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In reply refer to / attn:
263145:BBushnell

Subject: Water Board Designation for Regulatory Oversight of Eastern Municipal Water District Water Reclamation Plant

Ms. Smythe:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) reviewed the Eastern Municipal Water District (District) letter, dated January 13, 2020 (Letter). The Letter requests the designation of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Santa Ana Water Board) as the sole Water Board responsible for regulating the treatment of wastewater to produce recycled water at the Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility (Temecula Valley WRF). The Letter specifies the treatment of wastewater to produce recycled water at the Temecula Valley WRF is currently regulated by both the:

- Santa Ana Water Board, under Order No. R8-2008-0008, *Waste Discharge and Producer/User Reclamation Requirements for Eastern Municipal Water District Regional Water Reclamation Facilities Discharge to Groundwater Management Zones Within San Jacinto River Basin*; and
- San Diego Water Board, under Order No. 2000-165, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Eastern Municipal Water District, Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility, Riverside County*.

Furthermore, the Letter states, over 89% of the recycled water produced at the Temecula Valley WRF is used at sites within the Santa Ana Water Board region. The remainder is used at sites within the San Diego Water Board region.

Pursuant to Water Code section 13228, dischargers regulated by more than one regional water board, may request to be regulated by a single designated regional water board. Affected regional water boards supportive of the request must agree in writing to

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the designation. Designation of a single regional water board does not prohibit an affected regional water board from taking necessary enforcement actions.

In accordance with Water Code section 13228(a)(2), the San Diego Water Board agrees with the District's request to designate the Santa Ana Water Board as the sole Water Board responsible for regulating the treatment of wastewater at the Temecula Valley WRF, for the production of recycled water. As such, the San Diego Water Board is releasing Tentative Order No. R9-2020-0010, *An Order Rescinding Order No. 2000-165* (Tentative Order), for public review and comment. The Tentative Order, if adopted, will rescind Order No. 2000-165, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Eastern Municipal Water District, Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility, Riverside County*. The San Diego Water Board will consider adoption of the Tentative Order at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 5, 2020.

The San Diego Water Board will regulate the use of recycled water from the Temecula Valley WRF at sites within its region through enrollment in State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ 2016-0068-DDW, *Water Reclamation Requirements for Recycled Water Use*.

In the subject line of any response, please include reference **263145:BBushnell**.

Please contact Mr. Brandon Bushnell at (619) 521-8044, or at brandon.bushnell@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,



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