



California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

January 23, 2013

Mr. Dennis Sperino
Deputy Director of Utilities/Wastewater
City of Escondido
1521 South Hale Avenue
Escondido, CA 92029

In reply refer to: 388798: tkirkendall

Subject: Review of Monitoring Reports for Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility

Mr. Sperino:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) has reviewed the January-November 2012 monthly monitoring reports; the January-March 2012, April-June 2012, and July- September 2012 quarterly monitoring reports and the January-June 2012 semi-annual monitoring report. These reports were submitted by the City of Escondido (City) in accordance with the Monitoring and Reporting Program of Order No. R9-2010-0032.

The following violation of Order No. R9-2010-0032 was identified in the submitted reports:

The effluent chlorine contact time was reported as 422 milligrams per liter-minute (mg-min/L) on July 4, 2012, which was below the minimum required contact time of 450 mg-min/L. Section A.2.a of Order No. R9-2012-0032 specifies that the effluent chlorine contact time shall not be less than 450 mg-min/L at all times.

Please take steps to implement follow-up actions necessary to ensure that the violation noted above does not occur in the future. These violations subject the City to possible further enforcement action by the San Diego Water Board including administrative enforcement orders requiring the City 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 violation; 1 referral to the State Attorney General for injunctive relief; and referral to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

The next monitoring report required to be submitted is the December 2012 monthly monitoring report, due by February 1, 2013.

¹ Under authority of California Water Code section 13350.

In the subject line of any response, please include reference 388798: tkirkendall. Please contact Mr. Tyler Kirkendall at 858-627-3935, or at tkirkendall@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,

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