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March 10, 2008

Mr. Tom Rosales General Manager South Orange County Wastewater Authority 34156 Del Obispo Street Dana Point, California 92629 In reply refer to: NCR:01-0117:jcofran

Dear Mr. Rosales:

SUBJECT: Review of Self Monitoring Reports for Order No. R9-2006-0055,

**NPDES NO. CA0107611** 

FACILITY: Aliso Creek Ocean Outfall (multiple facilities)

MONITORING REPORTS REVIEWED FOR ORDER R9-2006-0055			
FREQENCY	PERIOD	REPORT DATE	DATE RECEIVED
Monthly:	October 2007	November 27, 2007	November 30, 2007
	November 2007	December 28, 2007	December 31, 2007
	December 2007	January 29, 2008	January 31, 2008
Quarterly	October - December 2007 (4th Quarter)	January 29, 2008	January 31, 2008
Semiannual	July - December 2007	January 29, 2008	January 31, 2008
Annual	January – December 2007	January 29, 2008	January 31, 2008

Please note the following comments on the reports received:

## **October 2007 Monthly Monitoring Report:**

#### Comment

Irvine Ranch Water District Los Alisos Water Reclamation Plant: During the second week of October 2007, the plant collected only two 24-hour composite samples for carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (cBOD) and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and three 24-hour composite samples for Settleable Solids (SS) and pH. Order No. R9-2006-0055, Attachment E, requires cBOD, TSS, SS, and pH to be sampled five days per week. Samples were not collected each day there was measurable flow to the outfall because of the low discharge volumes and intermittent flows.

## Reporting Violation

Irvine Ranch Water District Los Alisos Water Reclamation Plant: On the third week
of October 2007, the plant collected only four 24-hour composite samples for cBOD,
due to technician error. Order No. R9-2006-0055, Attachment E, requires cBOD,
TSS, SS, and pH to be sampled five days per week.

## October-December 2007 Monthly Monitoring Reports:

#### Comment

3. At the this time, there is insufficient information to reach a conclusion regarding the contribution, if any, that the discharge is having on the bacteria levels in the near shore. Total coliform, fecal coliform, and/or enterococcus concentrations at a few of the surf zone stations exceeded the receiving water quality standards set forth in Order No. R9-2006-0055, Section V.A.1 for the period of July - September 2007.

Please take steps to ensure that the violations noted above do not occur in the future. Pursuant to the California Water Code (CWC), the violations noted above are subject to additional enforcement-action(s) by the Regional Board including a time schedule order, cease and desist order, cleanup and abatement order, imposition of administrative civil liability, referral to the district attorney for criminal prosecution, or referral to the attorney general. Administrative civil liability amounts that may be imposed by the Regional Board under authority of CWC Section 13385 include up to \$10,000 per day, or up to \$10 per gallon for each gallon of waste discharged.

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Respectfully,

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