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## San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

*By Email Only*

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**In reply refer to / attn:**  
**245795:DQuatch**

**Subject: Staff Enforcement Letter for Oceanside Ocean Outfall, Order No. R9-2011-0016. NPDES Permit No. CA0107433**

Ms. Dale:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) has reviewed the following self-monitoring reports (SMRs) submitted between January 2015 and February 2016 for the facilities associated with the Oceanside Ocean Outfall:

- Monthly SMRs – November 2015 through February 2016
- Quarterly SMRs – July 2015 through December 2015
- Semi-annual SMRs – July 2015 through December 2015
- Annual SMRs – January 2015 through December 2015

The following is a summary of the San Diego Water Board's findings:

### 1. Violations – Effluent Limitations, Section IV.A

- a. On November 30, 2015, the total suspended solids (TSS) monthly mean was reported as 96.7 mg/L, exceeding the average monthly effluent limitation of 60.0 mg/L at Monitoring Location M-003.
- b. On January 25, 2016, the settleable solids instantaneous maximum was reported as 5 mL/L, exceeding the instantaneous maximum effluent limitation of 3.0 mL/L at Monitoring Location M-002.
- c. On January 26, 2016, the settleable solids instantaneous maximum was reported as 3.5 mL/L, exceeding the instantaneous maximum effluent limitation of 3.0 mL/L at Monitoring Location M-002.
- d. On January 30, 2016, the settleable solids weekly average was reported as 2.1 mL/L, exceeding the average weekly effluent limitation of 1.5 mL/L at Monitoring Location M-002.

## **2. Violation – Proper Operation and Maintenance, Attachment D, Section I.D**

On January 2, 2016, there was a spill of 5,000 gallons due to a pipe break at Monitoring Location M-001. It is estimated that 3,500 gallons was recovered and the remaining 1,500 gallons infiltrated into the soil.

## **3. Violations – General Monitoring Provisions, Attachment E, Section I.F**

- a. On January 15, 2016, the City of Oceanside reported that the carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand's (CBOD) quality control system was outside laboratory acceptance limits at Monitoring Locations M-001 and M-002.
- b. On January 27, 2016, the City of Oceanside reported that the CBOD incubator was above the 21 °C limit by 0.10 °C, at Monitoring Locations M-001 and M-002, thus affecting the samples taken on January 22, January 25, and January 26, 2016.

## **4. Comments – Surface Water Limitations, Section V.A**

- a. On December 28, 2015, the fecal coliform Single Sample was reported to be 9,000 MPN/100mL, exceeding the receiving water limitation of 400 MPN/100mL at Monitoring Location S2.
- b. On December 28, 2015, the enterococcus Single Sample was reported to be 406 MPN/100mL, exceeding the receiving water limitation of 104 MPN/100mL at Monitoring Location S2.
- c. On December 28, the enterococcus Single Sample was reported to be 700 MPN/100mL, exceeding the receiving water limitation of 400 MPN/100mL at Monitoring Location S2.
- d. On December 28, 2015, the fecal/total coliform ratio was 1.00 MPN/100mL, exceeding the receiving water limitation 0.1 MPN/100mL at Monitoring Location S2.
- e. On January 11, 2015, the fecal/total coliform ratio was 0.131 MPN/100mL, exceeding the receiving water limitation of 0.1 MPN/100mL at Monitoring Location A4-Surface.

Pursuant to the California Water Code (CWC), the violations noted maybe subject to additional enforcement action(s) by the San Diego Water Board including a time schedule order, cease and desist order, cleanup and abatement order, referral to the district attorney for criminal prosecution, or referral to the attorney general. Pursuant to CWC section 13385(h)(1), a mandatory minimum penalty of three thousand dollars shall be assessed for each "serious violation," pursuant to CWC section 13385(i)(1), a mandatory minimum penalty of three thousand dollars shall be assessed whenever a violation occurs four or more times in any period of six consecutive months.

In the subject line of any response, please include the reference "245795:DQuatch". For questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact Dat Quach at 619-521-5899 or [Dat.Quach@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Dat.Quach@waterboards.ca.gov).

Respectfully,



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Tech Staff Info & Use	
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