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Rc: Request for Deferral of Hearing for Tentative Order No. R9-2006-002

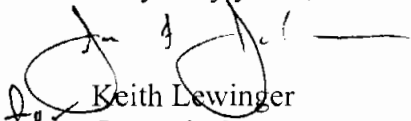
Dear Mr. Robertus:

As you know, our tentative NPDES permit has been scheduled for the April 12, 2006 meeting so that the Regional Water Board may consider its adoption. We informally requested an extension from your staff on March 6th due to the fact that the hearing falls during Spring Break when some of the people that Fallbrook Public Utility District intends to utilize at the public hearing will be on vacation. However, this request was denied on March 10th.

We are now sending this request to you for a short one-month deferral of the hearing. This request is not unreasonable given that the Regional Water Board has previously deferred adoption of this permit several times from the originally scheduled date of August 10, 2005, and because pre-paid vacation is a common reason for deferral of trial dates in courts. The other reason for deferral is to allow an opportunity for Fallbrook to discuss some of the new changes being proposed for our permit with your staff. Many of these changes appear to be unprecedented, and we would like to understand these amendments more clearly so that we can make knowledgeable comments and suggested revisions before this permit goes to a formal public hearing.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience whether our request for a short deferral will be granted. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


Keith Lowinger
General Manager

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