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Water Board Web Site Helps Citizens Respond and Rebuild

SAN DIEGO—The California Water Boards, responding to the Governor's disaster proclamation in the San Diego region, is offering guidance and other information on issues relating to water quality and waste management in the wake of the wildfires in the San Diego area.

To date the wildfires have burned more than 400,000 acres, destroyed or damaged more than 1,300 structures, and caused the evacuation of 500,000 residents in San Diego County.

The San Diego Regional Water Board will rely on a conditional waiver for emergency conditions and fire recovery efforts for the cleanup and disposal of emergency disaster-related debris and wastes. This conditional waiver was adopted by San Diego Regional Water Board before the fires. Agencies, contractors and individuals may apply for coverage under the waiver, comply with all the conditions of the waiver, and be temporarily exempt from the legally required reporting and permits. To get coverage applicants should fill out the application (Notice of Intent form) for conditional waiver. The application and the conditional waivers are available on the San Diego Regional Board Web site: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/misc/Firestorm2007/wildfires-

The following information is available to the public and regulated communities. The San Diego Regional Board staff will update its Web site as new information becomes available.

San Diego Regional Board Resources:

- CONDITIONAL WAIVERS FOR DISASTER-RELATED WASTES
- SOLID WASTE MANGEMENT INFO
- EROSION CONTROL/DREDGE AND FILL INFO
- TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS/REFERENCES
- OTHER WILDFIRE RELATED LINKS

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT/DISPOSAL

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DREDGE/FILL, STORM WATER & EROSION CONTROLS

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