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In reply refer to:
DH 22888:clemente

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Richard Haywood
Southern California Edison
2131 Walnut Grove Ave.,
Rosemead, CA 91770

Dear Mr. Haywood:

SUBJECT: Unauthorized emergency repairs near Santiago Road, Temecula

This letter is in response to Southern California Edison's request for retroactive enrollment in the general certification of RGP 63, for emergency repairs in an unnamed tributary to Murrieta Creek, near Santiago Road, in Temecula.

Your application, dated March 30, 2011 and received April 5, 2011 indicates that the placement of loose fill to protect an exposed power line was conducted on March 4 and again on March 24, 2011. After further discussion with Edison and the Army Corps of Engineers, we have determined that it is not appropriate to enroll this project for certification for the following reasons:

- 1) The San Diego Water Board does not believe that the placement of loose fill is a protective measure that will not result in water quality impacts. Rather, as was later discussed by telephone, the use of sand or gravel bags to protect the line is more protective of water quality and less likely to wash away.
- 2) As was also discussed, the certification requires notification prior to the emergency work, and follow-up within 3 days of the work conducted.
- 3) The Army Corps of Engineers has determined that they will not process RGP 63 for work conducted. Therefore a 401 certification is not applicable.

For the above reasons, your application has been withdrawn, and the work conducted constitutes an unauthorized discharge which may be subject to further enforcement. Please provide the San Diego Water Board with your plans to remove the fill and restore the area to original contours, and bring the line overhead.

In the subject line of any response, please include the requested "In reply refer to:" information located in the heading of this letter. For questions pertaining to the subject matter, please contact me at 858-467-2359 or cclemente@waterboards.ca.gov.

Respectfully,

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