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## San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**In reply refer to / attn:**  
**263145:BBushnell**

### **Subject: Water Board Designation for Regulatory Oversight of Eastern Municipal Water District Water Reclamation Plant**

Mr. Javier:

In response to Eastern Municipal Water District (District) request, dated January 13, 2020, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Santa Ana Water Board) have agreed that the Santa Ana Water Board is designated as the sole Water Board responsible for regulating treatment of recycled water produced at the Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility (Temecula Valley WRF). As provided in Water Code section 13228, subdivision (a),<sup>1</sup> this letter memorializes the San Diego Water Board's agreement to the designation. Background information supporting the agreement and conditions of the agreement are specified on the following page.

#### **Background and Supporting Information**

1. The Temecula Valley WRF is located near the shared border between the Santa Ana Water Board and the San Diego Water Board and is regulated under Order No. R8-2008-0008, *Waste Discharge And Producer/User Reclamation Requirements For Eastern Municipal Water District Regional Water Reclamation Facilities Discharge To Groundwater Management Zones Within San Jacinto River Basin*, (Order No. R8-2008-0008) and Order No. 2000-165 *Waste Discharge Requirements For Eastern Municipal Water District, Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility, Riverside County and Addenda*, respectively.
2. Recycled water from the Temecula Valley WRF is used primarily for irrigating agricultural crops and landscaping. In addition to those uses, reclaimed water is

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<sup>1</sup> Link to Water Code Section:

<https://codes.findlaw.com/ca/water-code/wat-sect-13228.html>

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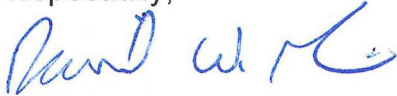
used for irrigation of cemeteries, freeway landscaping, and restricted access golf courses. Currently over 89% of the recycled water produced at the Temecula Valley WRF is discharged within the Santa Ana Water Board region. Temecula Valley WRF provides about 5,600 acre-feet per year of recycled water to use at sites in the San Diego Water Board region, which are located in the Murrieta and Pechenga Hydrologic Areas.

### **San Diego Water Board Conditions for Designating Regulatory Responsibility to the Santa Ana Water Board**

1. The San Diego Water Board agrees with the designation of the Santa Ana Water Board as the sole Water Board responsible for regulating the treatment of recycled water from the Temecula Valley WRF. This agreement will become effective upon adoption of Addendum No. 1 to Order No. R8-2008-0008 by the San Diego Water Board, which will reflect the conditions of this agreement.
2. The use and distribution of treated recycled water from the Temecula Valley WRF within the San Diego Region will continue to be regulated by the San Diego Water Board through an enrollment under the State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ 2016-0068-DDW, *Water Reclamation Requirements for Recycled Water Use* (General WRR). Enrollment in the General WRR requires the District to submit Quarterly Recycled Water Summary and Annual Compliance Reports to the San Diego Water Board and participate in Salt and Nutrient Management Planning for the groundwater basins receiving treated recycled water from the District.
3. The use and distribution of treated recycled water from the Temecula Valley WRF within the San Diego Region must comply with requirements specified in the General WRR and the Notice of Applicability enrolling the District into the General WRR.
4. Pursuant to Water Code section 13228((b), the designation of the Santa Ana Water Board for regulating the treatment of recycled water by the Temecula Valley WRF does not preclude the San Diego Water Board from taking enforcement action if necessary, for protection of public health, water quality, or the environment.
5. The basis supporting the District's request to designate a single Water Board for regulatory oversight of the treatment of recycled water may change under future conditions and circumstances. Therefore, the San Diego and Santa Ana Water Boards will periodically review the effectiveness of this agreement and may terminate or otherwise modify the agreement.

In the subject line of any response, please include reference **263145:BBushnell**. Please contact Mr. Brandon Bushnell at (619) 521-8044, or at [brandon.bushnell@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:brandon.bushnell@waterboards.ca.gov) if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,



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