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November 16, 2011

In reply refer to:
382107:ccannova

Mr. Jim Anderson
Wastewater Operations Superintendent
Ramona Municipal Water District
105 Earham Street
Ramona, CA 92065-1599

Dear Mr. Anderson:

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

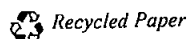
The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) has reviewed the March through September 2011 monthly and the January-March, April-June, and July-September 2011 quarterly monitoring reports submitted by the Ramona Municipal Water District (District) in accordance with Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 2000-177.

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

1. The 12-month average discharge specification for total dissolved solids, established at 800 milligrams per liter (mg/L), was exceeded in the January-March 2011 quarterly reporting period with a reported value of 812 mg/L.
2. The 12-month average discharge specification for total dissolved solids, established at 800 milligrams per liter (mg/L) was exceeded in the April-June 2011 quarterly reporting period with a reported value of 809 mg/L.
3. The 24-hour average turbidity concentration specification, established at a daily value of 2 Nephelometric turbidity unit (NTU), was exceeded in the May 2011 monthly reporting period with a reported value of 2.4 NTU on May 29, 2011.

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

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civil liability in amounts of up to \$5,000 per day per violation;¹ 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 2011 monthly monitoring report due by November 30, 2011.

In the subject line of any response, please include the requested "In reply refer to" information located in the heading of this letter. Please contact Ms. Catherine Cannova at (858) 627-3977 or at ccannova@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,



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Regulatory Measure: 382107
CIWQS Violation: 1) 912403, 2) 912404, 3) 912406

¹ Under authority of California Water Code section 13350.