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In reply refer to:  
**255679:adai**

Ms. Alice Benson  
Wastewater Operations Manager  
Ramona Municipal Water District  
105 Earlham Street  
Ramona, CA 92065-1599

Dear Ms. Benson:

**SUBJECT: REVIEW OF MONITORING REPORTS FOR SANTA MARIA WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY (WRF)**

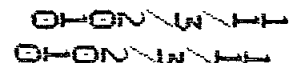
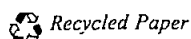
The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) has reviewed the September 2010 monthly and the July-September 2010 quarterly monitoring reports submitted by the Ramona Municipal Water District (District) in accordance with Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 2000-177.

The San Diego Water Board identified the following violations of Section B.4 (Discharge Specifications) of Order No. 2000-177 in the reports submitted:

1. The 12-month average of discharge specification for total dissolved solids, established at 800 milligrams per liter (mg/L), was exceeded in the July-September 2010 quarterly reporting period with a reported value of 838 mg/L.
2. The 12-month average discharge specification for sulfate, established at 200 mg/L, was exceeded in the July-September 2010 quarterly reporting period with a reported value of 221.3 mg/L.

The San Diego Water Board acknowledges that the District is planning an upgrade to the Santa Maria WRF that should address exceedances of sulfate and TDS discharge specifications. Please be aware these violations subject the District to possible further enforcement action by the San Diego Water Board, including administrative enforcement orders requiring the 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

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violation;<sup>1</sup> referral to the State Attorney General for injunctive relief; and referral to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

The next monitoring report to be submitted is the October 2010 monthly monitoring report due by November 30, 2010.

For questions pertaining to the subject matter, please contact Amanda Dai at (858) 627-3977 or via email at [adai@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:adai@waterboards.ca.gov).

**PLEASE INCLUDE "255679:ADAI" IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF FUTURE CORRESPONDANCE.**

Sincerely,

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Cleanup and Land Discharge Branch

Regulatory Measure: 376380  
CIWQS Violation: 883654 and 883656

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<sup>1</sup> Under authority of California Water Code section 13350.