0021  
WDID Nos. 8 30C311887, 8 30C378767, 8 30C380536

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Knotts Berry Farm  
By:  
(Signed Name)  
JEFF CAMACHO

(Date)  
7/5/19

(Printed or Typed name)  
VIP MAINTENANCE

(IT IS SO ORDERED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA WATER CODE SECTION 13399.30

Date:  
7/28/19

By:  
Hope Smythe  
Executive Officer
March 4, 2019

Jeff Gahagan
VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
Knotts Berry Farm
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
8039 Beach Boulevard
Buena Park, CA 90620

CLAIM NO. 7005 1820 0000 6734 9774

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STATUTORY LIABILITY:

Pursuant to Water Code section 13399.33(c), the Permittee is subject to a minimum penalty of not less than one thousand dollars ($1,000) plus staff costs for failing to submit each Annual Report within sixty (60) days after the first NNC was sent. The Permittee is also subject to
discretionary administrative civil liabilities of up to ten thousand dollars ($10,000) for each day in which the violation occurs. These minimum and discretionary administrative civil liabilities may be assessed by the Regional Board beginning with the date that the violations first occurred. The formal enforcement action that the Regional Board uses to assess such liability is an administrative civil liability complaint, although the Regional Board may instead refer such matters to the Attorney General's Office for prosecution. If referred to the Attorney General for prosecution, the Superior Court may assess up to twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) per violation.

PERMITTEE'S OPTIONS FOR RESPONSE TO OFFER:

You have two options to respond as outlined below.

1. **Accept the Expedited Payment Program offer** by complying with the Order and submitting the requested Annual Reports and agreeing to pay a settlement of **$4,500**. The minimum administrative civil liability pursuant to California Water Code section 13399.33(c) is **$1,000 per missing report plus staff costs**. Staff costs in this matter are **$1,500**. This is a Conditional Offer subject to certain terms and conditions set forth below. If you choose this option you must sign and submit the enclosed Acceptance and Waiver form by April 5, 2019. The form provides submittal instructions. Final closure on this action is only possible after ultimate submission of the settlement amount.

   Please submit the outstanding Annual Reports in SMARTS and an original (blue ink) signed Acceptance and Waiver form to:

   Michael Kashak, Coastal Storm Water Unit
   Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
   3737 Main Street, Suite 500
   Riverside, CA 92501-3348

   In response to the Conditional Offer and payment in settlement of this enforcement action, the Regional Board will forego issuance of a formal administrative complaint, will not refer the violation to the Attorney General, and will waive its right to seek additional discretionary civil liabilities for the violations identified in the NNCs.

2. **Contest the non-filing violation** by submitting in writing, the basis of your challenge with supporting evidence. For example, you may have evidence that you previously submitted your Annual Reports or you are no longer in business. If you choose this option, you must submit your written documentation by April 5, 2019. We will review your submission, and if we agree with you, we will notify you in writing that you are no longer considered in violation of the permit and that our enforcement action has been terminated. All responses should be directed to Michael Kashak.

   If you do not respond in a manner described in the above options, the Regional Board will prepare an administrative civil liability complaint for the violations cited in the NNCs. The liability amount sought in the administrative civil liability complaint and/or imposed by the Regional Board may be higher than the liability amount set forth in this Conditional Offer. Moreover, additional staff costs associated with formal enforcement may be considered in the recommended liability amount in an administrative civil liability complaint.
CONDITIONS FOR REGIONAL BOARD ACCEPTANCE OF RESOLUTION:

This offer to participate in the Expedited Payment Program is conditional upon the Regional Board's receipt of confirmation that the Permittee has submitted the Annual Reports to the Regional Board on or before April 5, 2019. If you choose not to or fail to submit the Annual Reports on or before that date, this offer will be deemed withdrawn and a formal enforcement action will be pursued.

If you accept the Expedited Payment Program offer, the settlement will be published in the following manner: Federal regulations require the Regional Board to publish notice of, and to provide at least thirty (30) days for public comment on, any settlement of an enforcement action addressing NPDES permit violations (40 C.F.R. section 123.27(d)(2)(iii)). Upon receipt of the Permittee's Acceptance and Waiver, the Annual Reports, and other requested technical reports on or before April 5, 2019, Regional Board staff will publish a notice of the proposed resolution of the alleged violations.

If no comments are received within the notice period, the Regional Board Executive Officer will execute the Acceptance and Waiver as a stipulated order assessing the uncontested penalty amount pursuant to Water Code section 13399.33. You will then be notified that payment is due within 30 days. Failure to pay the penalty within that time frame may result in further liability, referral of the matter to the Attorney General, and/or may void the offer to participate in this Expedited Payment Program.

If, however, significant comments are received in opposition to the settlement, this offer may be withdrawn. In that case, the Permittee's waiver pursuant to the Acceptance and Waiver will also be treated as withdrawn. In that case, the violations will be addressed through a formal enforcement action.

This Expedited Payment Program offer does not address or resolve liability for any violation that is not specifically identified in the attached NNCs. The Regional Board reserves the right to pursue formal enforcement of any violations not specifically cited in the attached NNCs.

Should you have any questions about this Expedited Payment Program or Notice of Non-Compliance, please contact Coastal Storm Water Unit staff Michael Kashak via phone at (951) 782-4469 or via email at Michael.Kashak@waterboards.ca.gov regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jayne Joy
Assistant Executive Officer

Enclosures:
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cc: (via email)
Catherine Hawe, Office of Enforcement, State Water Resources Control Board
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By: ___________________________ (Signed Name) ___________________________ (Date)
   (Printed or Typed name) ___________________________ (Title)

IT IS SO ORDERED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA WATER CODE SECTION 13399.30

Date: ___________________________

By: ___________________________
   Hope Smythe
   Executive Officer
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