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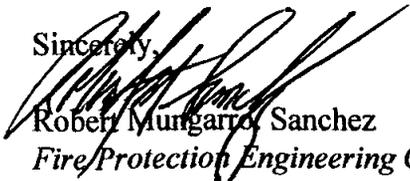
Dear Mr. McCann:

I want to thank you for your help in bringing to the attention of the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board the need to address the issue of contaminated fire sprinkler discharge.

The Board's recommendation to require co-permittees to mandate fire sprinkler maintenance activities as illicit discharges speaks loudly about the need to begin regulating a number of sources of pollutants that for the most part drain to ground surfaces and storm drains. We can no longer ignore these sources of pollutants, especially since we now have the capacity to clean discharge at the source or transport it to cleaning centers. Through filtering and cleaning, we can recycle and reuse waste water, an important point to be considered in our current time of water shortages and reduced water allowances.

Your board has set an example that I believe will be difficult for the other regional boards not to follow. Again, thank you for your assistance, and I look forward to seeing the new language to be added to regional water quality law.

Sincerely,


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